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## \$300,000 boost for Ipswich bikeways

Ipswich cyclists and pedestrians will benefit from \$300,000 in State funding for expanding the cycle network, including the iconic Brassall Bikeway, by June 2010.

Transport Minister Rachel Nolan and Member for Ipswich West Wayne Wendt said the funding was part of the *South East Queensland Cycle Network Program*, under which the Bligh Government will inject \$55 million into cycling infrastructure in the Ipswich and Toowoomba regions by 2026.

"This funding will deliver a network of cycle routes and supporting facilities forming a strategic cycle network across Ipswich," Ms Nolan said.

"The expansion of the Ipswich cycle network will reduce traffic congestion and support the Bligh Government's long term strategy of cutting carbon emissions.

"Most bikeways can be used for cycling, jogging or walking – all healthy alternatives to get people around Ipswich without the need for cars.

"This funding is a real commitment by the State Government and the local council to healthy and pleasant alternatives to the use of private vehicles for transport," Ms Nolan said.

Mr Wendt said construction would soon be underway to build another link to the \$5.4 million Brassall Bikeway.

"A cycleway in Clem Street will be built adjacent to the Mihi Creek, connecting to the Brassall Bikeway and making it easier for people to access schools and shops along Pine Mountain Road," Mr Wendt said.

"Significant projects are also being planned for the future. A \$100,000 capital grant has been provided to Ipswich City Council to continue planning the Goodna Creek Bikeway, which will eventually link Redbank Plains through Collingwood Park to Redbank.

"These projects will significantly add to the existing cycle network in Ipswich, providing safe connections between schools, shopping, transport, recreational and residential areas in the Ipswich region."

Minister Nolan said the Bligh Government's Principal Cycle Network Plan will guide the development of more key cycle links in the network across South East Queensland.

Further information about the South East Queensland Cycle Network Program is available at: [www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/General\\_information/Cycling/Cycle\\_network\\_program/](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/General_information/Cycling/Cycle_network_program/)

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