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Palaszczuk Gov rings in funding for bike projects

In a coup for Keppel and Rockhampton bike riders and jobs, the Palaszczuk Government has announced today it will invest \$40,000 in council-driven projects.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the funding, part of the government's latest \$15 million cycle network local government grants, will see one project each in Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

In a dollar-for-dollar process, Yeppoon will develop a \$30,000 detailed design of 884 metres of 2.5 metre wide off road shared path on Taranganba Road between Tanby Road and Carige Boulevard including:

- Two bridge crossings of Ross Creek.
- A crossing facility near Carige Boulevard.

In Rockhampton, the council will develop a \$40,000 detailed design of the cycle path on Derby Street between Canning Street and Denison Lane including:

- 1100 metres of 1.5 metres wide on road bike lanes on each side of Derby Street.
- 1100 metres of 2.5 metres wide off road shared path on the northern side of Derby Street.
- 12 road crossing upgrades.
- Footpath on southern side of Derby Street.
- Landscaped Media.

Ms Lauga said investing in the projects would mean jobs in construction, jobs in tourism and new opportunities for local businesses.

"Every dollar invested in bike-riding creates \$5 in economic benefit our region," she said.

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The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said, "It's why the Palaszczuk Government has delivered more than \$90 million in projects with council as part of the grants program, supporting 253 projects and hundreds of jobs in communities across Queensland.

"These are the types of projects and jobs that are crucial as part of Queensland's plan for economic recovery."

He said this stands in stark contrast to the record of Deb Frecklington and the LNP who cut \$100 million out of active transport, labelled bike riding infrastructure "gold plating", and ignored bike riding infrastructure.

"Now with \$24 billion of unfunded promises, Deb Frecklington and the LNP pose a real risk to Queensland's economic recovery.

"Thanks to Queenslanders stepping up and keeping our health response strong, we've been able to continue delivering better bike paths, plus better roads and transport as part of a \$23 billion pipeline of projects just like this, which will support 21,500 jobs."

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