

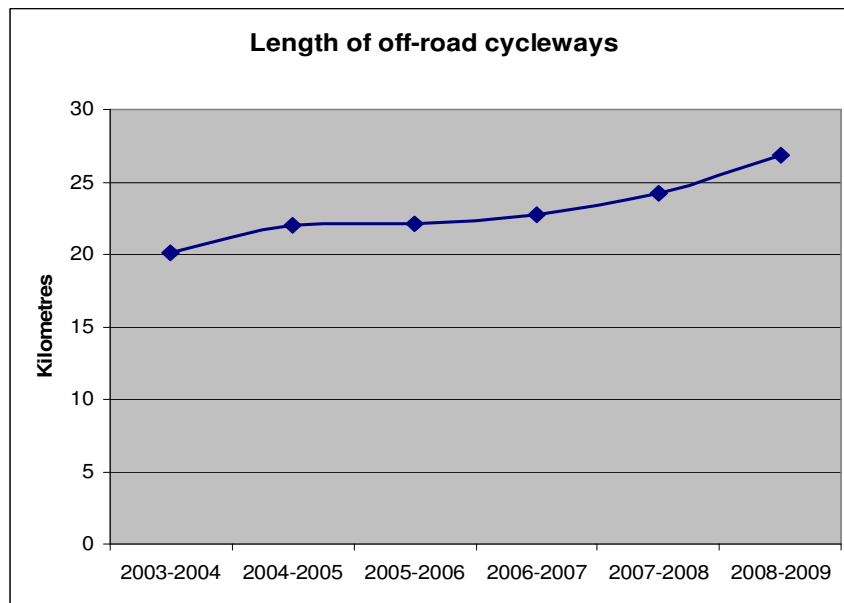
Sustainable transport infrastructure

What are we monitoring?

The length of off-road cycleways on footpaths

What is the trend?

The length of off-road cycleways has increased from 20.137 km in 2003-2004 to 26.8 kilometres in 2008-2009.



OFF ROAD CYCLEWAYS						
Year	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Kilometers	20.137	21.987	22.122	22.739	24.16	26.8

This data refers to pavements and paths constructed or modified by Blue Mountains City Council since 2001 with signage permitting cycling. These cycleways are physically separated from vehicular traffic and not part of a road. Virtually all of these are shared with pedestrians. The data does not include fire trails and dirt tracks. Some cycleways built recently during Highway widening are not yet showing in these records.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

There is increased recognition that the benefits of cycling contribute to the health and well being of our communities. These benefits include increased exercise, increased social interaction, less car use and associated reduction in environmental impacts, cheaper transport costs and reduced reliance on oil. The provision of safe, accessible and well designed cycling infrastructure provides opportunities for people to cycle.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains City Council Management Plan Quarterly Report, June 2008.

Note: Footpaths without cycleway signage are not allowed to be used by adult cyclists unless they are supervising a child cyclist under 12 years old. However, the signage details have only been consistently recorded for new or recently modified footpaths and cycleways. Therefore, footpaths without such cycleway signage are not included in this data, even if they are otherwise suitable for cycling.