



The Craigieburn Express:

- Is a proposed route that follows the Craigieburn railway line from Pascoe Vale Railway Station to the Western Ring Road – with the option to extend further north to the Broadmeadows Central Activities District – and further south to Melbourne’s CBD via Moonee Ponds Activities Centre;
- Will provide a direct north-south cycling link in the west of Moreland, following a route that avoids steep hills;
- Will link Glenroy with the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail to create a 13 km recreational riding loop around Oak Park and Glenroy;
- In combination with proposed the Moonee Ponds Express route, has the potential to provide a direct cycle commuting route between Broadmeadows and the CBD, following the Craigieburn railway line and CityLink;
- Requires support and approval from the Department of Transport before the commencement of any works within the rail reserve;

Current role of the Craigieburn Express in the bicycle network

The Craigieburn Express is a new route intended to generate new riding patterns in the north and west of Moreland. The streets near the Craigieburn railway link currently attract cyclist volumes similar to OHea Street prior to the construction of the OHea Street Path.

Council observed significant increases in cycling numbers in Coburg North following extensions of the Upfield Shared Path north of Bell Street and construction of the OHea Street Path. Construction of the Craigieburn Express is expected to create similar growth in cycling in Pascoe Vale, Oak Park and Glenroy.

Future role of the Craigieburn Express in the bicycle network

The Craigieburn Express will create a new walking and cycling route through suburbs that do not currently have access to high quality shared path infrastructure. This route will encourage people to:

- Be more active – the route creates more opportunities for physical activity in suburbs where many residents report that they are not currently getting enough exercise to protect themselves against sedentary lifestyle diseases.
- Go for recreational rides – the route links several shared paths including the Moonee Ponds Creek, Westbreen Creek and Western Ring Road Trails – creating opportunities to go exploring Pascoe Vale, Oak Park and Glenroy by bike.
- Ride to school – the route provides improved access to Strathmore Secondary College, St Francis De Sales School, Victorian College of Koori Education and Penola Co-ed Catholic College.
- Ride to work – the route provides links to employment centres in the City of Hume.
- Ride to shops and local services – the route provides links to Glenroy Activity Centre and can be extended to the Broadmeadows Central Activities District.

The Craigieburn Express is also envisaged to be the first part of a longer shared path (similar to the Upfield Shared Path) that follows the Craigieburn Railway from the Broadmeadows to the CBD and beyond via Moonee Ponds and Essendon.

Actions to construct the Craigieburn Express

The most challenging aspect of constructing the Craigieburn Express route is securing access to the land needed to build a high quality off-street shared path.

The largest parcel of undeveloped land in the corridor is managed by VicTrack and reserved for future railway network expansions. Negotiations to secure land for a shared path are dependent on long term state government plans for railway services in the Craigieburn Corridor.

Securing a lease to use land as an off-street shared path is likely to take some time. As an interim measure, Council will undertake projects that upgrade cycling conditions using surrounding streets. In the longer term, Council intends to replace these on-road links with an off-street path constructed on land adjacent to the railway.

The cost of works to construct Craigieburn Express Stage 1 (on-road bicycle route on low traffic streets and connecting shared paths) is estimated at **\$404,000**.

The cost of additional works to deliver Craigieburn Express Stage 2 (off-street route with pedestrian lights at major intersections) is estimated at **\$2.43 million**.

Advocacy actions

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Estimated Staff Time cost (staff days)	Responsibility
CE20	<p>Advocate for Hume City Council to extend the Craigieburn Express route further north by constructing a path linking Electric Street with Railway Crescent, Broadmeadows.</p> <p>This extension links the Craigieburn Express route to Broadmeadows train station and walking routes around the Broadmeadows Central Activities District.</p>	N/A	10	Councillors, Transport Team
CE21	<p>Encourage the City of Moonee Valley to extend the Craigieburn Express route further south by constructing a path adjacent to Strathmore Secondary College linking the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail to Pascoe Avenue, Strathmore.</p> <p>This extension links the Craigieburn Express Route to quiet streets that follow the Craigieburn Railway to Essendon, Moonee Ponds and Ascot Vale Activity Centres.</p>	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team
CE22	<p>Working with the cities of Moonee Valley and Hume, advocate for the state government to reserve a corridor of land from Broadmeadows to the CBD adjacent to Craigieburn Railway for use as a shared path.</p>	N/A	100	Councillors, Transport Team

Highest priority projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
CE1	Identify land access requirements and develop a path design for a 5 km off-street shared path within the Craigieburn rail reserve, running from the Western Ring Road to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail. This is a Stage 2 project.	50	Short	SmartRoads
CE2	Construct a 130m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path with retaining walls and public lighting between Hayes Parade and Gaffney Street. This path provides runs adjacent to Pascoe Vale Railway Station, and provides access to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail via Hayes Parade). This is a Stage 1 project.	97	Short	
CE11	Install cyclist and pedestrian direction signs along the Craigieburn Express route. This is a Stage 1 project.	10	Short	
CE6	Secure land access, design and construct a 400m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path with retaining walls and public lighting between Devon Rd and Station Road. This path runs adjacent St Francis De Sales Primary School and Oak Park Railway Station. This is a Stage 1 project.	297	Short	Works could be competed as condition of subdivision and development of 80 Devon Road.

Long term projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
CE3	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Craigieburn express path and Gaffney Street. This is a Stage 2 project.	200	Long	SmartRoads
CE4	Construct a 1 km long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path between Gaffney St and Devon Road on the west side of the Craigieburn Rail line. Construction of this path will also require installation of public lighting and safety fencing. This is a Stage 2 project	600	Long	SmartRoads
CE5	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Craigieburn express path and Devon Road. This is a Stage 2 project	200	Long	SmartRoads
CE8	Construct a 1 km long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path between Devon Road and Glenroy Road - running on the west side of the Craigieburn Rail from Devon Road to a pedestrian underpass near Currajong St then running on the east side to Glenroy Road. Construction of this path will also require installation of public lighting and safety fencing. This is a Stage 2 project	600	Long	SmartRoads
CE10	Construct a 1.3 km long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path between Glenroy Road and Western Ring Road on the east side of the Craigieburn Rail line. Construction of this path will also require installation of public lighting and safety fencing. This is a Stage 2 project.	772	Long	SmartRoads
CE12	As part of broader bicycle signage strategy, install shared path code of conduct signs along the Craigieburn Express route that encourage: Cyclists to ring their warning bells; Cyclists to slow down near groups of pedestrians; Dog walkers to keep their pet under control. This is stage 2 project	5	Long	