

The Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail (BHRRT)

(www.bhrrt.org)

➤ Comprises

- 947 metres of existing shared use paths;
- 4.46 km of new shared paths on the rail reserve;
- 713 metres of new shared path on other than rail land;
- 2.76 km of on road paths;
- 563 metres through rail station car parks;
- 486 metres of upgraded and widened existing paths;
- An overpasses above Cochrane St Mitcham; and
- An underpass beneath the rail lines in Nunawading.

➤ Estimated cost

- \$4.96M for the basic trail as above;
- Additional \$2.3M for 'ultimate trail' with further sections on rail reserve.

➤ Reasons why the BHRRT should be built now

- Cycling is an essential element of a sustainable transport future in a carbon and oil constrained society.
- Cycle infrastructure to be incorporated into new road and rail infrastructure as "a matter of course". – Victorian bicycle Strategy launched by Premier and Minister for Roads, 23 March 2009.
- Consistent with Melbourne 2030 and Victorian Transport Plan in providing linkages between Central Activity Districts Box Hill and Ringwood.
- There is no efficient and safe East-West cycle route in central Whitehorse. The BHRRT will fill this gap.
- The BHRRT concept is not new! Two previous studies have been done.¹
- The BHRRT is part of City of Whitehorse Bicycle Strategy adopted in 2007.
- The BHRRT is being considered for inclusion as a Primary Route on the Vic Roads principle bicycle network (PBN).
- The BHRRT has the strong support of local State and Federal MPs (Mike Symon - Deakin, Shaun Leane MLC - Eastern Metro) and the City of Whitehorse.
- The BHRRT will provide a sustainable transport option for a number of schools, businesses and workplaces along the corridor, linking to the Box Hill activity centre.
- The BHRRT is feasible even allowing for a 3rd rail line from Box Hill to Ringwood.

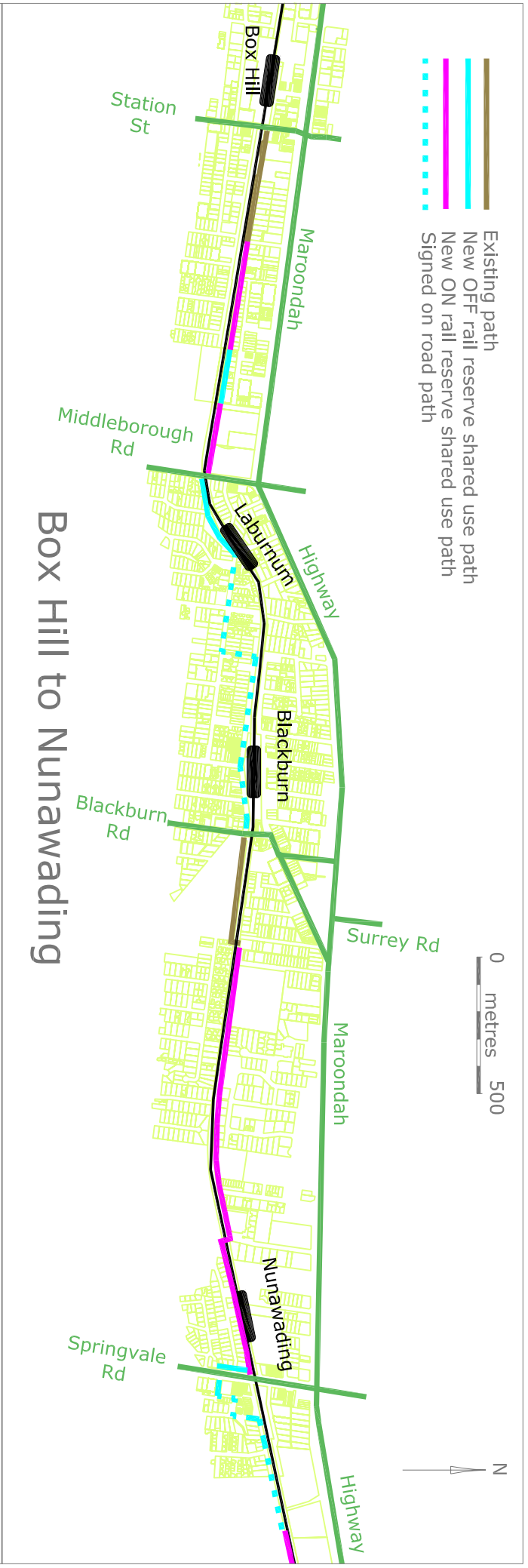
¹ Feasibility Study for Eastern Rail Trail, Parklinks Pty Ltd for the Cities of Whitehorse and Boroondara, June 1996.

Eastern Rail Trail bicycle path proposal, Peter Campbell December 2005,
http://www.lexicon.net/~lis01101/Eastern_Rail_Trail/Eastern_rail_trail.html

-  Existing path
-  New OFF rail reserve shared use path
-  New ON rail reserve shared use path
-  Signed on road path

0 metres 500

Box Hill to Nunawading



Nunawading to Ringwood

