

Safer and Easier Access to Greensborough

We are seeking:

A \$200,000 State Government investment from the 2023-2024 Budget to jointly fund the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Plenty River in Greensborough.



Construction of a new shared user path between Greensborough and Montmorency provides an opportunity for safer and improved access to Greensborough and existing trails in the area.

Council has allocated \$200,000 in its 2023-2024 budget and is seeking to partner with the State Government to jointly fund a new pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Plenty River alongside the new rail bridge that has been constructed.

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New Shared User Path being delivered by State Government

The Victorian Government is currently delivering a new shared use path between Greensborough and Montmorency. The path travels along the south side of the railway line.

The path is designed to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle around our City by providing direct access between suburbs.

It will make it easier for local families with prams and bikes to get where they need to go and enable active travel between Montmorency and Greensborough and will provide links to several schools.

Improved connectivity

Based on community feedback, Council has identified other additional works to ensure that residents on the north side of the railway line in Briar Hill have access to the new shared user path and a direct link to the existing Plenty River trail.

These include:

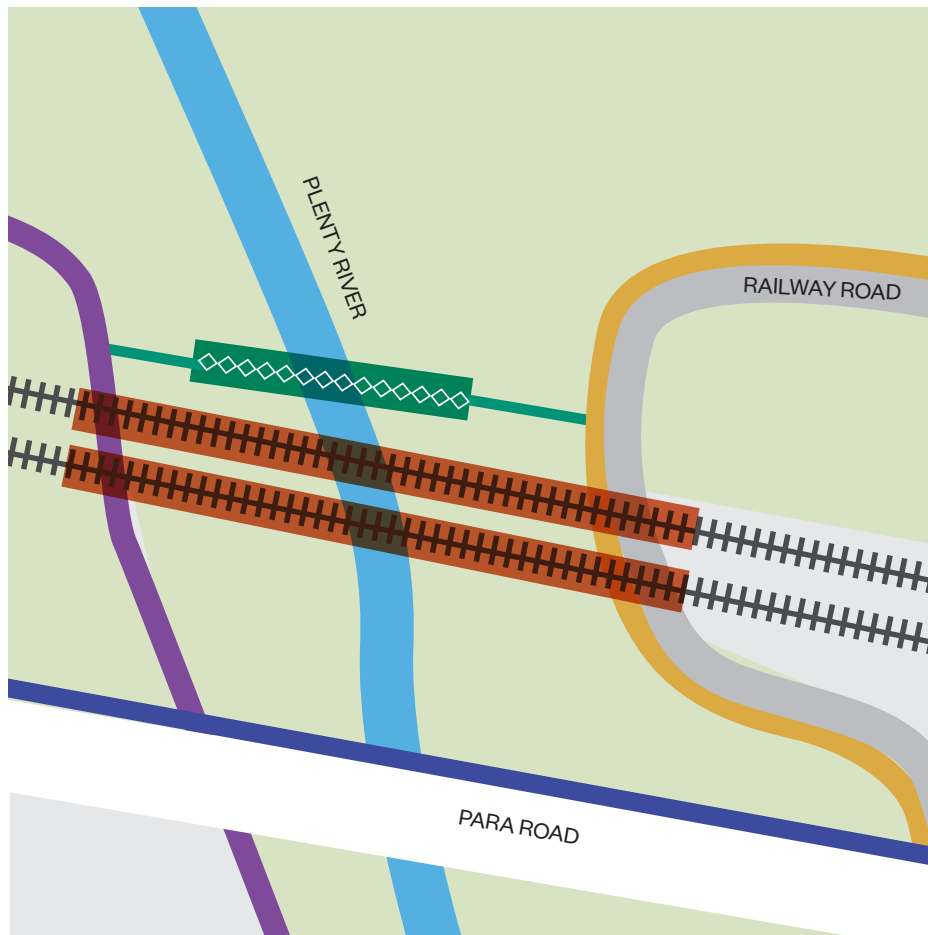
- A new path been between Railway Road and Para Road under the rail bridge.
- A new bridge between Railway Road and the Plenty River Trail on the north side of the railway line.

Council has discussed the new path between Railway Road and Para Road with LXRPA and they have agreed to include the construction as part of the shared path works.



With no State investment for the new bridge, it remains the missing link that inhibits direct access for pedestrians and cyclists into Greensborough from Briar Hill and the North East.

A separate pedestrian bridge would provide a continuous Shared User Path between the two stations and a safer option than the current proposal for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the Plenty River, which is via a widened footpath along the north side of busy Para Road.

Council estimates the construction costs to be approximately \$400,000. In Council's 2023-2024 budget an allocation of \$200,000 has been made to the project and Council seeks a matching contribution from the state to enable the project to proceed.



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|  New rail bridge |  Plenty river trail |
|  proposed pedestrian bridge and adjoining paths |  New footpath to be built by LXRPA |
|  Train tracks |  New shared user path to be built by LXRPA |



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¹ Main picture: site where the pedestrian bridge is proposed

² Inset: Existing rail bridge between Greensborough and Montmorency