



Artist's impression of the proposed O'Keefe Street Velobridge, Woolloongabba.

Veloway 1

O'Keefe Street Velobridge

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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to creating a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone and supporting the development of liveable regions and active cities.

A velobridge at O'Keefe Street will remove the need for north/south Veloway 1 (V1) bike riders to cross at the lights both east and west of the Pacific Motorway on O'Keefe Street. This will reduce pauses in traffic flow from bike riders crossing O'Keefe Street, allowing them to continue along the V1.

Ramp access to the velobridge from the southern side will be constructed on TMR road reserve. The area is currently used as a pedestrian pathway and is constrained by the Pacific Motorway to the east, and private properties to the west of the site.

Community consultation

Community engagement took place in May 2021. Consultation included meetings with elected representatives, active transport groups and community information sessions.

Around 5000 newsletters were delivered to properties, and TMR received around 32 pieces of feedback. The majority of feedback was in support of the project and many believed it would improve bike rider safety and connectivity in the area.

Some of the other key themes from the feedback included opposition to removal of the northern access ramp, enquiries on design features and other suggested improvements to the network.

Please see the last page for more details on the community consultation.

Next steps

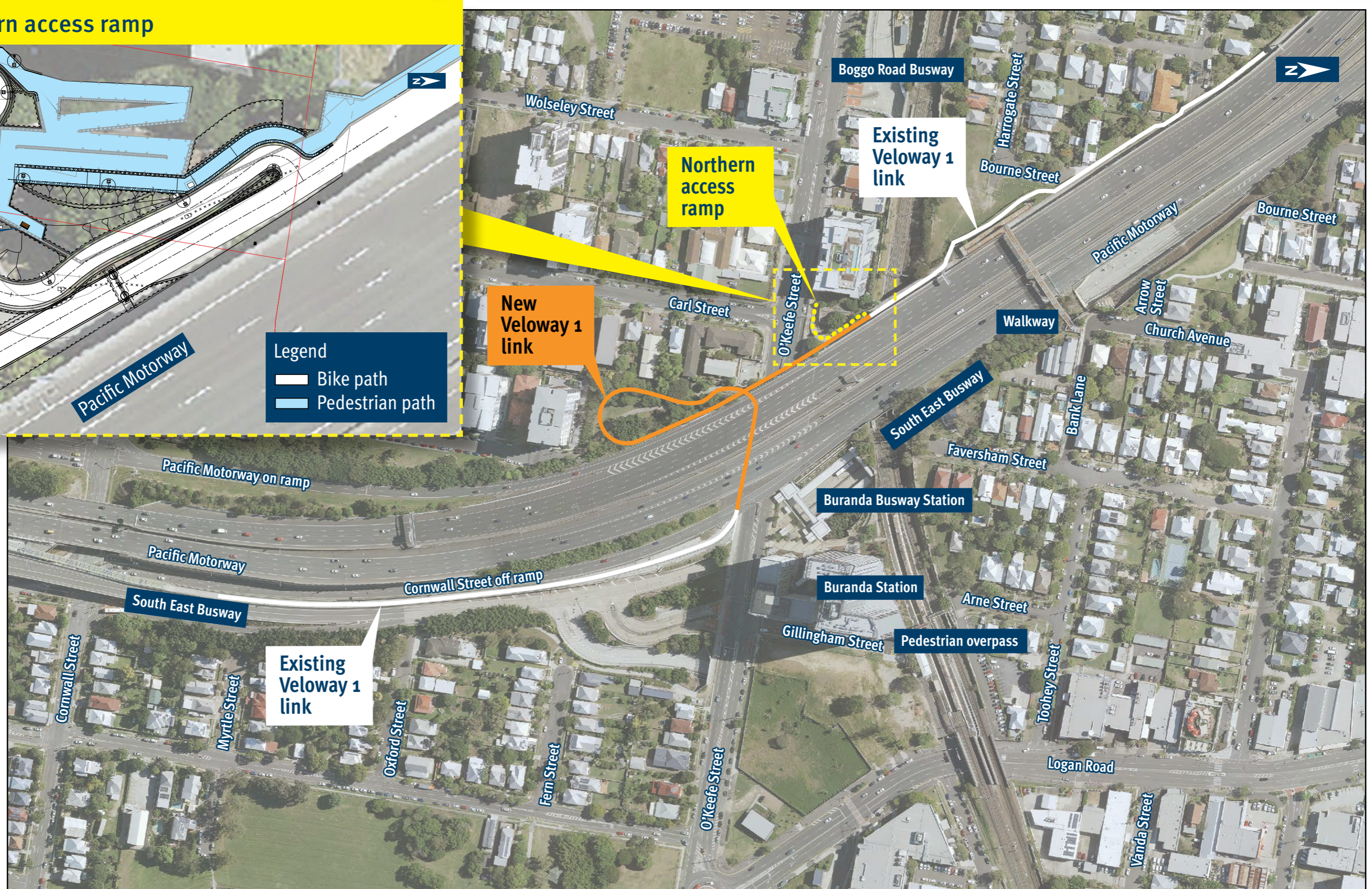
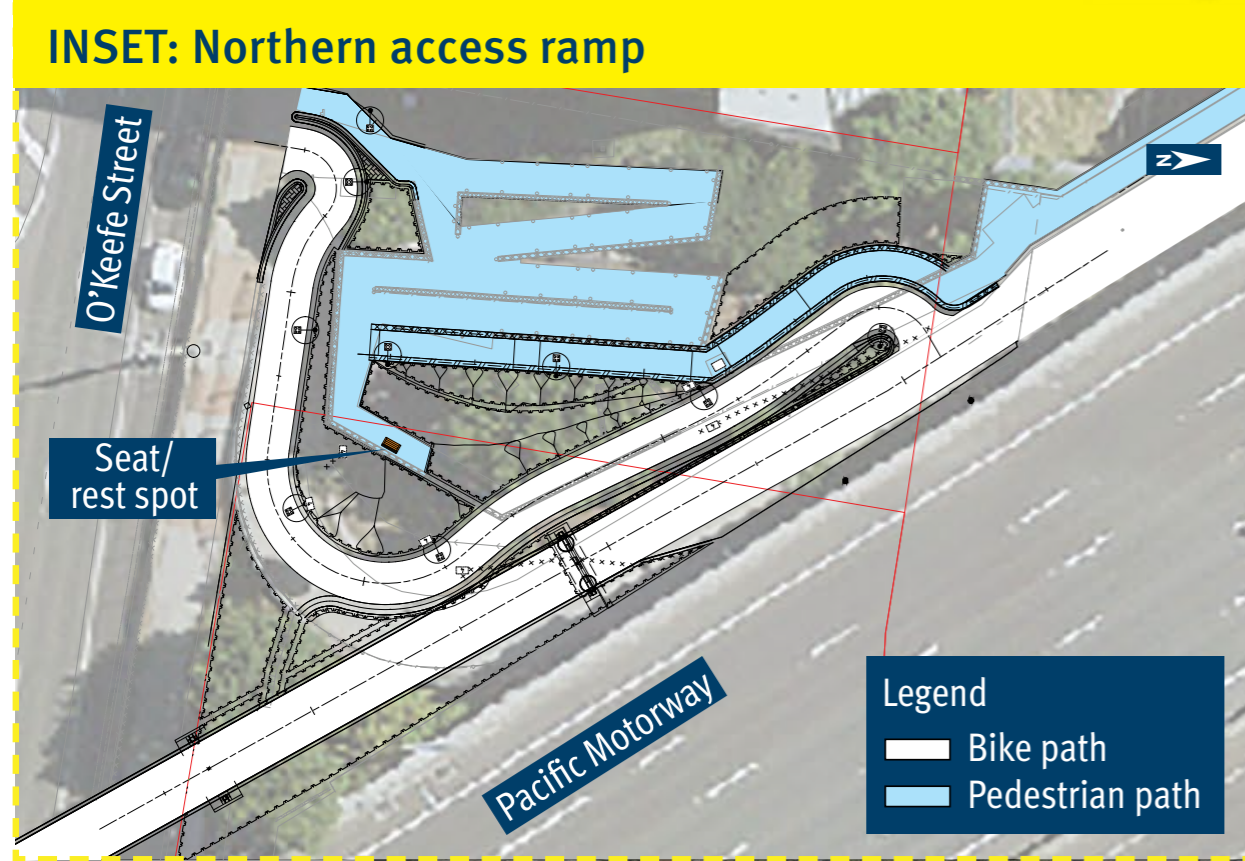
TMR has amended the final project design to include the northern access ramp (see map overleaf). Including this ramp addresses community and stakeholder feedback to retain bike rider access to local amenities and addresses subsequent safety concerns around road crossings that would be required without the ramp.

Early works have commenced. Construction is expected to commence in late 2022 and be completed in late 2023, subject to weather and conditions.



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Community consultation

TMR undertook community consultation on the proposed O'Keefe Street Velobridge from early to late May 2021. This consultation consisted of:

- in-person meetings with local elected representatives at the Greenslopes Electorate Office, the South Brisbane Electorate Office and Brisbane City Council's Coorparoo Electorate Office
- in-person meetings with active transport groups including Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group (Brisbane CBD BUG), Easy and Sustainable Transport Bicycle User Group (EaST BUG), Space4CyclingBNE as well as Bicycle Queensland
- community information sessions held in early May 2021 at Buranda Village Shopping Centre and Stones Corner Library Courtyard
- a telephone number, postal address and Metropolitan Region email address for community to provide feedback
- social media posts to promote the project and community information sessions
- a letterbox notification delivered to the local community to update them on the project and invite them to take part in the consultation period. Around 5000 newsletters were delivered to residents and businesses in the area.

Key feedback themes

The key recurring themes identified in the community feedback were:

- **Support for the project**
Majority of feedback was in support of the project and many believed it would improve bike rider safety and connectivity in the area.
- **Opposition to removal of the northern access ramp**
A key issue that was identified was opposition to the proposed removal of the existing access ramp on the northern side of O'Keefe Street. Several stakeholders requested for this to be retained and believed that removing the ramp would result in bike riders doing additional road crossings and subsequent safety concerns.
- **Design features**
Several stakeholders enquired on various design features such as the gradient, path width and so on.
- **Other suggested improvements to the network outside the project scope**
Some stakeholders used the consultation period to express ideas and suggestions to TMR for other improvements outside this project's scope, such as additional enhancements to the veloway in other suburbs and requests for more improvements to pedestrian provisions.

Consultation outcomes

Majority of feedback was received at the information sessions, with the remaining feedback received via email submission or via the meeting with Bicycle User Group representatives.

 3 Emails

 1 Meeting with Bicycle User Groups

 28 Community information session feedback forms

Stay informed

TMR will continue to update the community about the O'Keefe Street Velobridge as the project progresses. To stay informed about the Veloway 1 and the O'Keefe Street Velobridge, contact the project team:

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