



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA (Chair), Mr Alistair Coe MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Chris Bourke MLA, Mr Andrew Wall MLA

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Alistair Coe MLA on 6 November 2013 : Territory and Municipal Services took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 6 November 2013 pages 144

In relation to :

So what is happening as part of this stage that they are currently building? [Bike path that stops 500m up the Barton highway]

**Mr Rattenbury** : The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The section of compacted gravel shared path recently constructed alongside the Barton Highway is part of the Centenary trail project. The path links with Gold Creek Road via a new connection from the Barton Highway to Eddie Payne Close.

A project that will link the existing shared path on Curran Drive with the shared path on the Barton Highway will be progressed as part of the 2014/15 Walking and Cycling Infrastructure program. This will be achieved by providing improvements to paths along O'Hanlon Place and Gold Creek Road and by constructing a new off road path adjacent to the Barton Highway from Gold Creek road to the existing path near Ginninderra Creek.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services

Signature:

Date: 26/11/13

By the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services Shane Rattenbury MLA

**Virtue, Geoff**

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**From:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 3:14 PM  
**To:** 'Mark Sawa'  
**Subject:** FW: bike path extension

Hi Mark

As discussed, the section of compacted gravel shared path currently being constructed alongside the Barton Highway is part of the Centenary trail project. During the planning stages of the Centenary Trail it was identified as a missing link and prioritised for implementation. The path links with Gold Creek Road via a new connection from the Barton Highway to Eddie Payne Close.

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While these particular paths have not been done for political reasons, as per our discussion, please contact Minister Rattenbury's office if you weave any politics into the story as any comment would need to come from them, rather than TAMS.

Finally, just confirming that the company engaged to do the Centenary Trail project, Makin Trax, also constructed 18 kilometres of new trail in parks and reserves to complete other missing links (as well as upgrading existing trails).

Thanks  
Geoff

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**From:** Mark Sawa [<mailto:mark.sawa@chronicle.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 November 2013 3:51 PM  
**To:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Subject:** bike path extension

Hi Geoff,

A bike path extension was recently completed between the tourist attractions at Gold Creek, Nicholls, and the Gundaroo Drive/Barton Highway roundabout.

Q. Can you let me know how much it cost?

Thanks

My deadline is Wednesday 5pm.

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**Cloos, Karl**

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**From:** Cloos, Karl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** Zeta, Darwin  
**Cc:** Pincombe, Neil; Meegahawattage, Amal; Gill, Tony  
**Subject:** FW: bike path extension

Darwin

Please note that the cyclepath along the Barton Highway has been noted for the 2014/15 Walking and Cycling Capital Works program. Make a note of this on our spreadsheet and file.

Regards

Karl

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**From:** Gill, Tony  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 11:37 AM  
**To:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Cc:** Cloos, Karl; McHugh, Ben  
**Subject:** RE: bike path extension

No – it has been listed in our program for some time and now ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the list which means its time will come around in next year's program.

Regards

TG

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**From:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 10:57 AM  
**To:** Gill, Tony  
**Subject:** Re: bike path extension

Thanks Tony  
Are we doing this extra work due to Mr Coe's request?

On 19/11/2013, at 10:38 AM, "Gill, Tony" <[Tony.Gill@act.gov.au](mailto:Tony.Gill@act.gov.au)> wrote:

The additional words we included in the QON response to A Coe were:

“ A project that will link the existing shared path on Curran Drive with the shared path on the Barton Highway will be progressed as part of the 2014/15 Walking and Cycling infrastructure program. This will be achieved by providing improvements to paths along O Hanlon Place and Gold Creek Road and by constructing a new off road path adjacent to the Barton Highway from Gold Creek road to the existing path near Ginninderra Creek.”

Regards

Tony Gill

Helen

Please modify the Coe response to pick up the revised wording.

TG

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**From:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 10:20 AM  
**To:** Gill, Tony  
**Subject:** RE: bike path extension

Hi Tony

As discussed for your clearance. Do we also add a sentence about the extra work that is planned and the timing of that?

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Thanks  
Geoff

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**From:** Virtue, Geoff  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 November 2013 9:22 AM  
**To:** 'Mark Sawa'  
**Subject:** FW: bike path extension

Hi Mark

The path you are referring to was done as part of completing a missing link in the Centenary Trail. It cost approximately \$110,000.

Thanks  
Geoff

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# Walking and Cycling Facilities Database

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## Project Report - Summary

### Barton Highway

Rank: 6

from existing community path on BH to that on Gold Creek Rd

### Nicholls

#### Project Summary

Road: Barton Highway  
Suburb: Nicholls  
Region: Gungahlin

Project Comments:  
From existing community path in the north-eastern verge of Barton Highway to the existing community path in the eastern verge of Gold Creek Rd.

#### Latest Assessment Summary

##### Multi Criteria Analysis

| Criteria          | Score (max)     |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Strategic:        | 30 (30)         |
| Community:        | 9 (60)*         |
| Public Transport: | 2 (30)          |
| Desireline:       | 10 (10)         |
| <b>Total:</b>     | <b>51 (130)</b> |

##### Construction Details and Cost

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Material:       | Asphalt   |
| Length (m):     | 750       |
| Width (m):      | 3.00      |
| Contingencies:  | 20%       |
| Extra_Cost:     | \$140,400 |
| Estimated Cost: | \$464,400 |

##### Cost Analysis

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Category:              | C9        |
| Cost Index:            | 1.22      |
| <b>Adjusted Score:</b> | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Ranking:</b>        | <b>6</b>  |

#### Assessment Comments:

Desire: Poorly trafficked desireline, considered as desireline exists.,

#### Complaint History

| Date       | Enquirer         | Received Officer |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 13/11/2013 | Mr. Alistair Coe | Darwin Zeta      |

Shared Foot/Cyclepath Request

**Location:** Gold Creek Road (500m north of William Slim Rbt to Gold Creek Village)  
**IAMS Reference:** Ministerial (TRIMS 13/232)  
**Enquirer:** Mr Alistair Coe  
**Assessed by:** Neil Pincombe

Google Streetview

Figure 1 – Gold Creek Road, looking at incomplete footpath/cyclepath

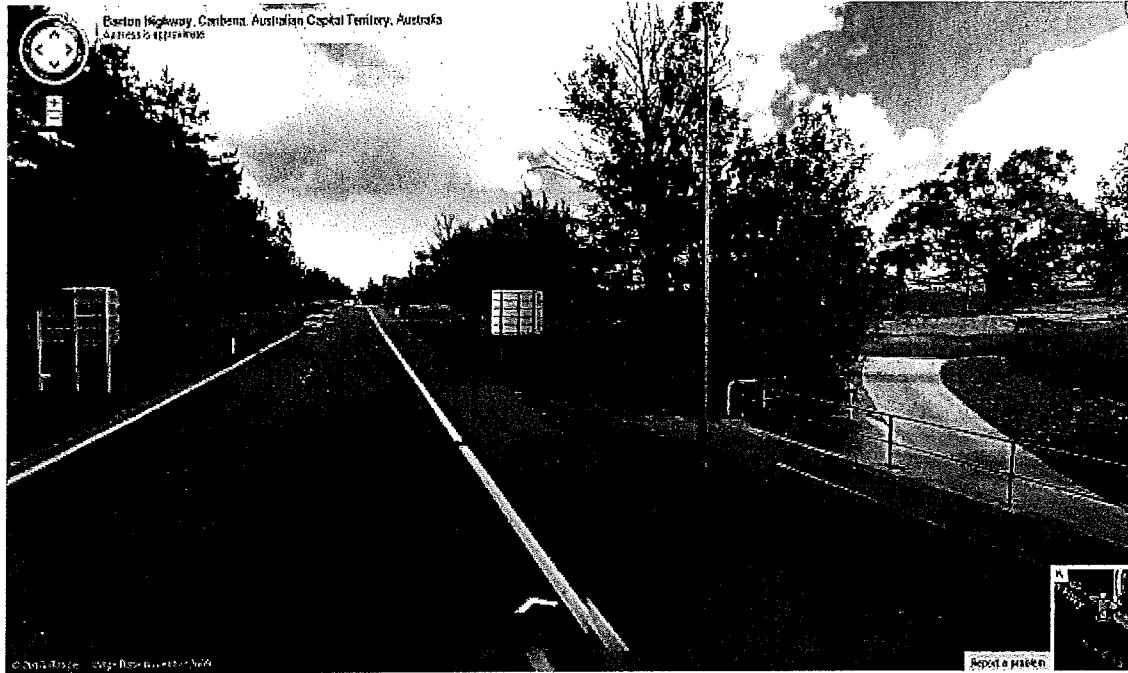
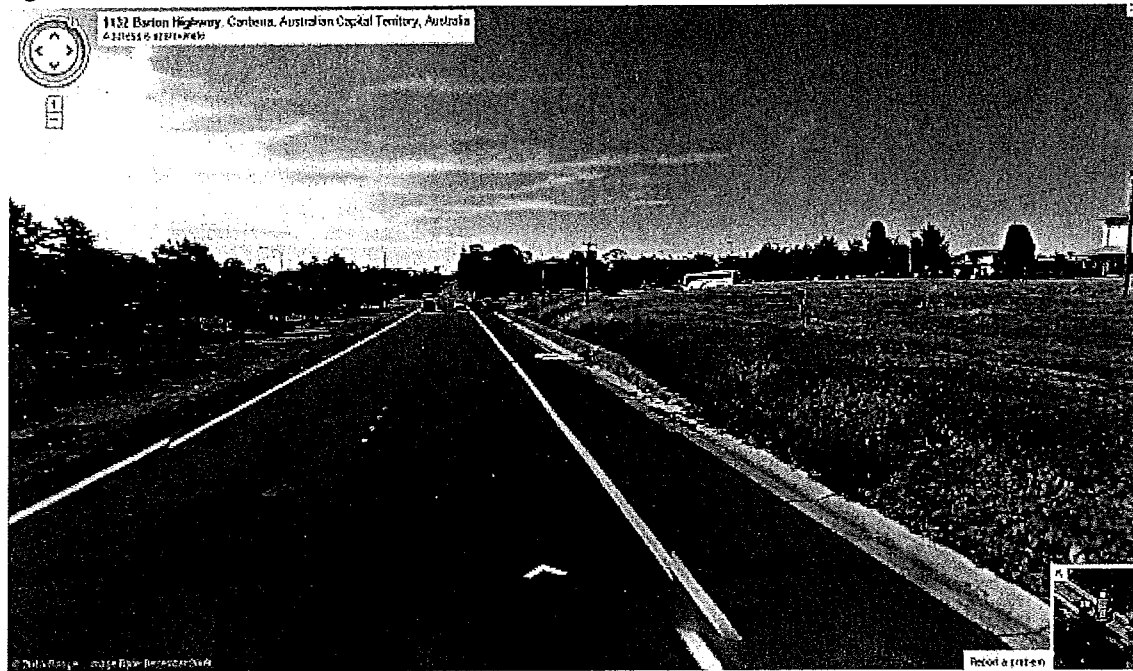
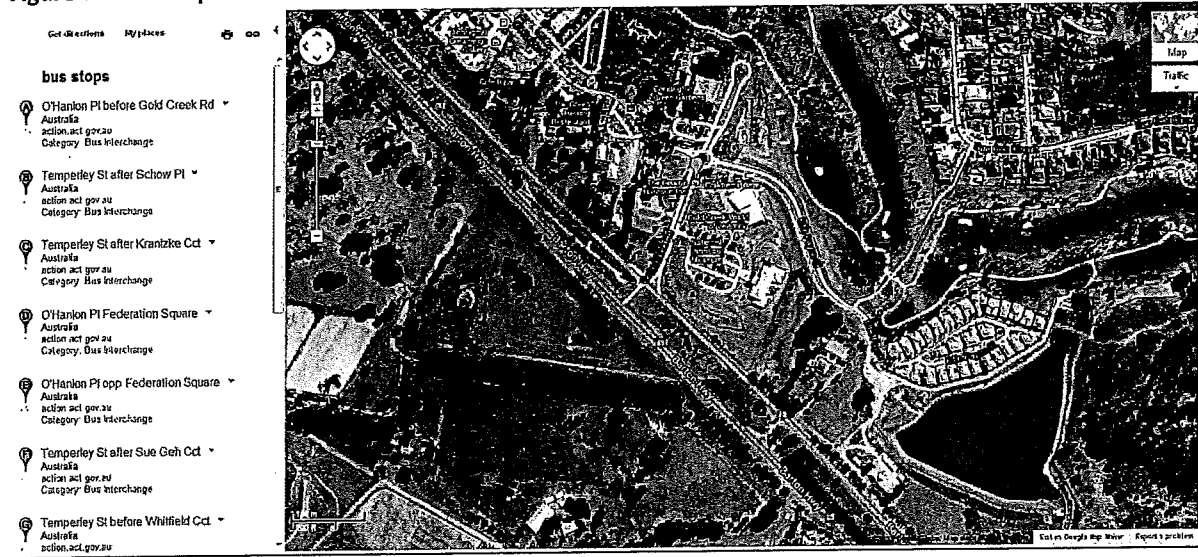


Figure 2 – Gold Creek road, looking Gold Creek Village junction (noting height increase in verge)



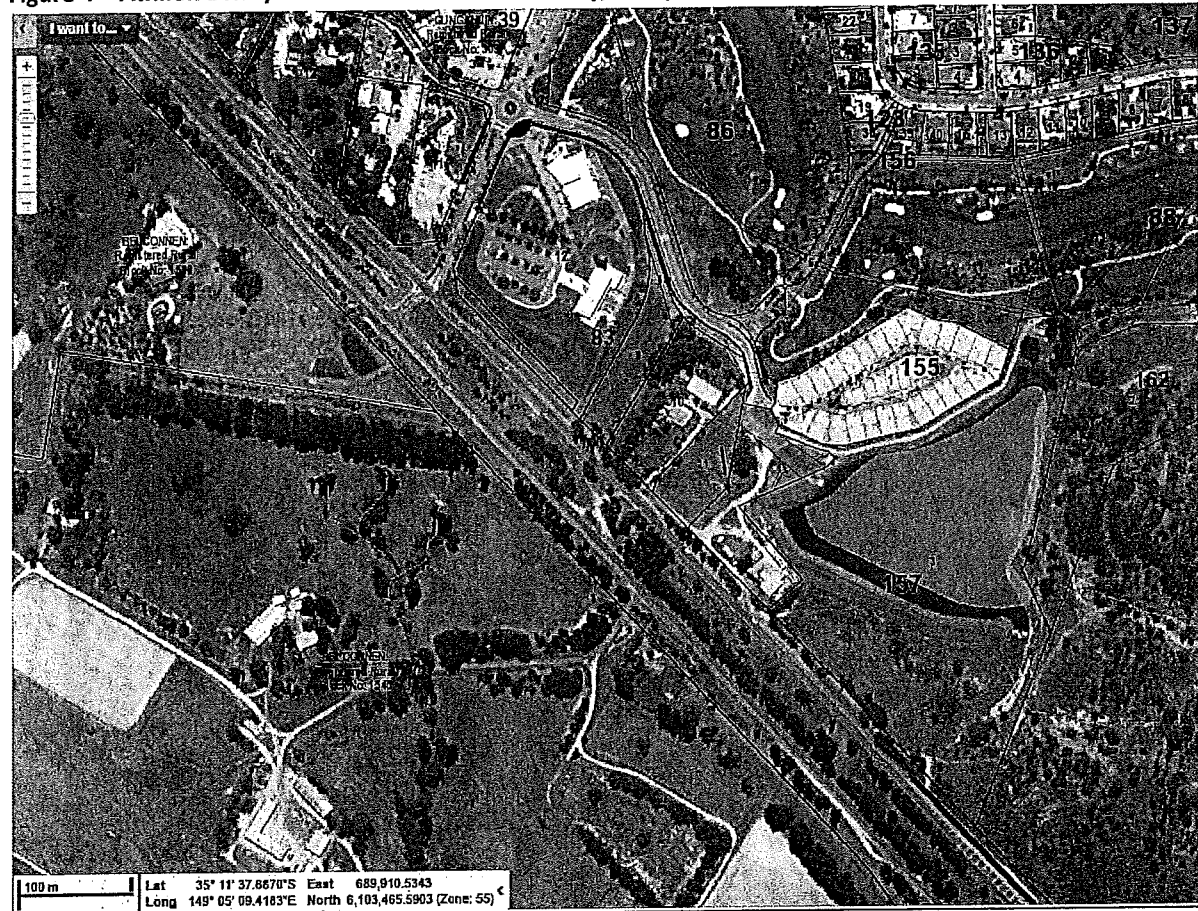
**Google – Bus Stop locations and Aerial View**

**Figure 3 - Bus Stop locations & Aerial View**



**ACTMAPi**

**Figure 4 – Athllon Drive/Drakeford Drive: Roads - Grey, Footpaths - Brown**





**Any other comments**

The request seeks to complete an existing shared footpath / off-road cycle path.



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Territory and Municipal Services

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Received by Directorate: 1/6/13

TRIM Number: MIN 13/232

Due to MLO: 13/6/13

Due to MLO: 18/6/13

**TAMS**

**MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE/BRIEF REQUEST FORM**

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services  
 Chief Minister

Priority:  Urgent  Normal  
 Due Date (if specific):

**SUBJECT/Topic:** Off Road Cycle Path on Barton Highway  
**Name:** Alistair Coe MLA

- Roads and Public Transport
- Business Enterprise Services
- Parks and City Services
- Directorate Services
- Canberra Connect

**REQUEST:**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reply to correspondence | <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing/Information Brief | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Arrangements Brief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Response              | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Note              | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech/Speaking Notes    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Input                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Release            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Action                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Briefing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Alert              |

**MEETING/EVENT:**

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

Further Information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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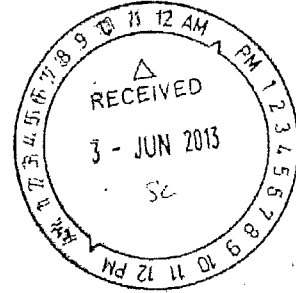


**Alistair Coe MLA**

Australian Capital Territory

**Liberal Member for Ginninderra, Deputy Leader of the Opposition**

**Shadow Minister for Urban Services  
Transport; Heritage;  
Planning & Infrastructure**



Mr Shane Rattenbury  
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services  
ACT Legislative Assembly

Dear Minister,

Constituents have contacted my office about the fact that the off-road cycle path adjacent to the city-bound lane of the Barton Highway near Gold Creek Village stops about 500 meters after the William Slim Drive-Barton Highway roundabout.

Given the retail and tourist attractions that exist at Gold Creek Village, I believe there would be benefit in extending the path up to Gold Creek. I would hope that this would make travel to and from Gold Creek for both tourists and residents more attractive.

I have attached a photo of where the path stops on the following page.

Would you please consider extending the off-road bike path approximately 500 meters to Gold Creek Road?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Coe MLA

31 May 2013



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Shane Rattenbury MLA

MINISTER FOR TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS  
MINISTER FOR HOUSING  
MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS  
MINISTER FOR AGEING  
MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

Mr Alistair Coe MLA  
Member for Ginninderra  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
London Circuit  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

*Alistair*  
Dear Mr Coe

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2013, on behalf of your constituents, regarding the continuation of an off-road cycle path adjacent to the Barton Highway towards Gold Creek in Nicholls.

Roads ACT receives many requests each year for the construction of new cycle paths and footpaths. As you would be aware, there remain many upgrades that would provide improved connectivity within the existing path networks, as well as new paths to improve cycling and walking around Canberra. These requests are assessed and prioritised in accordance with community needs and added to the Roads ACT Community Path Database for consideration in future works programs.

Roads ACT has assessed the proposal to construct an off-road cycle path adjacent to the Barton Highway which has been deemed to be within the high/medium priority category. This request has been added to the Roads ACT Community Path database in accordance with the above process and will be considered in future works programs subject to available funding and competing priorities.

Thank you for raising this matter and I hope that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

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