BUILDING A CYCLING CITY

Cycling is on the increase in Melbourne. More people are cycling for health and recreation or using their bikes as a sustainable, efficient and affordable mode of transport.

The City of Melbourne is committed to becoming a cycling city, with a safe and easy bicycle network for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Bicycle routes and paths with increased separation from traffic and parked vehicles will make it easier to get around and improve connections to the city's existing network of bike routes.

Connecting bicycle routes

The City of Melbourne is at the heart of Melbourne's bicycle network with 135 km of on- and off-road bike routes. Building new bike lanes will strengthen the connections and make it safer for people to cycle throughout Melbourne.

The City of Melbourne, through its Bicycle Plan 2012-16 committed to improving the cycling environment in the central city. So far major upgrades have been made on La Trobe Street, Exhibition Street, Princes Bridge, St Kilda Road, Collins Street (west), Bourke Street, Elizabeth Street (north), Adderley Street in North Melbourne, and Swanston Street and Neill Street in Carlton. This year a further 7 km of new and upgraded bicycle lanes will be built. The focus will be on building connections between existing quality routes and improving routes in the west of the municipality.

We will work with the community on the designs of the new bike lanes. Design options will be based on research into road use and safety, traffic congestion and bike volumes, and strengthening links to popular destinations.

Bike hoops and larger parking facilities close to shopping and entertainment and public venues are another priority to make it easier for people to make local trips by bike.

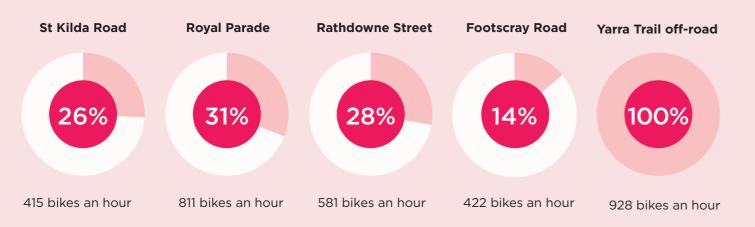


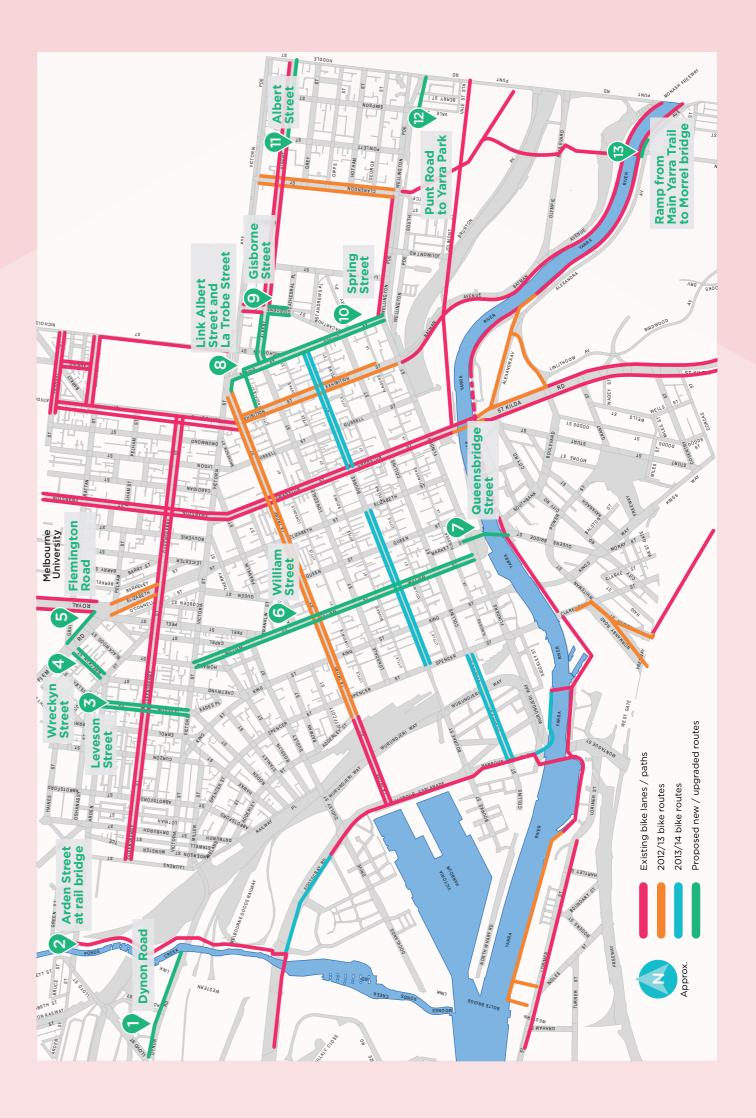
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V	Dynon Road	Upgrade shared path on north side of the road
2	Arden Street	Upgrade route and bridge over Upfield railway line
3	Leveson Street	Upgrade Leveson Street and access to Courtney Street for bicycles
4	Wreckyn Street	Upgrade to connect Arden Street with Grattan Street
5	Flemington Road	Upgrade Flemington Road
6	William Street	Upgrade bike lanes from Flinders Street to Victoria Street with improved connections
7	Queensbridge Street	Improve connections from Queensbridge Street to Market Street
8	Albert Street to La Trobe Street	Create bike friendly options along Spring and Little Lonsdale streets to connect between major separated bicycle routes
9	Gisborne Street	Upgrade route between Albert Street and Cathedral Place
•	Spring Street	Upgrade with bicycle boxes, green pavement and profiled edge-line
•	Albert Street	Extend Albert Street bike lane to Hoddle Street
12	Punt Road to Yarra Park	Establish cut through and widen footpath at Weedon Reserve
13	Main Yarra Trail	A ramp from trail onto Morell Bridge
	Gatehouse Street, Parkville	Upgrade signage and improve connections on the Gatehouse Street shared path
	The Avenue, Parkville	Contra-flow bicycle lane on one-way section of The Avenue to connect Macarthur Road to Royal Parade

The development of each project involves community engagement.

In March 2014 bicycles were 15 per cent of all vehicle movements in the city in the morning peak. On key routes the percentages were even higher.







Planning a cycling city

The Bicycle Plan

The bike paths being constructed or upgraded as part of this year's budget are actions of the Bicycle Plan. The Bicycle Plan is the City of Melbourne's four-year plan for bicycle infrastructure and programs that will encourage people of all ages and abilities to cycle.

The goals of the Bicycle Plan are to:

- Plan and deliver a connected cycling network
- Build high quality routes for local cycling trips
- Increase participation in cycling
- Make cycling safer.

Supporting a cycling city

The City of Melbourne promotes cycling as a sustainable, healthy transport mode and encourages more people to cycle in Melbourne.

The Melbourne TravelSmart map provides information about on and off-road routes, bicycle facilities and shops in the City of Melbourne as well as safety tips and road rules. The City of Melbourne encourages cycling to all of its events and often provides extra bicycle parking at public events.

The City of Melbourne works closely with bicycle peak groups, such as Bicycle Network Victoria, to increase participation and raise awareness of safe cycling.

We also work in partnership with other councils and State Government agencies, such as Victoria Police, VicRoads and the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure to build the bike network and support cycling.

Share Our Streets

Share Our Streets is the City of Melbourne's road safety program that encourages all road users in Melbourne to show courtesy and respect to each other. Share Our Streets aims to make your journey around the city safer and more enjoyable.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/ shareourstreets



Useful links

vicroads.vic.gov.au/bicycles transport.vic.gov.au/projects/cycling melbournebikeshare.com.au bicyclenetwork.com.au melbournebug.org amygillett.org.au

For further information about the City of Melbourne's new bicycle routes or cycling in Melbourne, please go to:



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