

Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard Wins Planning Excellence Award

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The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters 'Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard' Project has received the Hard Won Victory accolade and a commendation from the Minister for Planning, in the 2016 Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) SA Awards for Planning Excellence.

The annual PIA Awards for Planning Excellence demonstrate leading practice, leadership and achievement in planning and the planning profession. The Hard Won Victory category award is conferred to a planning initiative, effort or leadership that has resulted in positive planning outcomes in the face of difficult circumstances.

City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Mayor, Robert Bria, said the Council was proud to be acknowledged in the prestigious annual PIA Awards for its efforts in planning a major infrastructure project for broad community benefit.

"The Council has invested significant funding and resources to the Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard project, which aims to deliver improved safety and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians and greater connectivity between the Adelaide CBD and the eastern suburbs," said Mayor Bria.

"The Bicycle Boulevard is a key deliverable of the Council's City-Wide Cycling Plan and promotes the Council's commitment to maintaining well-designed, sustainable urban environments and an integrated, sustainable and active transport network," he said.

In conferring the Hard Won Victory Award, the PIA Award judging panel acknowledged the Council's significant achievement in balancing the provision of infrastructure to calm traffic, improve safety and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians, whilst ensuring continued access for motorists.

"Through careful investigation of design options and constraints and collaboration with DPTI, local residents, business owners and other key stakeholders, the Council will ensure that responsive, innovative and technically grounded outcomes, that meet community needs, can be achieved," Mayor Bria said.

The Council endorsed the final concept design for the Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard in June 2016. Implementation of the Stage 1 works will commence in early 2017.

For more information about the Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard project, visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au or contact the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters on 8366 4555. For more information about the PIA Planning Excellence Awards, visit www.planning.org.au

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The City of NPSP addressed serious challenges in designing infrastructure to meet the safety needs of cyclists, enhance safety and convenience for pedestrians and ensure continued high quality access for motorists. Some of the infrastructure design features were new or relatively new to the South Australian context and had to be accompanied by comprehensive education for local road users.

NPSP staff demonstrated a sound understanding of the local community by anticipating likely community concerns and effectively communicating how these concerns were addressed in the proposed infrastructure redesign. Council conducted a comprehensive community consultation and incorporated further suggestions from the community into the final design.

The challenges involved in installing infrastructure which addresses the needs of cyclists and pedestrians on equal terms with motorists cannot be overstated. NPSP must be congratulated for their efforts in designing, constructing, securing funding for, and fostering community support for the Bicycle Boulevard. They must also be congratulated for the community programs they have implemented.

These programs support residents in taking up cycling and serve a broader role in making cycling and cyclists an explicit part of the NPSP community. Embedding cycling in the culture of NPSP will be important as NPSP further develop infrastructure to accommodate active modes of transport.