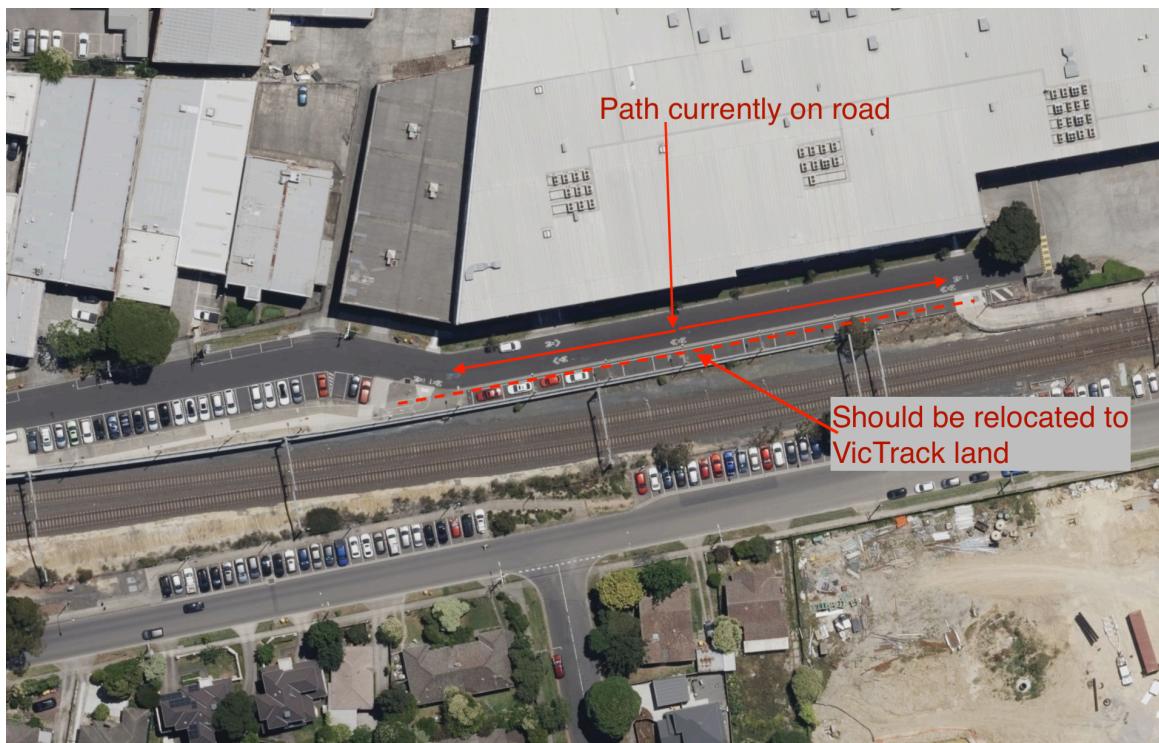


Proposed relocation of Box Hill to Ringwood path to be on VicTrack land in Walkers Road, Nunawading.

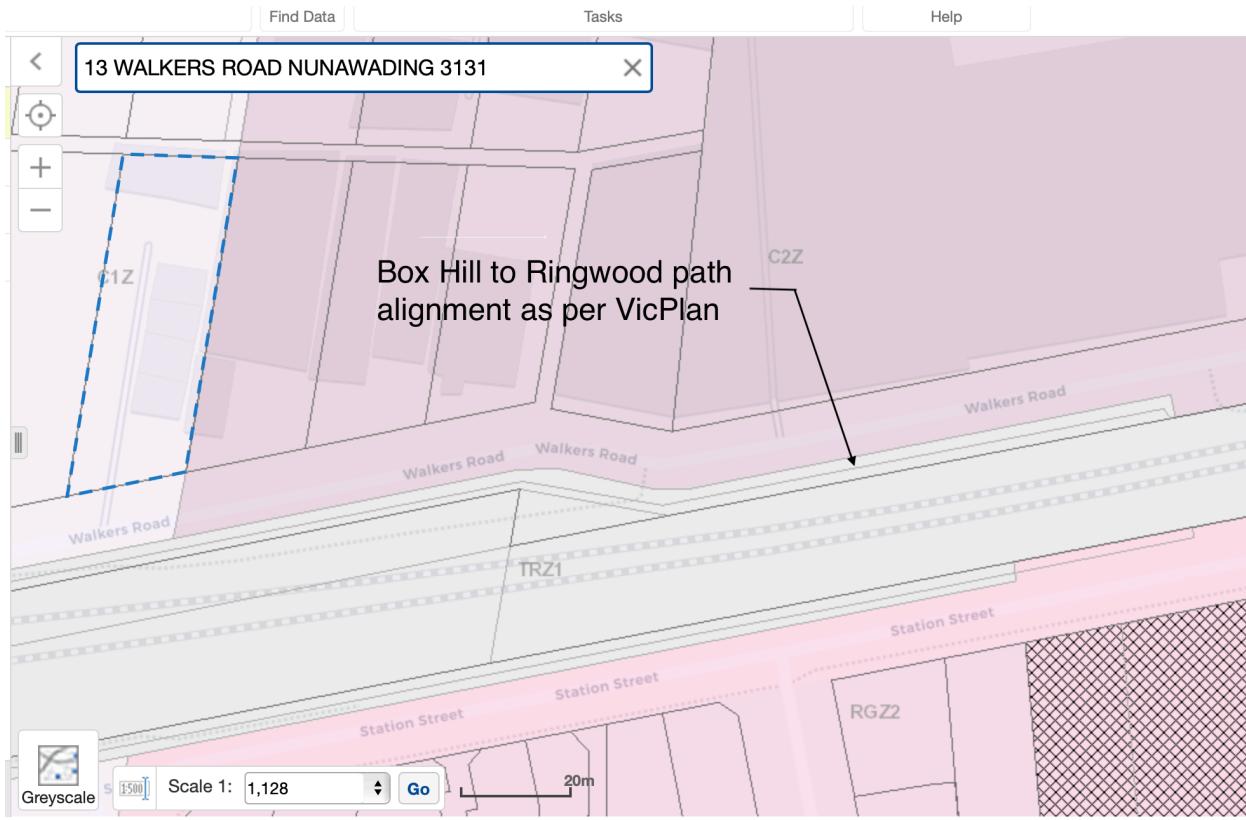
Background

The Box Hill to Ringwood path is predominantly off road (separated) which is by far the safest and preferred option for cycling paths. However, there is a section of VicTrack land about 100 metres in length, on the South side of Walkers Road where the shared path should have been constructed. Instead, sixteen carparks have been created, forcing cyclists to share the road with vehicles, often vans or trucks accessing commercial premises in the area. Eastbound cyclists need to cross to the North side of the road and then after 100 metres, cross back to enter the separated path. Likewise pedestrians have to cross the road and cross back again. This is inconvenient and potentially hazardous. Moreover it demonstrates a mindset of devaluing active transport and walking, in favour of car use and the resulting traffic congestion.



Proposed changes

It is proposed that these carparks be relocated to the North side of Walkers Road and thus free up the VicTrack land for the shared path as originally planned by VicRoads in 2016 and shown in its [Alignment Report \(March 2016\)](#). It is not clear why this alignment was not followed when the path was constructed. This original alignment also appears to be shown on the VicPlan map of the area.



The area can be repurposed for the shared path with minimal works, mainly new road markings and signage.

Use of the space is predominantly unmetered commuter car parking. It could be accommodated through indented bays between the trees on the North side of Walkers Road.

MeBUG requests Council and VicTrack to jointly implement the suggested changed parking arrangement.

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