

Investment in cycling will deliver solid economic returns – for every \$1 spent on cycleways the benefit to our economy is \$4, compared with an average of \$2 for motorways.

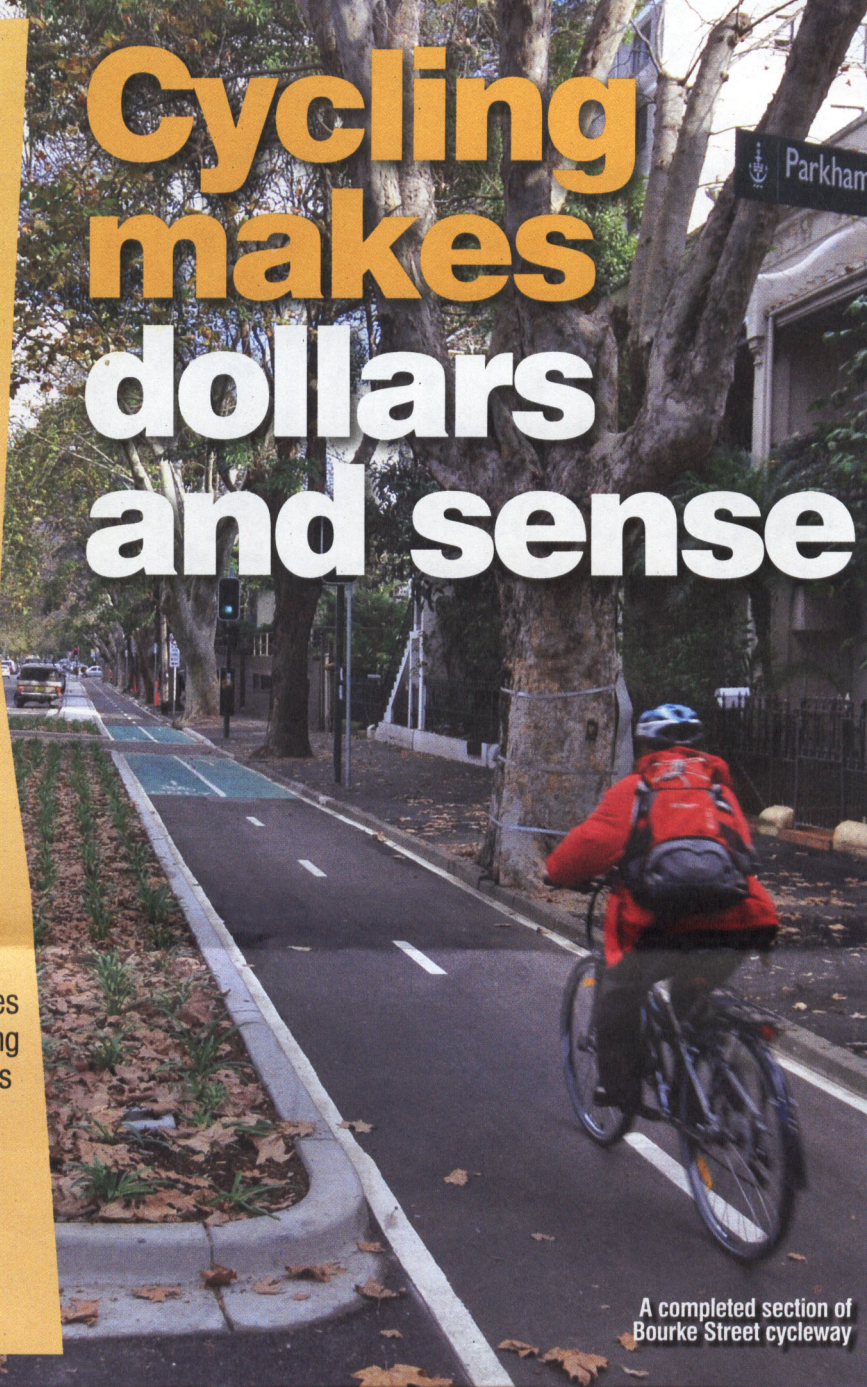
According to a major new study, an inner city regional bicycle network would deliver at least \$506 million in net economic benefits over 30 years.

The City of Sydney commissioned the study by AECOM, a Fortune 500 company providing professional technical and management support services in more than 100 countries worldwide. It is the first to use evidence-based research to comprehensively capture the economic benefits of major cycling infrastructure.

According to the study's findings, a **284km bicycle network** stretching south to Kogarah, north to Chatswood, east to Watsons Bay and west to Rhodes would be economically desirable and viable, providing bicycle access for **1.2 million people** in 164 suburbs across 15 council areas.

The study forecasts a **66 per cent increase in bike trips by 2016** and a **71 per cent rise by 2026** – spanning 15 council areas, 164 suburbs and a population of 1.2 million people. The estimated cost is \$179 million.

Cycling makes dollars and sense



A completed section of Bourke Street cycleway

SYDNEYCITYNEWS

SECOND EDITION 2010