

Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List 2023

Adopted by Council on 9 October 2023

Background

The Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List (BTAP List) is made up of priority transport infrastructure projects. These have been identified through community engagement undertaken as part of the development and/or implementation of Council’s transport strategy as guided by the Banyule Integrated Transport Plan (BITP). Consultation feedback has been considered from the development of the Council Plan 2021 – 2025, various Activity Centre transport (movement and place) investigations and parking management plans, and municipal walking, cycling and safe travel strategies and plans.

The projects listed are those that Council must advocate to the State or Federal Government for either funding assistance and/or because the project would be part of a State Government managed asset (arterial road or rail reserve) or require State Government approval. The BTAP List is used to support regular interactions with the State Government’s Department of Transport as well as for advocacy efforts with local members of parliament and with the community. The NEL Project Advocacy List (most recently updated by Council at its ordinary meeting of 6 December 2021 available [here](#)) is also used as a basis for transport advocacy.

At the ordinary Council meeting of 9 October 2023, Council resolved to:

- Adopt the Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List – September 2023 (Attachment 1) to guide transport advocacy discussions with both internal and external stakeholders subject to the following change;
 - Change the wording of project 52 to Improve accessibility at Ivanhoe Rail Station including providing a DDA compliant pedestrian bridge and providing lifts.
- Provide the Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List – September 2023 to key State Government agencies including the Department of Transport and Planning.
- Publicise the Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List – September 2023 on the Banyule Council website to provide transparency on transport priorities to the Banyule community.
- Write to the Hon Gabrielle Williams MP, Minister for Public and Active Transport and the Hon Matthew Guy, Shadow Minister for Public Transport to request a meeting to discuss the Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List – September 2023 and the implementation of active transports projects.

Table 1 below contains the adopted transport advocacy projects listing.

Table 1 | Banyule Transport Advocacy Project List 2023

No.	Type	Project	Location	Stakeholder	State Interest	Need	Priority
Walking Projects							
1	Walking	Construct a new Odenwald Road bridge across the Hurstbridge railway line, including provision of safe pedestrian access.	Eaglemont	VicTrack	Low	High	High
2	Walking	Upgrade the pedestrian operated crossing outside No. 254 Lower Heidelberg Road to a raised crossing with kerb outstands to	East Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High

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		comply with DDA requirements, to improve accessibility and safety for school children, and to control traffic speed.					
3	Walking	Narrow the Para Road - Grimshaw Street intersection to facilitate pedestrian crossing movement and reduce entering traffic volume from Para Road into Grimshaw Street.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	High	High
4	Walking	Prioritise pedestrian movement through Heidelberg Activity Centre by introducing a zebra crossing or a pedestrian operated crossing in front of Warringal Shopping Centre on Burgundy Street.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
5	Walking	Upgrade the pedestrian operated crossing to a raised crosswalk with the addition of mast arms to make the traffic signals more visible to drivers at Upper Heidelberg Road between Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School and The Centre Ivanhoe.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
6	Walking	Provide a new pedestrian crossing on the east side of the Marshall Street level crossing.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
7	Walking	Build pedestrian operated signals or zebra crossings on Banksia Street at Waratah Special Development School and at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
8	Walking	Provide a pedestrian operated at grade crossing of Burgundy Street near Martin Street.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
9	Walking	Provide signalised pedestrian crossings of Diamond Creek Road at Greenhill Road (POS).	Greensborough/ St Helena	DTP	High	High	High
10	Walking	Move Diamond Creek Road bus stop south of Avandina Crescent approximately 40m north, out of the road bend. Install refuge island near relocated bus stop.	Greensborough/ St Helena	DTP	High	High	High
11	Walking	Provide signalised pedestrian crossings of Diamond Creek Road at Plenty River Drive and between Pembroke Street and Avandina Crescent (POS) in Greensborough.	Greensborough/ St Helena	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
12	Walking	Prioritise pedestrian movement through Heidelberg Activity Centre by reducing the speed limit to 30km/h along Burgundy Street.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate

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13	Walking	Provide a signalised pedestrian crossing of Lower Heidelberg Road, West of The Boulevard.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
14	Walking	Provide illuminated 'Give Way to Pedestrian' signs at the intersection of Lower Plenty Road and Martins Lane, and Lower Plenty Road and Arthur Streeton Drive.	Yallambie	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
15	Walking	Provide kerb outstands at the intersections of Hawdon Street and Cape Street in Burgundy Street.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Low	Low
16	Walking	Install a set of pedestrian operated signals near the intersection of Banksia Street and Hawdon Street in Heidelberg.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Low	Low
17	Walking	Improve the pedestrian permeability and priority on Waterdale Road by providing Zebra crossings or pedestrian operated signals at the intersections of Disney Street (south side) and O'Keefe Street (north side).	West Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Low	Low
Walking and Cycling Projects							
18	Walking and Cycling	Construct a pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Plenty River, connecting the Plenty River trail directly to Railway Road and the shared user path between Greensborough and Montmorency Stations.	Briar Hill / Greensborough	DTP	Low	High	High
19	Walking and Cycling	Provide a grade separated walking and cycling crossing under Banksia Street, Heidelberg near the intersection of The Boulevard.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
20	Walking and Cycling	Construct a shared user path from the corner of Kingsbury Drive and Waterdale Road, Bundoora to the La Trobe Sports Stadium.	Bundoora	DTP	Low	High	High
21	Walking and Cycling	Install Zebra crossings or pedestrian operated signals at the Courthouse and/or at the southern end of the Jika/Yarra Street intersection.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
22	Walking and Cycling	Advocate for improved integration of the North East Link, Greensborough Hwy and Watsonia Station upgrade works at Watsonia to improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity and accessibility to and within the area.	Watsonia	DTP/NELP/ VicTrack	Low	High	High

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23	Walking and Cycling	Provide a pedestrian operated signal (including bicycle lantern) at the intersection of Yarra Street and Rosanna Road.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	Moderate
Cycling Projects							
24	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route from Banksia Street/Jika Street to Burke Road in the vicinity of the Boulevard through East Ivanhoe	East Ivanhoe	NELP	Low	High	High
25	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route on Yarra Street from the Main Yarra Trail with safe crossings at Dora Street and Lower Heidelberg Road in Heidelberg.	Heidelberg	NELP	Low	High	High
26	Cycling	Complete the Main Strategic Cycling Corridor (C2) route within the Hurstbridge rail corridor from Heidelberg Station to Rosanna Station	Heidelberg-Rosanna	DTP/VicTrack	Low	High	High
27	Cycling	Provide a safe bicycle intersection treatment to implement a continuous north south Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route from the Oriel Road bike lanes across Livingstone Street and provide a Shared User Path (SUP) to connect to Miles Street. The intersection should also cater to east west cyclists using the Livingstone Street Principal Bicycle Network (C3) route bike lanes.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
28	Cycling	Complete the Principal Bicycle Network (C3) route on road cycling route as part time bike lanes along Upper Heidelberg Road through Ivanhoe.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
29	Cycling	Complete the Principal Bicycle Network (C3) route on road cycling route along Lower Heidelberg Road and Heidelberg Road to Darebin Creek in Ivanhoe. As part of this provide protected road cycling facilities on Heidelberg Road from the City of Banyule to facilitate access to the Melbourne CBD.	Ivanhoe/East Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
30	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route from Macleod Station/ Charles La Trobe Secondary College via Joynt St, Waiora Road, Dougharty Road, and Oriel Road to Ivanhoe. As an urgent interim measure provide a safe cycling crossing of Bell	Macleod - Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High

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		Street in West Heidelberg along the on-road Oriel Road cycling route.					
31	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route along the Hurstbridge rail corridor from Montmorency Station to connect to the Diamond Creek Trail and Eltham Station in Nillumbik	Montmorency - Eltham	DTP/VicTrack	Planned	High	High
32	Cycling	Complete the Main Strategic Cycling Corridor (C2) route along the Hurstbridge rail corridor from Rosanna Station to Macleod Station	Rosanna - Macleod	DTP/VicTrack	Low	High	High
33	Cycling	Provide improved bicycle parking facilities at Banyule train stations in order of priority at: Ivanhoe, Macleod, Darebin, and Eaglemont.	Banyule	DTP	Possible	High	Moderate
34	Cycling	Complete the Main Strategic Cycling Corridor (C2) route from the M80 Ring Road via a grade separated crossing of Lower Plenty Road to connect to Heidelberg (Jika Street).	Bundoora - Heidelberg	NELP	Planned	High	Moderate
35	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route from the M80 Shared User Path via Yando Street and the Kalparrin Gardens to Greensborough Station.	Bundoora M80 - Greensborough Station	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
36	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route on Banksia Street from Heidelberg Station to the Darebin Creek Trail.	Bellfield	DTP	Planned	Med	Moderate
37	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route along the Hurstbridge rail corridor from Greensborough Station to Montmorency Station	Greensborough - Montmorency	LXRP/DTP	Planned	High	Moderate
38	Cycling	Upgrade the unsafe (steep, slippery and flood prone) section of the Main Yarra Trail at the underpass of the Banksia Street road bridge.	Heidelberg	NELP	Possible	High	Moderate
39	Cycling	Investigate cyclist safety at Rosehill Road, Lower Plenty from the northbound traffic slip lane off Fitzsimons Lane.	Lower Plenty	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate

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40	Cycling	Complete the Primary Strategic Cycling Corridor (C1) route along the Hurstbridge rail corridor from Macleod Station to Watsonia Station.	Macleod - Watsonia	NELP/DTP	Possible	High	Moderate
41	Cycling	Complete the Main Strategic Cycling Corridor (C2) route along Edwin Street from Bell Street to Banksia Street.	West Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
42	Cycling	Complete the Main Strategic Cycling Corridor (C2) route from Macleod via Drysdale Street and Lower Plenty Road to Fitzsimons Lane.	Yallambie	NELP/DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
43	Cycling	As part of the North East Link Project provide a Plenty River Trail connection to the Greensborough Bypass Trail.	Greensborough	NELP	Low	Low	Low
44	Cycling	As part of the North East Link Project provide east-west bicycle and pedestrian connections over Greensborough Road and the North East Link corridor at Yando Road, Near Grimshaw Street, Nell Street, Elder Street, Watsonia Road and in the vicinity of Lower Plenty Road to provide access to the La Trobe NEIC.	Greensborough/ Watsonia/ Yallambie	NELP	Planned	High	Low
45	Cycling	Provide a new shared user bridge to link Banksia Park/Heide (Manningham) to the Heidelberg Activity Centre.	Heidelberg	NELP	Planned	High	Low
46	Cycling	Complete the East-West Power Easement Trail from Plenty Road through Watsonia Town Centre to connect to the Plenty River Trail in Yallambie. As part of this provide an at grade separated crossing of Greensborough Hwy/NEL.	Watsonia	NELP	Planned	High	Low
Public Transport Projects							
47	Public Transport	Conduct a comprehensive review of bus routes and services in Banyule as part of the implementation of the State Government Bus Plan 2021.	Banyule	DTP	Planned	High	High
48	Public Transport	Provide higher frequency and all year (no semester break) operation of Bus Route 301.	Banyule	DTP	Low	High	High
49	Public Transport	Advocate for the provision of improved bus services to La Trobe University from Yallambie, Viewbank and Lower Plenty (or realignment of Route 517)	Banyule	DTP	Low	High	High

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50	Public Transport	Extend Bus Route 301 to Heidelberg Station to improve access to La Trobe NEIC from the east and north east.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
51	Public Transport	Upgrade Heidelberg Station to provide a high-quality modal interchange facility in Heidelberg.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
52	Public Transport	Improve accessibility at Ivanhoe Rail Station including a DDA compliant pedestrian bridge and providing lifts.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
53	Public Transport	Provide a grade separation of the Marshall Street level crossing.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	High	High
54	Public Transport	Upgrade Watsonia Station including an integrated transport interchange with direct DDA compliant access to the station from the surrounding precinct.	Watsonia	DTP	Low	High	High
55	Public Transport	Advocate for the provision of a 70m northbound queue jump bus lane (Waterdale Road at Kingsbury Dr) to improve bus priority for the future SRL and to La Trobe University.	West Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
56	Public Transport	Provide bus service connections from Banyule to the planned NEL Eastern Freeway dedicated busway.	Banyule	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
57	Public Transport	Improve bus connections to Latrobe University from Hurstbridge line stations at Heidelberg and Macleod.	Bundoora	DTP	Possible	High	Moderate
58	Public Transport	Reconfigure Para Road and the Para Road/ Flintoff Street intersection, to facilitate bus, pedestrian and cycling movement to the proposed Greensborough Transport Interchange.	Greensborough	DTP	Possible	High	Moderate
59	Public Transport	Provide increased bus priority on Grimshaw Street.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
60	Public Transport	Provide a bus interchange reconfiguration in Main Street to improve pedestrian ease of use.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
61	Public Transport	Advocate for the connection of Bus Route 513G with Bus Route 343 and extend to La Trobe University to provide direct connections from north of Greensborough.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate

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62	Public Transport	Provide a bus service equivalent to the future Suburban Rail Loop route in Banyule to grow patronage along the route as an interim measure.	Heidelberg and Bundoora	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
63	Public Transport	Extend Bus Route 609 across the Yarra River on Chandler Highway to La Trobe NEIC and increase service frequency and span.	Ivanhoe	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
64	Public Transport	Provide additional commuter car parking at Ivanhoe and Macleod Stations.	Macleod	VicTrack	Low	Med	Moderate
65	Public Transport	Duplicate Hurstbridge Railway Line from Montmorency to Eltham, subject to protection of the Eltham Copper Butterfly.	Montmorency	DTP/VicTrack	Low	High	Moderate
66	Public Transport	Relocate Route 548 from Edwin Street to Waterdale Road to allow cyclist priority on Edwin Street (C2 Strategic Cycling Corridor)	West Heidelberg	DTP	Low	Med	Moderate
67	Public Transport	Provide an at grade bus interchange in the vicinity of Greensborough Station.	Greensborough	DTP	Planned	High	Low
68	Public Transport	Continue advocacy to future proofing the bus interchange development opposite Greensborough Station, allowing for the future construction of more storeys and mixed-use development.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	High	Low
69	Public Transport	Provide new or upgraded railway stations at Heidelberg and La Trobe University as part of the implementation of the Suburban Rail Loop.	Heidelberg and Bundoora	SRL	Planned	High	Low
70	Public Transport	Provide a grade separation of Ruthven Street/Chapman Street and the Hurstbridge Railway Line.	Macleod	DTP	Planned	Low	Low
Road Network Projects							
71	Road Network	Address congestion and safety issues at Greensborough Highway/Grimshaw Street intersection in Greensborough in conjunction with the NEL Northern package.	Greensborough	NELP	Low	High	High
72	Road Network	Reconfigure the Main Street – The Circuit – Hailes Street – intersection to facilitate traffic movement between Para Road and Grimshaw Street via the Circuit.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	High	High

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73	Road Network	Add raised wombat crossing on left turn slip lane from Greensborough Road into Grimshaw Street.	Greensborough	DTP	Low	High	High
74	Road Network	Limit the movement of trucks turning right from Banksia Street into Dora Street and turning left from Lower Heidelberg Road into Jika Street.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
75	Road Network	Provide capacity improvements to the Bell-Banksia Link without widening.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
76	Road Network	Improve connectivity to the arterial road network through providing a direct link from Upper Heidelberg Road to the Bell Banksia Link.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
77	Road Network	Intersection improvements on Bell/Banksia Link at Dora Street and Lower Heidelberg Road, including removal of one right turn lane into Dora Street, and facilitating two right turn lanes catering to trucks at Lower Heidelberg Road.	Heidelberg	DTP	Low	High	High
78	Road Network	Upgrade Greensborough Hwy/Diamond Creek Road – M80 to Yan Yean Road, including grade separation at the Civic Drive roundabout.	St Helena	DTP	Low	High	High