

Media Release

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A SAFE LINK FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS THROUGH ALPHINGTON

The preferred route for the new Alphington Link has been selected which will provide a safer cycling and walking path to schools, work, Melbourne's CBD and nearby suburbs.

The Andrews Labor Government is enhancing cycling in Melbourne's inner north, with the \$9.1 million Alphington trail set to connect the community to hundreds of kilometres of bike routes.

Extensive planning and investigations have determined the preferred route via Farm Road, which is the most direct and safest route for cyclists and pedestrians.

The off-road path will provide a local extension from the Darebin Creek Trail.

A bridge will take pedestrians and cyclists safely through part of the La Trobe Golf Course to the Darebin Creek Trail.

For Alphington residents, this means they won't have to travel along the busy Heidelberg Road when accessing the Darebin Creek Trail.

The Link will also provide access to more than 600 kilometres of bike paths across Melbourne, including the Main Yarra Trail, Anniversary Trail and Capital City Trail.

New and improved cycling routes across inner-Melbourne suburbs gives residents more choice about how they choose to travel.

Community consultations are expected to begin in late 2021 and will inform the planning and design of the project.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"The new Alphington Link will better connect the community to local trails and surrounds by providing safe and direct pathways."

"The upgrade will provide an important link to and from local schools, work, and the many other trails across Melbourne."

Quotes attributable to Member for Northcote Kat Theophanous

"Alphington residents have been calling for a safe and accessible link to the Darebin-Yarra Trail – and now we're a step closer to delivering it."

"Local collaboration and advocacy has been a big part of making the Alphington Link a reality, and community feedback will continue to play an important role in this exciting project. I encourage locals to get involved to help us create this important piece of our trail network."