

Information update

August 2017

Box Hill To Ringwood Bike Path

Laburnum section update

VicRoads is delivering the Box Hill to Ringwood Shared Use Path Project. This 10km shared use path will link the vibrant Box Hill precinct to Ringwood's key activity centre allowing both pedestrians and cyclists to connect with public transport, community services and recreation facilities.

We have listened to the community and revised the route for the path between Laburnum Station and Blackburn Station.

Laburnum Section

The Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path between Middleborough Road and Blackburn Station is the only remaining section of the path to be finalised.

We have been working closely with Whitehorse City Council to ensure this section of the path considers both user safety and community feedback.

What we have heard

We understand that people are very passionate about retaining the local character of the Laburnum area. Our objective is for the path to provide safe and practical connections.

We heard from the community in 2016 that there was significant support for the shared use path. It was also highlighted that the path should provide users with a continuous safe link.

What we've been doing

Since July 2016, we have continued to look at suitable options for the Laburnum section. We have investigated alternatives to cross the railway tracks west of Blackburn Station to connect with the north side. We will not be providing a rail crossing at this location for the following reasons:

- A level crossing of the railway line will not be implemented for safety reasons.
- Option of going under or over the railway line requires extensive vegetation removal which will affect the amenity of the area.

We have heard your concerns regarding a route that includes Elmore Walk and we are no longer proposing to use it.

We understand the importance of car parking in the area and will retain all parking along Laburnum and Main Streets.

It is important to recognise that the use of Laburnum Street is changing to a shared road space, for bike users and vehicles. We are modifying the street, to ensure that both motorists and cyclists are aware that the road is going to be used differently from other local streets.

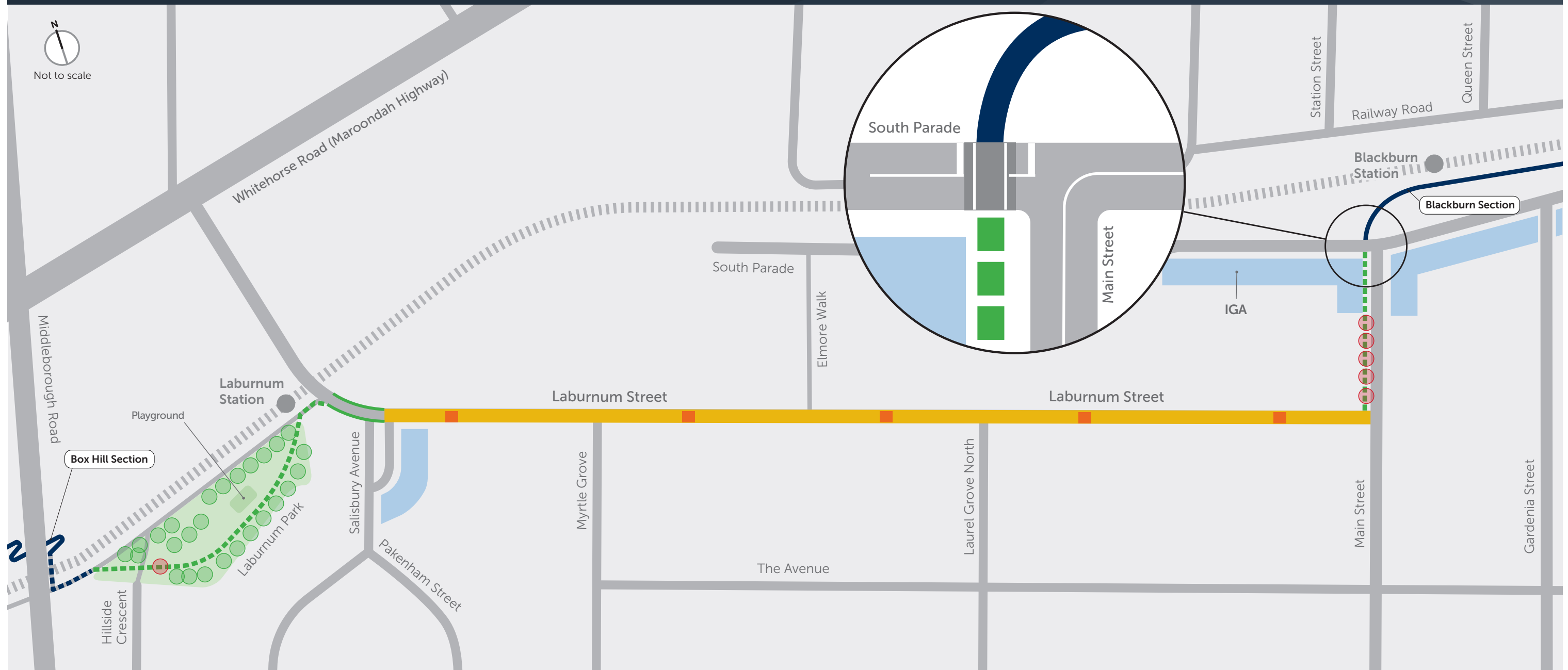
We carried out a Safe System Assessment which showed us that Laburnum Street does need to be altered to make it safer for cyclists.

In Laburnum Park we will separate the shared use path with the commuter path for traffic using the station. Please see the detailed plan attached.












Box Hill to Ringwood Shared Use Path

Laburnum Section - Alignment proposal

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Legend

	Laburnum Street - Signed 40km/h speed limit - Bicycle signage - on road shared space		Train station		On-road bicycle lane
	Speed hump		Shops		Off-road bicycle path
	Train lines		Existing trees (indicative)		Existing bicycle path
			Existing tree to be removed		Existing bicycle path (refurbishment required)

Laburnum Park Proposal

Middleborough Road to Laburnum Street

Reconstruct asphalt path in concrete
New concrete path adjacent to southern garden bed
Remove 1 liquid amber (in poor condition)
Enhance existing gardens

Laburnum Street Proposal

Laburnum Village to Main Street

Road treatments
40 km/h safer speed
Additional traffic calming devices
Bicycle signage installation
Bicycle line marking

Main Street Proposal

Laburnum Street to South Parade

Off road bicycle path next to footpath
Removal of 5 trees
Reprioritise South Parade intersection
Raised flattop crossing of South Parade



Below are the proposed details of each part of the Laburnum section for your information and review.

Laburnum Park Proposal

Middleborough Road to Laburnum Street

Off-road path

- Change the current path from Middleborough Road to Hillside Crescent from asphalt to concrete
- A new concrete path will be constructed next to the southern garden bed between Hillside Crescent and Laburnum Street, keeping the existing vegetation
- One liquid amber tree that is in poor condition will be removed near Hillside Crescent
- We will provide additional planting to support the park
- A pedestrian fence will be installed between the new path and the existing playground

Laburnum Street Proposal

Laburnum Station to Main Street

On-road shared space

- Street signage, line marking and/or on road raised pavement similar to existing ones, are proposed at either end of the bicycle facility to make motorists aware that they are entering the shared road space
- All parking will be retained
- A safer 40 km/h speed will be introduced providing a safer street.
- Bicycle signage and bicycle line marking will be installed.
- From Laburnum Station to Laburnum Village, on-road bicycle lanes will be provided in existing no parking areas
- Between Laburnum Village and Main Street, bike symbols may be painted on the road.

Main Street Proposal

Laburnum Street to South Parade

Off-road path

- The nature strip will be paved to provide a shared use path
- Five street trees will need to be removed. These trees can be replaced by new trees planted in nearby nature strips
- In front of the shops, the road will be narrowed by shifting the kerb line
- All parking will be retained
- South Parade turning priorities will be changed so coming from the South Parade IGA Supermarket you will have to give way to path users and Main Street traffic. A raised pavement crossing of South Parade just west of Main Street will support this change.

What happens next?

We are keen to finalise the design for this section by the end of 2017. With Council endorsement, we expect to start construction on this final section of the shared use path in Laburnum in early 2018.

Tell us what you think

We have worked with stakeholders and residents to modify the designs and get the right outcome for the community. Tell us what you think of this final proposal before the end of August by using the enclosed feedback form or using the contact details provided below.

Contact us

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