

Pop-up Bike Lanes

Heidelberg Road Link

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We're installing 100 kilometres of new and improved bike routes across key inner-Melbourne suburbs to make it easier and safer for people riding to and from the CBD.

As we start to return to work and other activities, more people are taking-up healthy, affordable and sustainable ways to commute to and from the CBD. This \$13 million investment will deliver improved active transport links, to help relieve congestion on our road and transport networks.

For details, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/pop-up-bike-lanes

What are pop-up bike lanes?

We will install a combination of pop-up bike lanes on busy roads, new signage and markings along quieter streets and improved access to our off-road bike network similar to initiatives seen in Paris, London and Sydney. Safety is a key barrier for many bike riders and with this initiative we'll support more people to feel safe with better connections on key bike-riding routes, new signage, road markings, barriers and improved crossing points.

What is the Heidelberg Road link?

The link improves connections from Alexandra Parade in Collingwood to Wingrove Street in Fairfield.

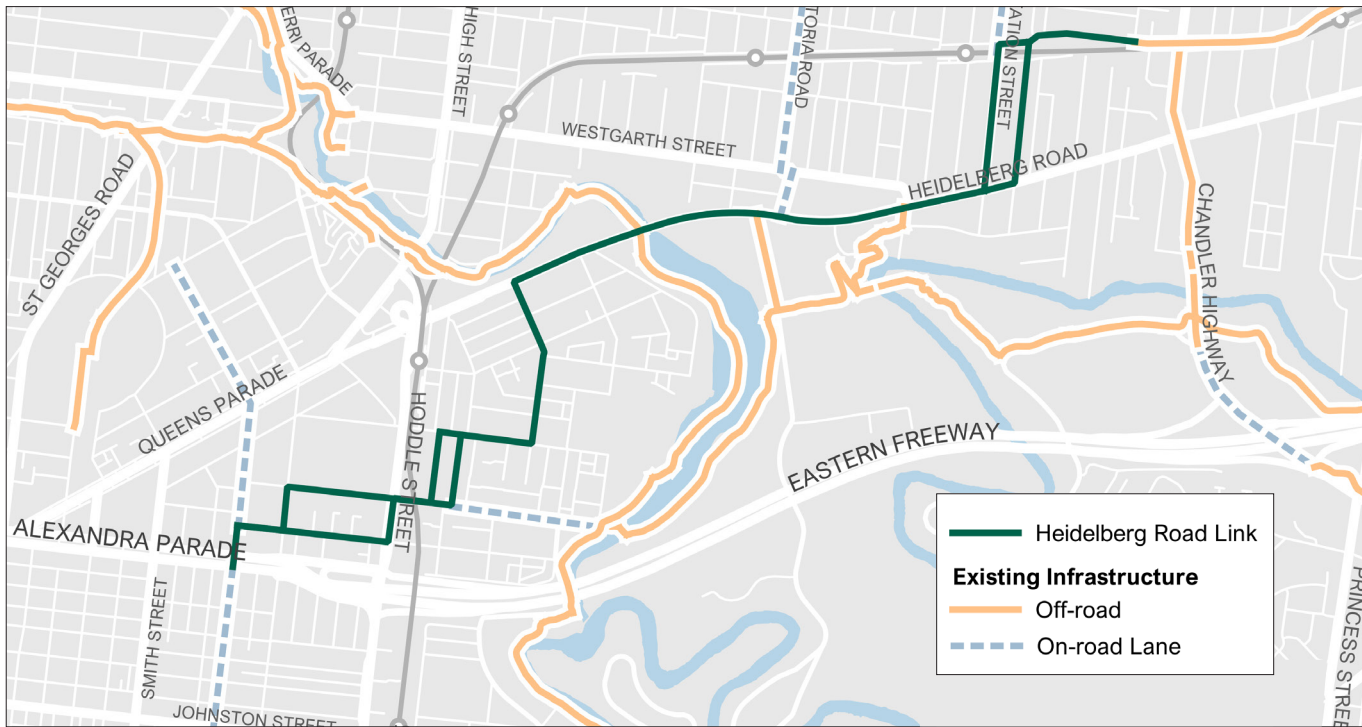
It fixes a key gap in the network across Merri Creek. It will also make it safer and more direct for over 80,000

residents, who live within five minutes of the new link, to ride to work, school and local council areas of Darebin and Yarra. It will also provide improved options to people who live along the Hurstbridge train line.

Where will pop-up lanes be located on Heidelberg Road?

The pop-up lanes on Heidelberg Road will be installed from Fenwick St to Arthur St (see map overleaf).

This entire route has been developed in collaboration with Darebin and Yarra City Council to ensure they best fit local needs.



Note: Final design and route may be subject to change.

Will the new lanes impact traffic and bus services?

Our travel patterns will change and adjust as we move towards a COVID Normal. The pop-up bike lanes will help free up space on our roads and public transport by providing new and improved options for people to travel by bike.

If you're travelling through the area, keep an eye out for changed traffic conditions and plan ahead.

How will parking be impacted?

We will retain residential parking along the corridor from Wellington Street to Fenwick Street in Clifton Hill. However, from Fenwick Street to Dwyer Street parking will move out from the kerbside to allow the bike lanes to continue through.

Clearways currently restrict kerbside parking in both directions from Yarra Bend Road to Arthur Street, at certain times of the day. To ensure safe access, kerbside parking along this section will be removed full-time as part of this project.

How will you consult with people interested in the project?

We'll be speaking with residents and local businesses affected by changes to car parking to provide early notice of the works and to minimise impacts.

Community feedback is an important part of monitoring and evaluating how this temporary initiative works in practice. Users and stakeholders will be asked to provide feedback about the pop-up lanes online. Feedback collected will help us to continually identify where improvements are needed.

Some examples of things we may be able to change as a result of this feedback include:

- adjustments to bollard placement, signage or road markings to improve safety or access issues.
- measures to help people understand how to safely get around using the new road layout.
- providing links to interest groups and local Councils for people to gain skills and confidence in riding.

Our travel patterns will change and adjust as we head towards COVID-normal. This program will allow us to be flexible and responsive as we understand the user experience.

How long will the lanes be in place?

The bike lanes will be in place for a fixed period of time still to be determined and will be removed or converted to permanent routes if they are successful, however, this will require further funding.

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Heidelberg Road Link – Key features

