



Builder for cycle link

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THE City West Cycle Link is one of the most exciting transport plans to hit the inner west, and now someone has put their hand up to build it.

Cycle advocacy group BIKESydney has revealed a civil engineering company has said they can build the long-awaited cycle way for just \$5 million.

"We have received a firm business proposal from a very well-respected civil engineering company who have said they can build it," BIKESydney convenor David Borella said.

He said he did not want to reveal the company behind the bid until he had presented the proposal to the state Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian, hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Despite receiving support from four councils and cyclists across the city, the plan has yet to secure financial backing from the state government.

But that could now change.

"This quote of \$5 million shows how inexpensive it is to get this happening. The Iron Cove Bridge cost \$200 million," Mr Borella said. "This is not just a cycle way, this is a cycle way that connects major arterial routes on safe, flat and off road terrain."

A spokesman for Mrs Berejiklian would not comment on whether the state government would consider funding the proposal as part of the Light Rail extension project.



Lilyfield cyclist and President of the Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group (LBUG) Bob Moore (above) said the CWCL, which incorporates the disused Rozelle goods line, would benefit all cyclists.

"For someone wanting to go from the city to Homebush or back, it's ideal," Mr Moore said.

"If you could access it easily, it means you can ride straight to the city and avoid all traffic."

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THE CITY WEST CYCLE LINK

- The connected, flat and mainly off-road cycleway was created by not-for-profit group BIKESydney almost a year ago
- The proposal comprises a cycle path linking the GreenWay, Bay Run and Cooks River to the Anzac Bridge and into the city
- Much of the planned route incorporates the soon-to-be-built light rail to Dulwich Hill extension track
- It would bypass 21 intersections and 45m of climbing at the current Lilyfield Rd route
- The plan has support from Leichhardt, Marrickville, Ashfield and City of Sydney councils

Advice for drivers

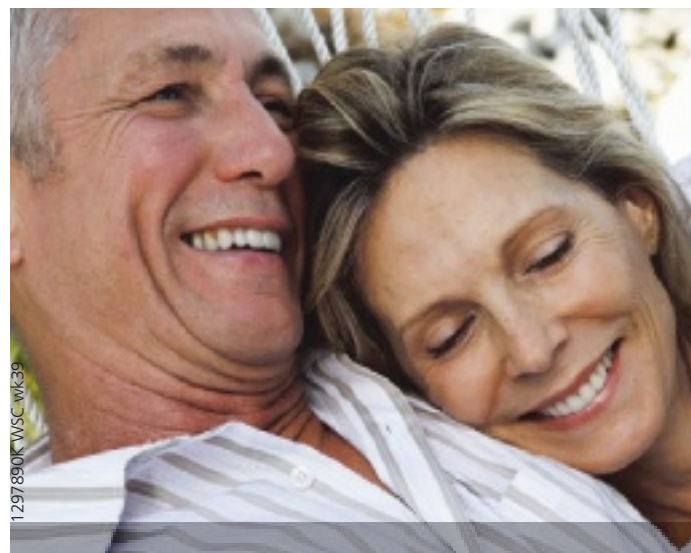
CIRCULAR QUAY: A free workshop is being held for parents and supervisors of learner drivers on July 27 and 28 at Customs House. The Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers will offer practical advice on new laws for learner and provisional drivers, how to use the new learner driver log book and how to plan on-road driving sessions. There are two one-hour sessions, from noon to 1pm, and attendance on both days is essential. To book call City of Sydney Council: 9265 9333.

Bid to extend lease

MARRICKVILLE: The not-for-profit Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Centre are in negotiations with Marrickville Council to extend their lease at Jarvie Park. Councillors voted unanimously on Tuesday in favour of a proposal by the centre's operators to extend the lease to ten years. "I am proud we have services like this in our community looking after people with a disability," Greens Cr Peter Olive said. Talks to finalise the proposal will start soon.

Upgrade under way

SYDENHAM: Construction works at Sydenham station are underway with the temporary footbridge and booking office due to be finished this weekend. A temporary ticket office can be found on platform 1 and additional ticket machines will be installed at Railway Pde and Burrows Ave station entrances. Work includes a new station entrance, retail space, toilets, four new lifts, bicycle storage, improved lighting and CCTV.



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