

The Upfield Shared Path:

- Is a 10 km, largely off-road shared path running adjacent to the Upfield railway line from Royal Park, Parkville in the Melbourne CBD to Sages Road, Fawkner;
- Links to the Capital City Trail to provide connections to many inner city suburbs;
- Provides a direct north–south link through much of the municipality and provides an off-street route to the Brunswick and Coburg Activity Centres;
- Is approaching capacity limits. During the morning commuter peak the path becomes congested, and this detracts from the cycling experience;
- Includes large sections running through land administered by VicTrack, the state government railway asset management organisation. State government plans to expand the rail network, or develop VicTrack managed lands, are likely to significantly impact on operations of this path.

Current role of the Upfield Shared Path in the bicycle network

The Upfield Shared Path is the main north-south route for cyclists looking for a route that offers a high level of separation from motorised traffic. Recent expansions north of Bell Street have provided an attractive cycling route for residents of Coburg North and Hadfield. This has increased cyclist volumes through the Coburg Activity Centre and given rise to calls for upgrades of the crossing at Munro and Harding Streets.

This path attracts thousands of bicycle movements each day, and it is reaching capacity limits in parts of Brunswick. During the morning peak, the crossing at Brunswick Road becomes congested, and it can take more than one cycle of pedestrian lights to clear waiting cyclists from the Upfield Path–Brunswick Road intersection.

The Upfield Shared Path is also the main route for pedestrians heading to and from city bound trains. Many railway stations exit directly on to the Upfield Shared Path, and this can create difficulties when cyclists ride past railway stations at high speed or distracted pedestrians walk on to the path without first looking for bikes.

Future role of the Upfield Shared Path in the bicycle network

Council intends to extend the Upfield Shared Path to the Western Ring Road and encourages the City of Hume to extend the Upfield Shared Path further north, eventually creating a route that extends beyond suburban Melbourne. These extensions will encourage people to:

- Take recreational bike trips, by creating cycling loops involving the Upfield Corridor, Merri and Moonee Ponds Creeks and Western Road Trails. Linking the Western Ring road to Upfield Line Railway stations will also create improved connections to cycling trails in the north of the municipality.
- Commute to work by bike, by creating alternatives to riding on Sydney Road and the Hume Highway to access jobs in the City of Hume.
- Use bikes for transport trips, by creating links to places of interest, such as the Campbellfield shopping centre and the Broadmeadows Central Activities District.

Congestion along the Upfield Shared Path is expected to grow as more people choose to ride and make greater use of Upfield train services.

To address this in the short to medium term, Council will seek to widen the path wherever possible. In the longer term Council will work with the state government and adjoining landowners to secure additional land for path widening works to create additional capacity and address current sight line constraints.

Council will also identify and construct additional north-south routes that act as an alternative to the current Upfield corridor.

Alternative north-south route options include:

- Upgrades to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail to make it more suitable for high-volume commuter cyclist use.
- A new on-road route via the back streets of Hadfield and Brunswick West, which creates a new link to the City following the 55 tram route through Royal Park.
- Upgrades to cycling facilities along Sydney Road.
- “Shimmy” routes through Central and Brunswick East.

Actions to improve the Upfield Shared Path

Upgrades to the Upfield Shared Path seek to:

- Construct a continuous off-road shared path following the Upfield railway line from the Capital City Trail to the Western Ring Road Trail;
- Construct a path that supports a mix of pedestrian movements to and from railway stations and significant commuter cyclist volumes;
- Upgrade intersection treatments where the path meets the road network to improve safety and give greater priority to movements along the Upfield Shared Path;
- Improve sight lines;
- Improve the riding experience by reducing gradients and upgrading the path surface;
- Address safety perceptions by upgrading lighting and the interface with surrounding buildings.

To achieve this, Council proposes projects totalling an **estimated \$8.3 million**. These projects include works that:

- Link the Upfield Shared Path to the Western Ring Road Trail – **Estimated cost: \$2 million;**
- Progressively widen the Upfield Path to 3.0 metres or greater, and create cyclist bypass lanes that physically separate cyclists from pedestrians walking to and from the railway station- **Estimated cost: \$1.5 million;**
- Install public lighting along the length of the Upfield Shared Path (subject to approval from the Department of Transport) to improve path user safety. Lights will include features to minimise greenhouse gas emissions – **Estimated cost: \$1.5 million;**
- Construct new paths to move the Upfield Shared Path off the road, creating an off-street path for the whole length of the route – **Estimated cost: \$1 million;**
- Install pedestrian controlled traffic lights at each intersection along the Upfield Shared Path and program these to provide a wave of green lights for cycle commuters – **Estimated cost: \$2 million;**
- Other improvements, including upgrades to fencing between the path and the railway tracks: - **Estimated cost: \$0.3 million.**

These works are detailed below.

Advocacy Actions

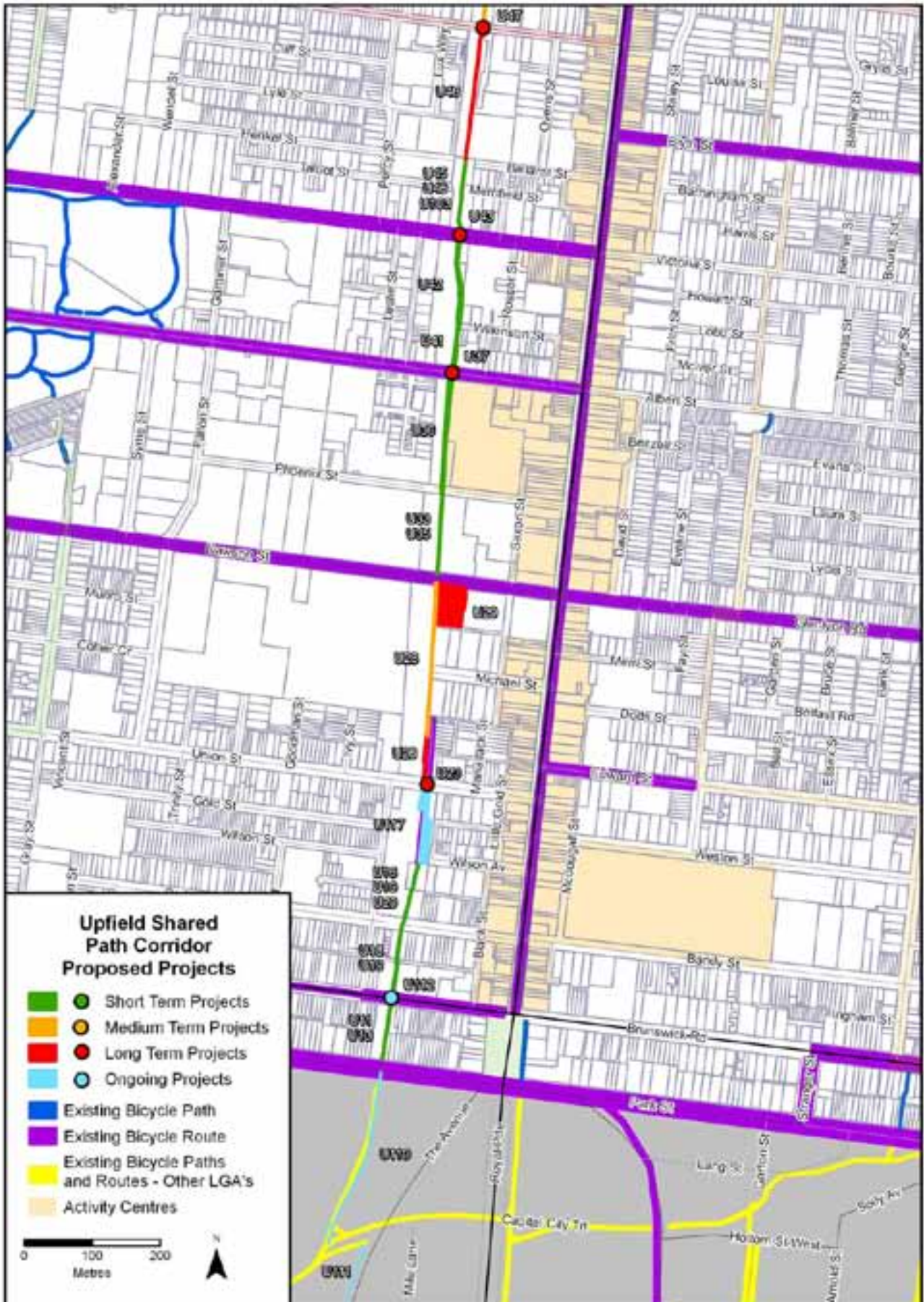
Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Estimated Staff Time cost (staff days)	Responsibility
U110	Advocate for the City of Melbourne to reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path (Park Street to Capital City Trail) as a 135m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path. This would include advocating for upgraded fencing adjacent to the railway line and new public lighting.	N/A	50	Councillors, Transport Team
U111	Encourage the City of Melbourne to upgrade a goat track path running between the Upfield Shared Path and The Avenue, Parkville into a concrete shared path. This path creates an alternative backstreet route to the University of Melbourne and nearby hospitals.	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team

U112	Encourage VicRoads and the train operator to reprogram the crossing signals at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Brunswick Road in Brunswick, to better balance bicycle wait times.	N/A	100	Councillors, Transport Team
U113	Work with VicRoads and the train operator to reprogram pedestrian lights at Bell Street, Coburg, to co-ordinate with Upfield Shared Path user wait times.	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team
U114	Encourage the Department of Transport and train operators to upgrade the Upfield Shared Path near Jewell Railway Station. These should seek to provide a cyclist bypass, create clear access paths for pedestrians, and improve drainage in the station car park	N/A	10	Councillors, Transport Team
U116	Encourage train operators to construct a cyclist and pedestrian access path linking the eastern and western sections of Victoria Street, Coburg (near Coburg Railway Station). This could involve: An upgrade to the existing underpass. (Construct as a 3.0m shared path with improved sightlines at the intersection with the Upfield Shared Path). An at-grade crossing included as part of the Coburg Subway proposal recommended by The Coburg Initiative.	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team, Strategic Planning Unit
U117	Encourage the state government to clearly mark Jewel Railway Station car park as a shared use zone used by pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.	N/A	10	Councillors, Transport Team
U118	Encourage the state government to remove all bollards located on railway land leased for use as the Upfield Shared Path.	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team
U119	Encourage the City of Hume to extend the Upfield Shared Path further north.	N/A	20	Councillors, Transport Team

Upfield Path: A Whole Path

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U1	Work with VicTrack to identify land required for rail operations, and land that is potentially available for path widening projects.	20	Short	SmartRoads
U2	Work with VicTrack to consolidate the various land agreements governing the Upfield Shared Path into a single lease affecting all path land between Park St and the Western Ring Rd.	20	Short	SmartRoads
U8	Install cyclist and pedestrian way-finding signs along the Upfield Shared Path.	20	Short	SmartRoads
U101	As part of broader bicycle signage strategy, install shared path code of conduct' signs along the Upfield Shared Path that encourage: Cyclists to ring their bell; Cyclists to slow down near groups of pedestrians; Dog walkers to keep their pet under control	5	Short	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path to Brunswick South – Capital City Trail to Hope Street



Highest priority projects

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U13	Install public lighting along 100m of the Upfield Shared Path between Park Street and Brunswick Road. New lights will illuminate the path to AS1158.1 standard.	23	Short	SmartRoads
U19	Replace 130m of safety fencing between the Upfield Shared Path and the railway line between Brunswick Road and Jewell Railway Station.	38	Short	SmartRoads
U20	Widen the Upfield Shared Path between Barkly Street and Wilson Avenue (Jewell Station) by constructing a 100m long, 3.0m wide concrete shared path. Project may involve construction of a retaining wall.	60	Short	SmartRoads
U33	Install public lighting along a 120m section of Upfield Shared Path between Dawson (Glenlyon) and Phoenix Streets. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	28	Short	SmartRoads
U35	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Dawson and Phoenix Streets, Brunswick (next to Brunswick Baths) as a 120m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path. This project includes relocation of safety fencing.	53	Short	SmartRoads
U36	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Phoenix and Albert Streets, Brunswick (opposite Brunswick Woolworths) as a 160m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path.	80	Short	SmartRoads
U41	Construct a 60m long x 3.0m wide section of the Upfield Shared Path between Albert and Wilkinson Streets (behind the Railway Hotel) on the eastern side of the railway. These works include an upgrade to drainage.	50	Short	SmartRoads
U42	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Wilkinson and Victoria Streets east of Brunswick Railway Station. These works are to include new 120m x 2m concrete path for bicycle traffic and a separate 120m x 2m path for pedestrians accessing the railway station.	105	Short	SmartRoads
U45	Straighten the Upfield Shared Path on the north side of Victoria Street (adjacent to 319 Victoria Street and 15 Merrifield Street, Brunswick). This project removes an existing dog-leg and may require redesign of the existing pedestrian railway crossing fencing.	50	Short	SmartRoads

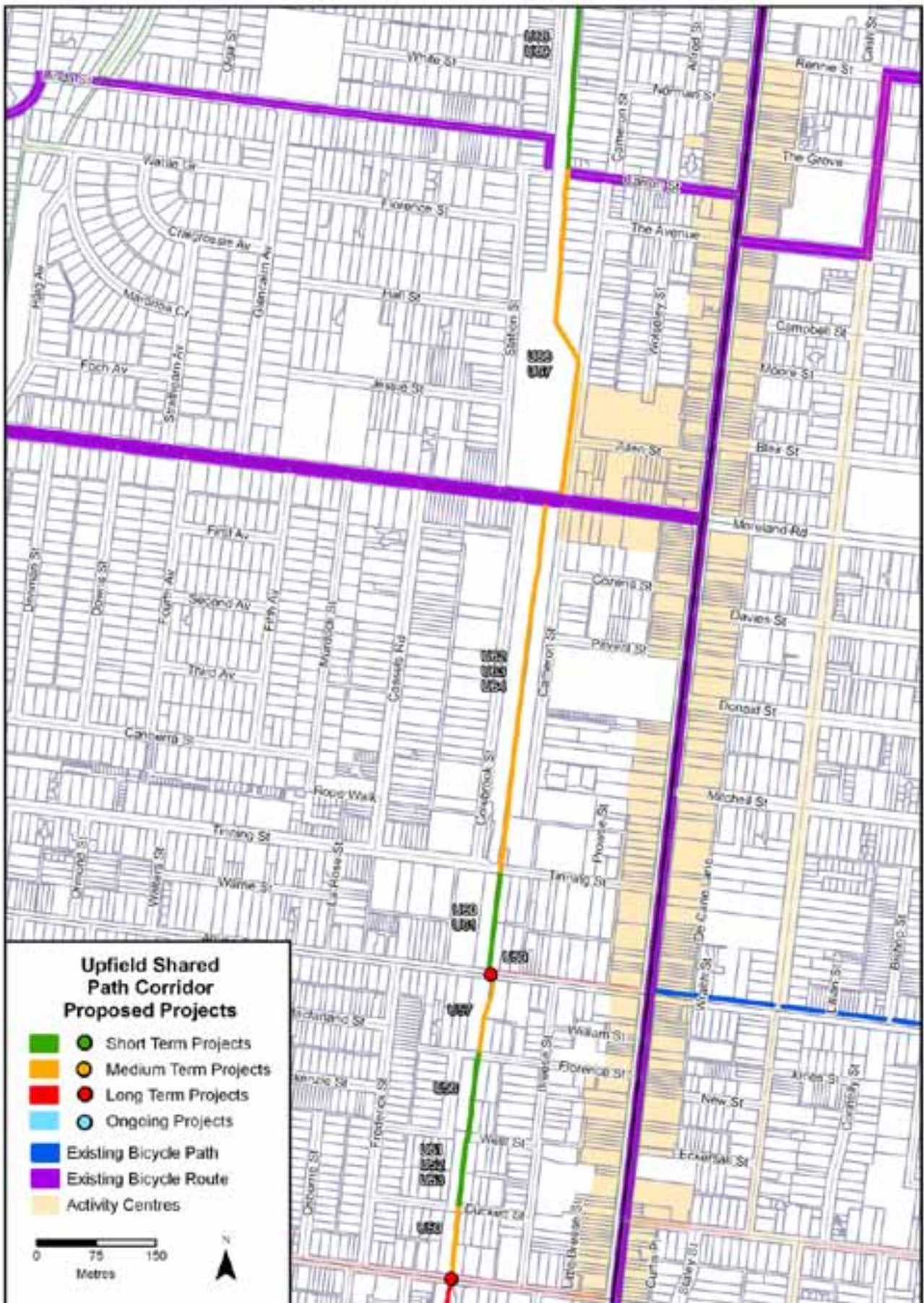
Medium priority projects

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U11	<p>Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Park Street and Brunswick Road as a 100m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path.</p> <p>This project replaces the asphalt path with concrete, widens the path by 0.5m, requires a revised land agreement with VicTrack, and the relocation of existing fencing.</p>	45	Medium	SmartRoads
U18	<p>Install public lighting along the 310m section of Upfield Shared Path between Brunswick Road and Jewell Railway Station. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.</p>	71	Medium	SmartRoads
U28	<p>Install public lighting along the 195m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Railway Place, Brunswick and Dawson Street (Glenlyon Road). New lights will light path to AS1158.1 standard.</p>	64	Medium	SmartRoads

Long term projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U23	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of Union Street and Railway Place, Brunswick.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U26	Construct a 75m long x 3.0m concrete off-road shared path adjacent to Railway Place, Brunswick. This project includes installation of safety fencing, and will address a drainage issue at this location.	26	Long	SmartRoads
U29	Reconstruct the Council car park at 7-11 Dawson Street, Brunswick to widen the Upfield Shared Path.	100	Long	SmartRoads
U37	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Albert Street, Brunswick.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U43	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Victoria Street, Brunswick.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U103	Widen Upfield Shared Path between Ballarat and Victoria Streets (105m) as part of any redevelopment of 319 Victoria Street to 15 Merrifield Street. This project includes lighting and fencing.	62	Long	SmartRoads
U46	Install public lighting along the 295m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Victoria and Hope Streets. These lights require the consent of adjoining land owners, and consent of the train operators as lights have the potential to dazzle train drivers.	68	Long	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path at Brunswick North – Hope Street to Reynard Street



Highest priority projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U52	Replace 91m of safety fencing between the Upfield Shared Path and the railway line between Duckett and West Streets.	16	Short	SmartRoads
U56	Install public lighting along 107m of the Upfield Shared Path between West and Florence Streets.	25	Short	SmartRoads
U60	Reconstruct 120m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Albion and Tinning Streets. This project will also widen the path to 3.0m, build a retaining wall, safety fencing and a ramp to remove a steep section of path on the north side of Albion Street.	40	Short	SmartRoads
U61	Install public lighting along the 120m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Albion and Tinning Streets. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	28	Short	SmartRoads
U69	Install public lighting along the 330m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Carron Street and Reynard Road. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	76	Short	SmartRoads

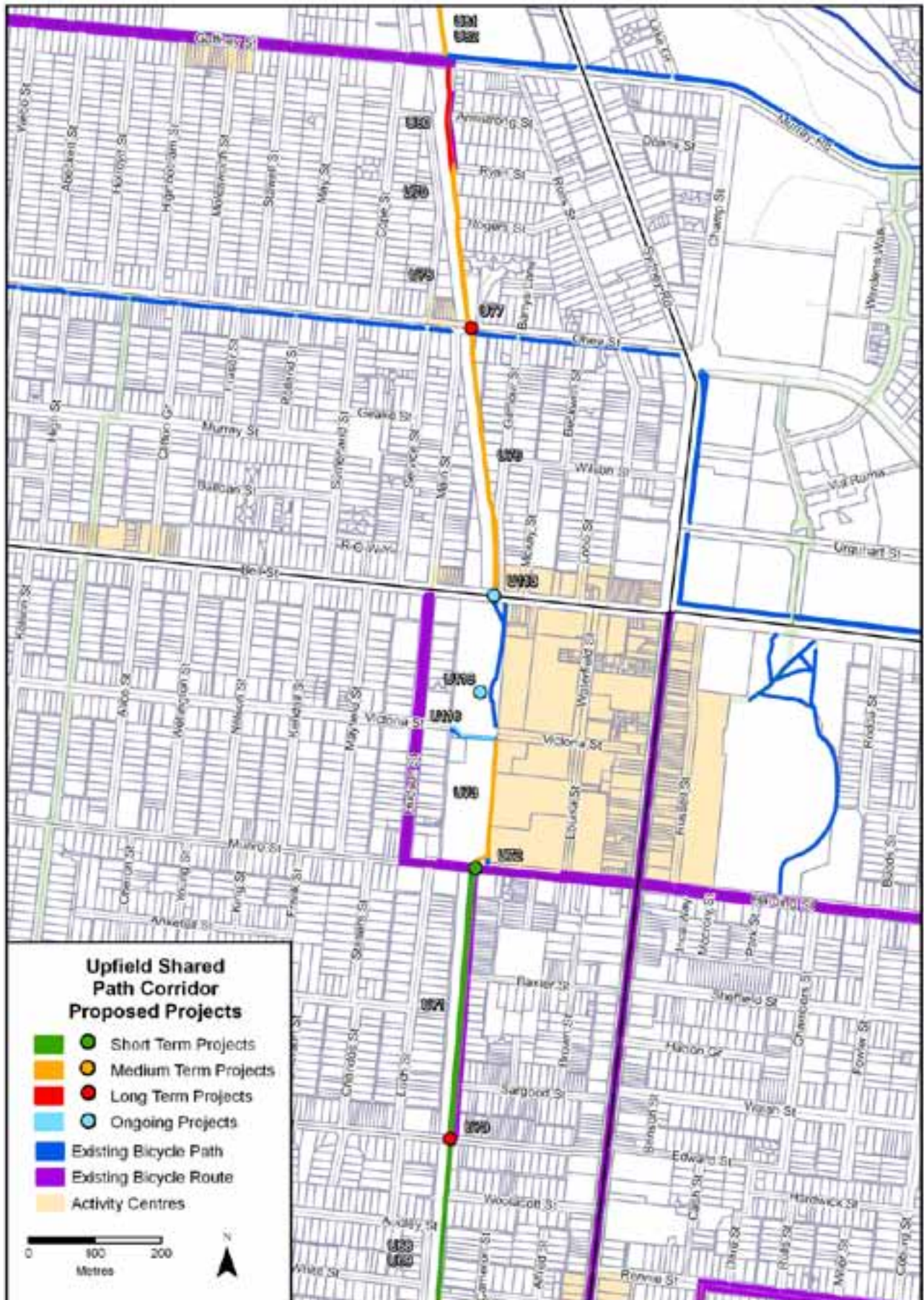
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U50	Install safety fencing and public lighting along the 85m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Hope and Duckett Streets. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	30	Medium	SmartRoads
U51	Investigate opportunities to acquire access to land and reconstruct (widen) the Upfield Shared Path between Duckett and West Streets, Brunswick (adjacent to 12 Duckett St and 11 West St) as a 91m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path.	20	Medium	SmartRoads
U53	Install public lighting along the 91m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Duckett and West Streets. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	21	Medium	SmartRoads
U57	Investigate opportunities to acquire access to land and reconstruct (widen) the Upfield Shared Path between Florence and Albion streets, Brunswick (adjacent to 8 Florence Street, 216 Albion Street and Anstey Railway Station) as a 92m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path.	46	Medium	SmartRoads
U62	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Tinning Street and Moreland Road as a 470m long x 3.0m wide concrete path. This project replaces an existing 2.5m asphalt path.	162	Medium	Project could be completed as part of VicTrack sale and redevelopment of site.
U63	Replace 470m of safety fencing between the Upfield Shared Path and the railway line between Tinning Street and Moreland Road.	85	Medium	SmartRoads
U64	Install public lighting along the 470m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Tinning Street and Moreland Road. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	108	Medium	SmartRoads
U67	Install public lighting along 420m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Moreland Road and Carron Street. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	97	Medium	SmartRoads

Long term projects

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U47	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Hope Street, Brunswick.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U55	Replace 107m of safety fencing between the Upfield Shared Path and the railway line between West and Florence Streets.	19	Long	SmartRoads
U59	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Albion Street, Brunswick.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U66	Reconstruct a 420m section of the Upfield Shared Path from Moreland Road to Carron Street, Coburg, so it is 3.0m wide and constructed in concrete.	147	Long	SmartRoads
U68	Reconstruct a 330m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Carron and Reynard Streets, Coburg.	59	Long	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path to Coburg – Reynard Street to Gaffney Street



Highest Priority Projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U71	Construct a new 390m long x 3.0m off-street concrete shared path between Reynard and Munro Streets, adjacent to Railway Place, Coburg. This project moves an on-road section of the Upfield Shared Path off the streets.	173	Short	SmartRoads
U72	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Munro (Harding) Street, Coburg.	200	Short	SmartRoads

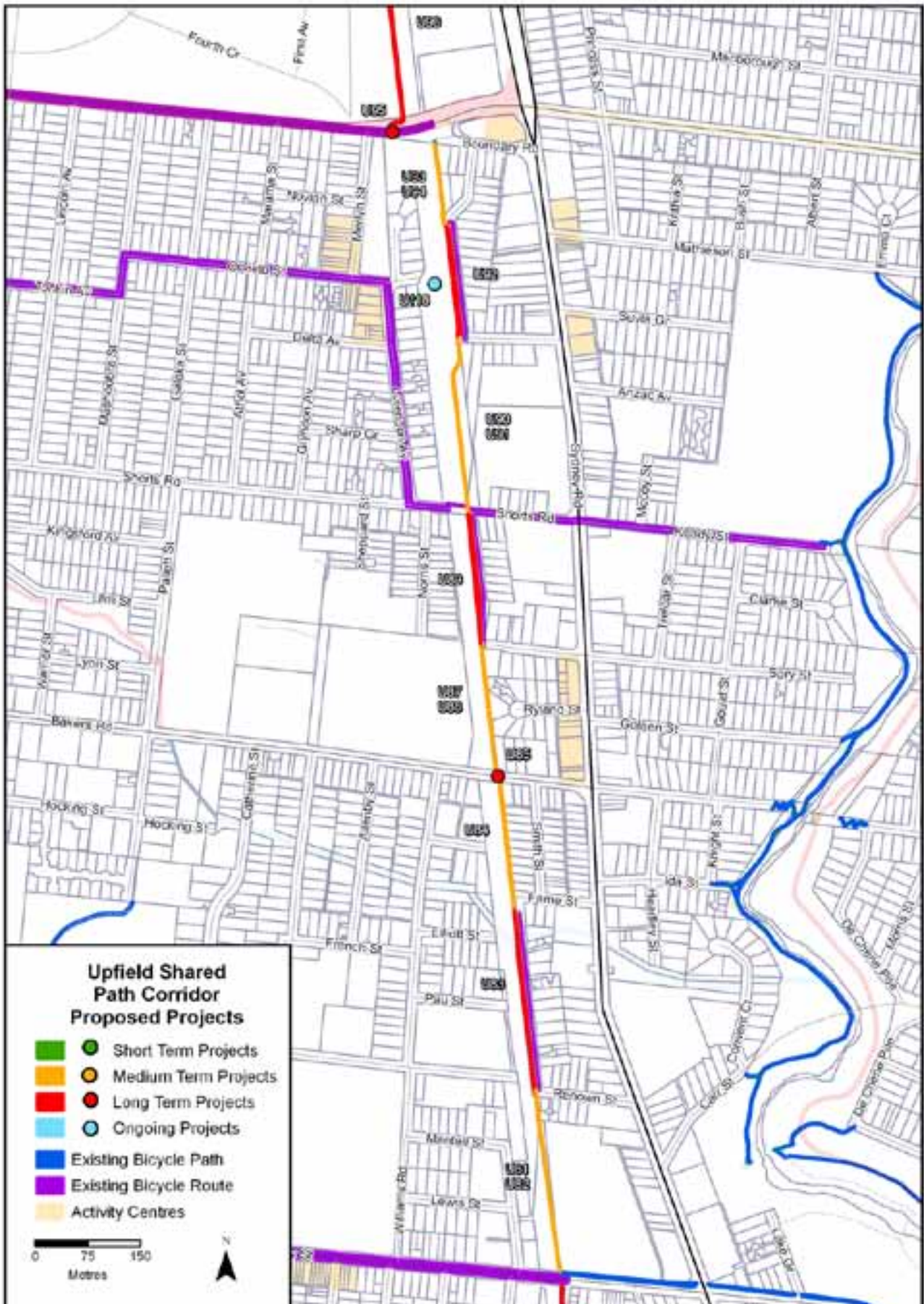
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U73	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Munro (Harding) and Victoria Streets, Coburg (behind Dan Murphys), as a 200m long x 3.0m wide concrete shared path. This project will also re-align the path to create a clear crossing point near Railway Place.	113	Medium	SmartRoads
U76	Install public lighting along the 390m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Bell and OHea Streets. New lights will illuminate the path to AS1158.1 standard.	90	Medium	SmartRoads

Long term projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U70	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Reynard Street, Coburg.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U77	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and OHea Street, Coburg North.	200	Long	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path at Coburg North — Gaffney Street to Boundary Road



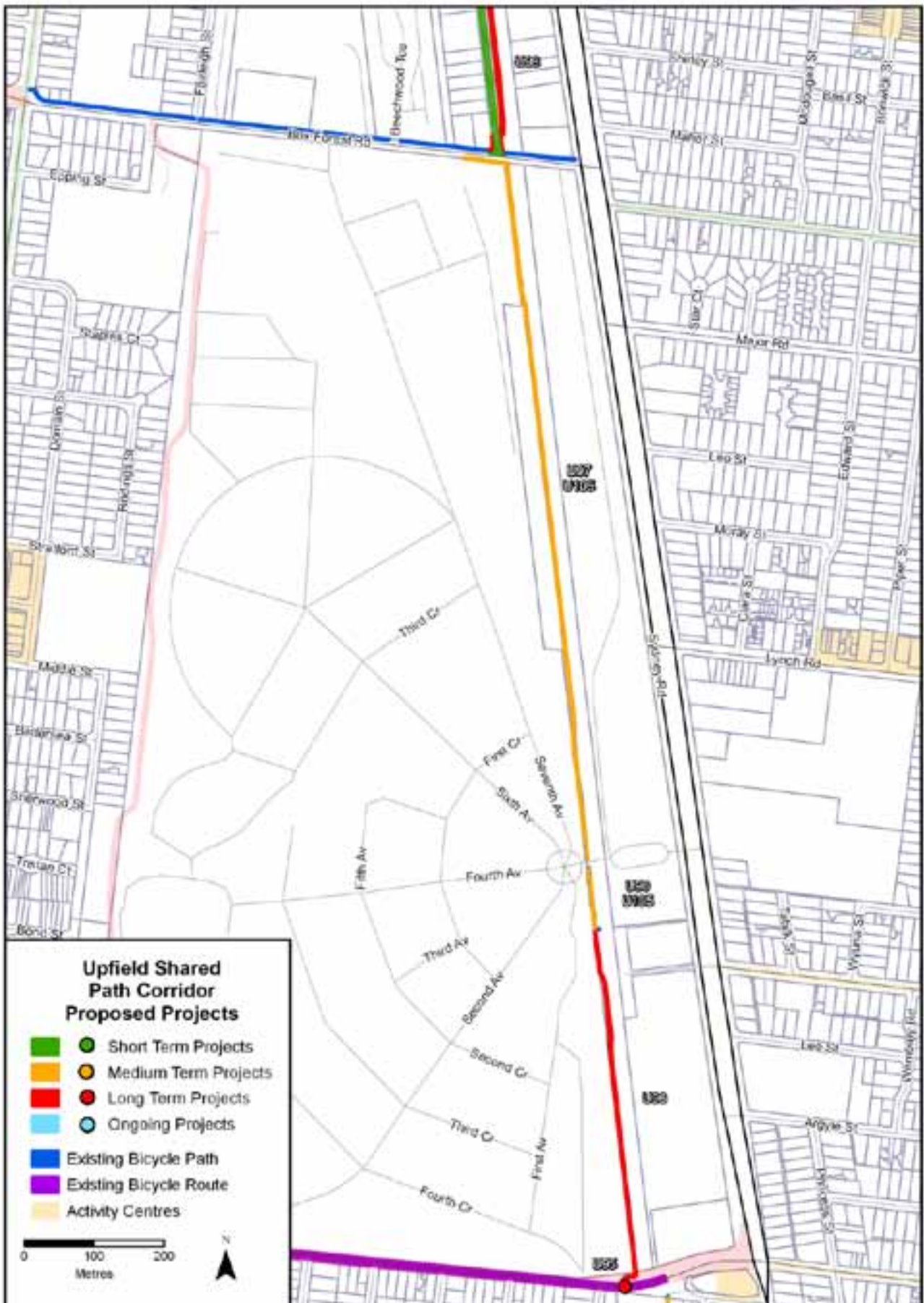
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U78	Install public lighting along the 155m section of the Upfield Shared Path between OHea and Rogers Streets. New lights will illuminate the path to AS1158.1 standard.	36	Medium	SmartRoads
U79	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Rogers and Ryan Streets, Coburg North, as a 70m x 3.0m concrete shared path. The project includes installation of public lighting to AS1158.1 standard.	41	Medium	SmartRoads
U81	Widen the Upfield Shared Path in the 265m section between Gaffney and Renown Streets, Coburg North (near Batman railway station).	157	Medium	SmartRoads
U82	Install public lighting along a 265m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Gaffney and Renown Street, Coburg North. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	61	Medium	SmartRoads
U84	Install public lighting along a 160m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Renown Street and Bakers Road, Coburg North. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	37	Medium	SmartRoads
U88	Install public lighting along a 175m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Bakers Road and Spry Street, Coburg North. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	41	Medium	SmartRoads
U91	Install public lighting along a 235m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Shorts Road and Plaisted Street. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	54	Medium	SmartRoads
U94	Install public lighting along a 125m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Bain Avenue and Boundary Road. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	29	Medium	SmartRoads

Long term projects

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U80	Construct a 160m long x 3.0m concrete off-road shared path between Ryan and Gaffney Streets, adjacent to Batman Avenue, Coburg North. This project moves an on-road section of Upfield Shared Path off the street.	71	Long	SmartRoads
U83	Construct a 280m long x 3.0m wide new off-road shared path in concrete, adjacent to Renown Street, Coburg North. This project moves an on-road section of the Upfield Shared Path off the street.	125	Long	SmartRoads
U85	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Bakers Road, Coburg North.	200	Long	SmartRoads
U87	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Bakers Road and Spry Street, Coburg North, as a 175m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-road shared path. Project widens existing path by 0.5m.	78	Long	SmartRoads
U89	Construct a 190m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path between Spry Street and Shorts Road, adjacent to Ararat Avenue, Coburg North. This project moves an on-road section of the Upfield Shared Path off the street.	84	Long	SmartRoads
U90	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Shorts Road and Plaisted Street, Coburg North, as a 240m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path. This project widens an existing concrete path by 0.5m.	82	Long	SmartRoads
U92	Construct a 180m long x 3.0m concrete off-street shared path running adjacent to Bain Avenue, Coburg North). This project moves an on-road section of Upfield Shared Path off the street.	80	Long	SmartRoads
U93	Reconstruct the Upfield Shared Path between Bain Avenue and Boundary Road, Coburg North, as a 125m long x 3.0m concrete off-street shared path.	43	Long	SmartRoads
U95	Install pedestrian operated lights at the intersection of the Upfield Shared Path and Boundary Road, Hadfield.	200	Long	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path at Western Ring Road precinct – Boundary Road to Box Forest Road



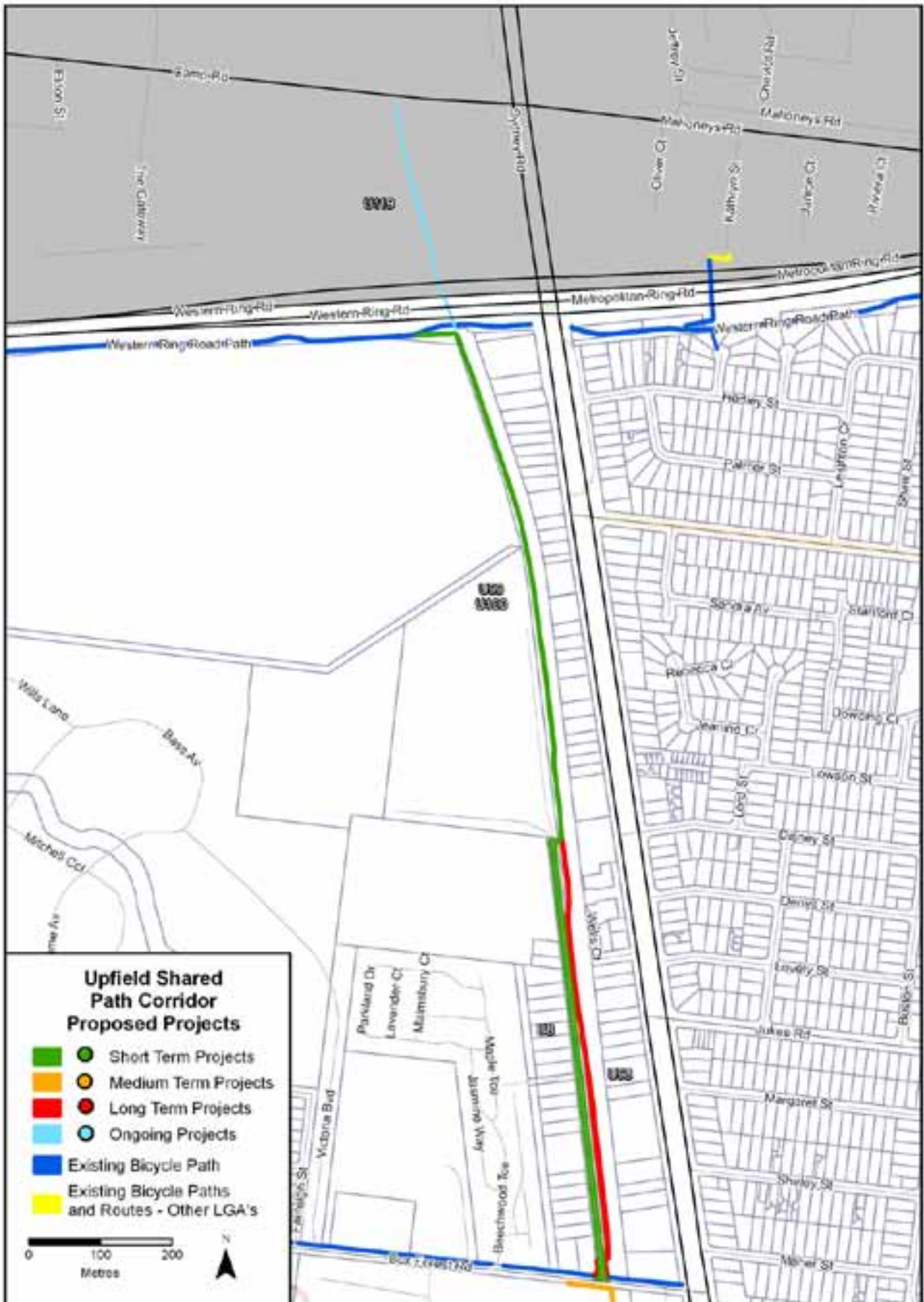
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U105	Modify the Upfield Shared Path adjacent to Fawkner cemetery to improve drainage.	100	Medium	SmartRoads

Long term projects

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U96	Install public lighting along a 595m section of the Upfield Shared Path between Boundary Road and Fawkner Cemetery Entrance. New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	137	Long	SmartRoads
U97	Install public lighting along a 1 km section of the Upfield Shared Path between Fawkner Cemetery entrance and Box Forest Road (Hilton Street). New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.	230	Long	SmartRoads

Upfield Shared Path at Western Ring Road precinct – Box Forest Road to Western Ring Road



Highest priority projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U99	<p>Secure land agreement and construct a 760m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path from Sages Road, Hadfield to the Western Ring Road Trail.</p> <p>This project links the Upfield Shared Path with the Western Ring Road Trail.</p> <p>Project includes construction of bridge (or culverts) for drainage.</p>	1,950	Short	SmartRoads

Long term projects

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
U98	<p>Construct a 630m long x 3.0m wide concrete off-street shared path adjacent to Sages Road, Hadfield.</p> <p>This project constructs a northern extension of the Upfield Shared Path, past Gowrie Railway Station, as an off-street path.</p>	374	Medium	SmartRoads
U100	<p>Install public lighting along a 760m section of the Upfield Shared Path linking Sages Road, Hadfield, to the Western Ring Road Trail.</p> <p>New lights will illuminate path to AS1158.1 standard.</p>	213	Long	SmartRoads