

# pop-up bike routes

## Community Update

July 2024

### Darebin and Yarra – pop-up bike routes

In 2021 we began trialling new and improved pop-up bike routes across key inner-Melbourne suburbs to make it easier and safer for people to ride to and from the CBD and within their local area.

We know that Victorians enjoy walking and bike riding in their neighbourhoods. In fact, 76% of Victorians tell us they want to walk and bike more, and would do so if they had more paths, crossings and calmer streets.

That's why we tested innovative and safer bike riding treatments to improve safety for all road-users, encourage more people to ride bikes and create better connections to the CBD and local activity centres.

We commenced construction on the Darebin and Yarra pop-up bike routes in December 2020.

The trial has now ended and evaluation is complete.



Above image: improved crossing point at the intersection of Wingrove and Station streets, Fairfield.

### Pop-up Bike Lanes Program trial results

#### Darebin

**600,000+**

bike trips on Heidelberg Road between January 2021 and April 2023

**84%**

of bike riders said the pop-up routes made them feel safer



**21%**

increase in bike rider volumes

#### Yarra

**88%**

of bike riders said the pop-up routes made them feel safer



**41%**

female riders



**20%**

increase in bike rider volumes

## What worked

We used a variety of temporary infrastructure and light touch treatments across the Darebin and Yarra pop-up bike routes. These focus on improving safety and connectivity.

New and upgraded routes from Wellington Street, Collingwood to Wingrove Street, Fairfield are creating safer connections to shopping, dining, recreation and green spaces.

### Separated bike lanes

Separated bike lanes were a community favourite, they make bikes and cars feel safer sharing the road.



### Wayfinding signage

Good wayfinding is a game changer for helping people navigate our streets and paths.



### Reshaping roads

Reshaping roads to ensure safer journeys for pedestrians, bike riders and cars.



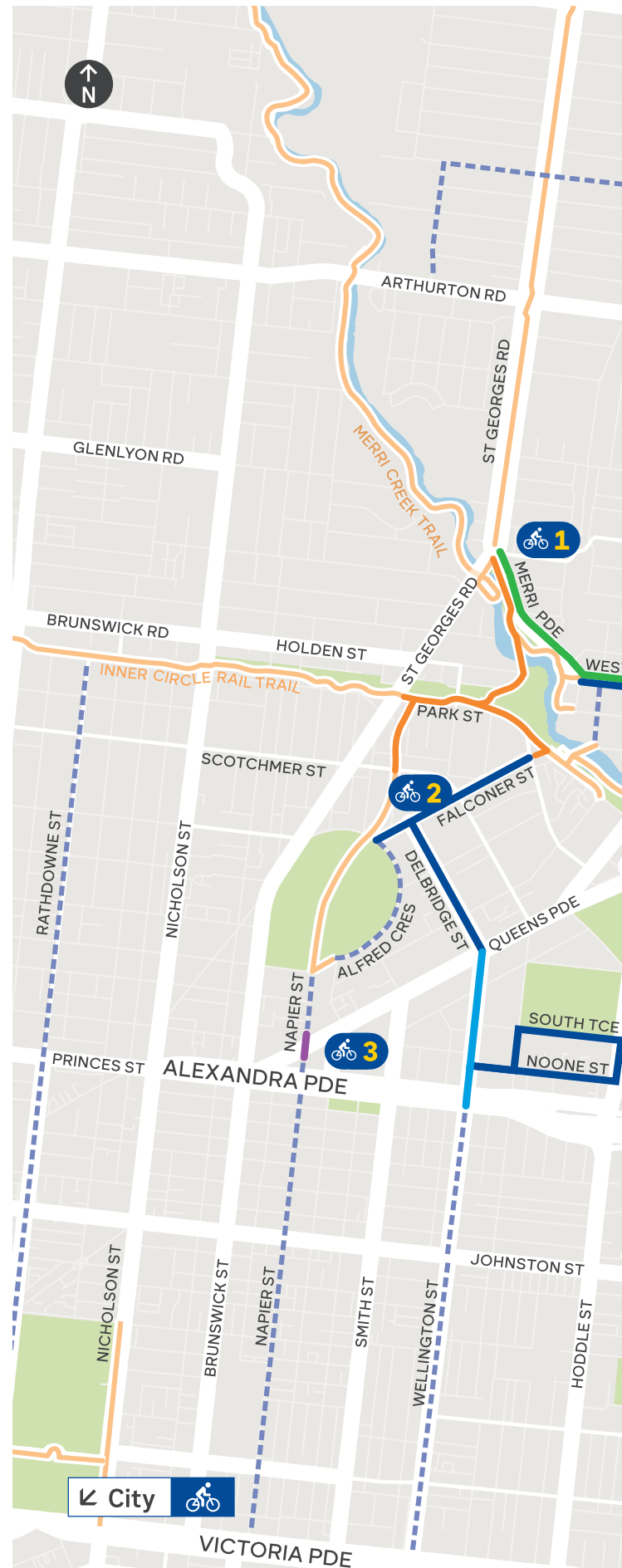
### Green surface treatments

People appreciate the green bike lanes which denote where to be extra careful around bikes.



### Speed cushions

Speed cushions help reduce vehicle speed and create safer shared street environments.







**1**  
The St Georges Road routes saw 11,501 bike riders each week, a 13% increase across the trial period.



**2**  
41% of riders on Falconer Street were female, 16% more than the state average of 25%.



**3**  
Napier Street saw over 8,000 riders each week across the trial period.



**4**  
Heidelberg Road saw a 39% increase in bike riders between November 2022 and March 2023.

KEY	
	Pop-up bike routes – to be made permanent (late 2024)
	St Georges Road off-road routes – to be made permanent (late 2024)
	Heidelberg Road and Napier Street/Queens Parade intersection – in planning
	Wellington Street - temporary infrastructure to remain
	Westgarth Street - safer speed limit
	Existing off-road infrastructure
	Existing on-road infrastructure

## What's next?

The pop-up routes were monitored and evaluated – monitoring was carried out for 12-18 months after completion. We collected data through intercept surveys, workshops and community feedback.

We also used multiple forms of data collection to support decision making. This ranged from traffic counters to live monitoring of route performance.

Darebin and Yarra monitoring sites had high volumes of bike riders, ranging from 1,800 riders per week on Falconer Street to over 8,000 riders per week on Napier Street.

Due to the success of the routes in Darebin and Yarra, 100% of the routes on local roads will be made permanent:

- Local routes will be made permanent in consultation with Council, with works expected to take place late 2024.
- We're also introducing a safer speed limit of 50km/h on Westgarth Street to improve safety for all road users.
- Heidelberg Road and the intersection of Napier Street and Queens Parade require further planning, we will update the community in coming months.
- Temporary infrastructure on Wellington Street will remain pending results of a Council led community consultation.
- We will communicate with the community about where and when these works will take place in the coming months.

### Find out more

Visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/popupbikelanes](https://vicroads.vic.gov.au/popupbikelanes) or call 13 11 71 to find out more information about the Pop-up Bike Lanes Program.



Language Loop (formerly Victorian Interpreting & Translating Services – VITS) call (03) 9280 0783, then ask for 13 11 71.

### Project benefits



Improves safety and connectivity to Melbourne's off-road bike network.



Enhances user experience with more seamless journeys



Encourages more people to ride for daily trips

### Did you know?



A person who cycles 10 kilometres each way to work can save 1.5 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year.



If 50% of short vehicle trips were switched to riding a bike or walking, the Victorian economy would save \$165 million every year in congestion, health, infrastructure, and environmental costs.



A high-quality cycleway can support 4,600 bike riders an hour.



E-Class tram can transport 2,640 passengers an hour



Cars can support 1,900 people's journey per hour.



Above image: green surface treatment at the intersection of Queens Parade and Delbridge Street, Fitzroy North.