

# CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO VICROADS SHARED BIKE PATH PROPOSALS THAT ARE BETTER FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

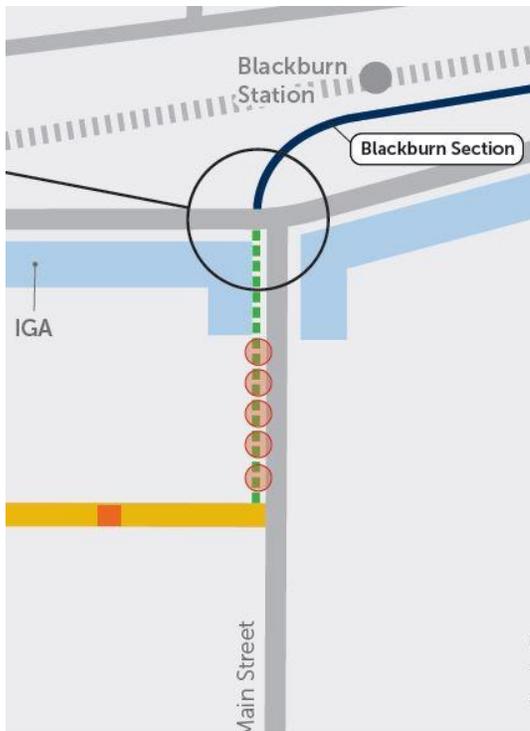


Figure 1. VicRoads Main Street option

## WHERE SHOULD THE SHARED PATH BE LOCATED - MAIN STREET OR DIGGERS WAY?

### VicRoads Shared Bike Path proposal for Main Street:

- Will replace the green nature strip with concrete and destroy 5 street trees at a time when Council are trying to increase tree canopy.
- Will put cyclists at risk of collision due to inadequate buffer to the pavement landscaping, street signage and opening car doors. The desirable 0.5m buffer to obstacles cannot be provided.
- Will put cyclists in conflict with pedestrians exiting parked cars to access footpath and customers wandering from shops to their cars.
- Will narrow roadway, which may result in congested traffic and complications for turning buses.
- Will pass the front entrance door of 9 commercial tenancies, 2 residential properties and 1 x 15-unit apartment building in 110m.

### The DIGGERS WAY alternative:

- Will cost less and can be built quickly with minimal disruption, and without tree removal.
- Will provide a safer entry on to Laburnum St, clear of the many turning movements in and out of the Laburnum St / Main St intersection.
- Will provide good lines of sight to footpaths at exit points on to South Parade and Laburnum Street.
- Will be a safe option. It has been said that the car parks and garages make it unsafe however a local cyclist has ridden the lane 6 to 10 times per week for many months including occasional night trips and has rarely encountered a car movement and never an unsafe situation.



Figure 2. Diggers Way alternative.

## EXCLUSIVE BIKE PATH FOR LABURNUM PARK.



Figure 3. Preferred proposal 1 and VicRoads Laburnum Park proposal.

### The Exclusive Bike Path Alternative:

- Will be less intrusive, at 2m wide with a .5m buffer each side. VicRoads path is 3m wide + .5m buffer.
- Will closely align to the existing walking path, but existing path is not changed.
- Will maximise soil permeability for storm water infiltration and has less impact on Council drainage works at the low point.
- Will retain the open grass area for passive recreation.
- Will require minimal adjustments to the playground seating locations.
- Will cost less, be shorter and require less materials to construct than VicRoads version.
- Is supported by passionate local residents

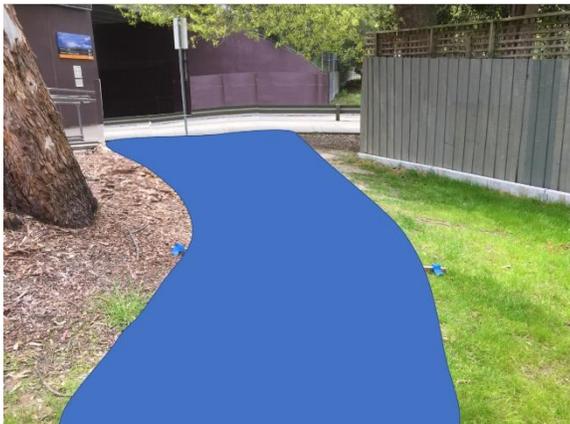


Figure 4,5 & 6. Exclusive bike path preferred proposal.

### General Comments for Laburnum Park.

- Both proposals require similar non-damaging construction over tree roots.
- The exclusive bike only path would run from the station entrance at Laburnum Street, to near the junction of the existing paths at the Middleborough Road end of the park. The VicRoads proposed 3 metre shared path will run from existing path junction to Middleborough Road.
- Shared Bike Path signage would clearly show one path for pedestrians and one for bike only.

**City of Whitehorse have the final say.  
Concerns should be directed to CEO and Councillors**