



The Merlynston Creek:

- Is an intermittent creek running alongside the Western Ring Road, near Morley Street, Hadfield, to the Merri Creek near Carr Street, Coburg North. The land along the creek includes a mix of parkland and low-intensity industrial uses;
- Has potential as a future cycling off-street route as it provides links to the Upfield, OHea Street and Western Ring Road cycling routes.

Role of Merlynston Creek Trail in bike path network

This route provides an off-street cycling trail to residents of Coburg North and Pascoe Vale.

In the longer term, this trail offers the potential to fill a gap in the off-street trail network by extending further north into Hadfield.

Delivering the Merlynston Creek Trail

Developing the Merlynston Creek Route as a useful corridor in the Moreland bicycle network will require the support of nearby landholders.

Works to construct a shared path in existing open space areas total nearly **\$1.8 million** and will create an off-street cycling route between Bakers and Boundary Road.

Advocacy actions

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Estimated Staff Time cost (staff days)	Responsibility
MY3	Investigate opportunities to secure access to the Melbourne Water easement running through industrial land between Bakers Road and the Upfield Railway as a potential bicycle route.	N/A	100	Transport, Strategic Planning, Councillors
MY5	Work with Fawkner Cemetery Trust to develop a concept plan for a shared pathway on the western bank of the Merlynston creek (either a short route running parallel to Sussex St, or a longer route to Box Forest Road)	N/A	50	Transport, Strategic Planning, Councillors

Long term actions

Project ID	Project Description	Estimated Cost (\$,000s)	Time scale	Eligible for External Funding?
MY2	Design and construct a 3.0m wide x 560m long concrete shared path between Bakers Road and Shorts Road, Coburg North, running through Sanger Reserve.	1,760	Long	Unlikely – unless route recognised as part of Principal Bicycle Network
MY6	Install cyclist and pedestrian way-finding signs along the Merlynston Creek route – including direction information to Coburg Velodrome, Sussex Street neighbourhood activity centre, East Street Neighbourhood Activity Centre and Merlynston Railway Station.	5	Long	Unlikely – unless route recognised as part of Principal Bicycle Network