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TRANSPORT PROGRAMS BOOSTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Allan Labor Government is supporting communities across the state to deliver small scale transport projects – improving access across regional Victoria.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced a \$1.5 million Labor Government investment through the Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program (FLTSP) will support 16 community led projects.

A \$100,000 grant from the FLTSP will help RMIT University researchers develop a modelling tool to assist decision making to deliver cycling infrastructure projects across regional Victoria and fast track the development of cycling networks.

Backed by a \$30,000 grant, the FLTSP will help the City of Greater Bendigo analyse transport options to reduce emissions and car dependency, while \$60,000 has been allocated to fund a Strategic Transport Assessment that will define the future transport needs of the Ballarat region.

Mansfield Autism Statewide Services has received support to purchase a 12-seater bus, to deliver bus services for students traveling between Benalla and Wangaratta – so that they can attend TAFE courses outside of current timetabled bus services.

Not for profit group, South Port Day Links (SPDL), received a \$45,000 grant to update their transport booking system – benefiting caregivers and people living with a disability that use the service to access vital health, recreational and educational services.

The FLTSP also holds a strong focus on inclusion and is supporting a pilot program in Wodonga that is helping up to 28 migrants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders receive their driver's licence.

The program will also focus on upgrading a number of pedestrian footpaths across regional Victoria – improving safety and access to local amenities.

Cyclists will receive better connections to regional public transport, with more bike racks to be installed on bus services across Warrnambool, Portland, Mildura, Bairnsdale and the Latrobe Valley.

For more information on the Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program, visit vic.gov.au/local-transport-victoria.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"We're proud to be part of such important initiatives across our state – providing evidence-based solutions and helping communities be more connected."

"We're delivering a more modern, efficient and reliable transport system that gets passengers where they need to go."