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Thank you for getting in touch. I hope the following answers your queries.

Leadership and ambition to increase cycling levels.

The SNP are firmly committed to supporting active and sustainable travel. The SNP Scottish Government are committed to a vision of 10% of everyday journeys being undertaken by bike by 2020, which is set out in the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland.

Sustained funding commitment from the national transport budget.

The SNP Government is proud to be delivering the largest ever investment in cycling and walking in Scotland. Investment of almost £36 million will help support delivery of our ambition to see 10% of all everyday journeys made by bicycle by 2020. Much of this investment is matched by partners – for example, through the Community Links programme Sustrans generated some £25 million in match funding 2014/15.

Cycle-friendly design standards for all new highway and traffic schemes.

There is special consideration for cyclists in all new trunk road schemes and within improvements of existing trunk roads in Scotland, which the SNP support. The SNP Scottish Government also ensured that the new ScotRail franchise provided many opportunities for cycling, including carrying cycles free of charge, a further 2,000 cycle spaces at stations and greater off-peak capacity on trains. One of the most exciting developments will be the launch of a Bike&Go cycle hire network which will allow customers to complete their journey by bike for only £3.80 per day.

Improved safety for cycling through strengthening road traffic law and revisions to the Highway Code.

The SNP Scottish Government are working with partners to make Scotland's roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists. We have developed guidance for local authorities on 20mph limits and zones which will provide greater clarity for local authorities on the options that are available when they are considering the introduction of 20mph speed limits.

We believe active travel should be part of our everyday life from the earliest years.

38% of primary schools in Scotland offer Bikeability Scotland on-road cycle training. This is up from 32% just 3 years ago. This all achieved through Scottish Government funding, and support from Cycling Scotland.

Positive promotion of cycling including funding of cycle skills training.

We are pleased that many schools in Scotland now offer cycle training and Cycling Scotland is working with students in further and higher education campuses to encourage more active travel in and around universities and colleges. Cycling Scotland has also launched an "Essential cycling skills" app for less confident and returning cyclists.

Cheers,
Neil Hay