



# Projects postponed for major bike path

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THE City of Canning will postpone infrastructure projects listed in this year's budget to ensure it does not miss out on \$775,000 of Federal Government funding to complete its section of a major bicycle path linking Perth to Armadale.

Canning was named a recipient of National Bike Path Program grants in October.

Under the agreement underpinning the program, the City is to meet half the \$1.55m cost and complete the project before June next year.

The City will therefore need to amend this financial year's capital works budget to include its \$775,000 share.

Some projects, including an upgrade to the Welshpool Road dual carriageway between Wharf Street and Treasure Road, will make way for the new shared bike path, to balance this year's budget.

It is among five path and road projects deferred until 2010-2011.

The 3m-wide, red asphalt path will have concrete edge kerbing and will be built on the train line side of Railway Parade from Welshpool Road in Welshpool to Lacey Street in East Cannington.

A council report said the



new 4km section of cycle path would provide linkages between schools, the proposed multi-purpose recreation centre, a future library and the Canning Regional Centre.

Measures would be put in place to ensure safety between cyclists and pedestrians where the path intersects the

railway and roads, especially at the Cannington train station and bus interchange.

A Canning spokeswoman said the City would consider submitting a grant application for the deferred bike path projects under the State Government's Perth Bicycle Network program.