

Media Release

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RAMPING UP THE ICONIC YARRA BIKE TRAIL

The Andrews Labor Government is making Melbourne's famous Main Yarra Trail more accessible and bike-friendly with a spectacular new ramp.

Thanks to the Labor Government's \$15 million investment, construction will soon begin on the 150 metre-long ramp to replace the steps on the Gipps Street Abbotsford connection of the Main Yarra Trail.

The Main Yarra Trail is one of Melbourne's most iconic trails, following the Birrarung-Yarra River from the north-eastern suburbs to the city.

Currently, the trail meets steep steps at Gipps Street presenting a major obstacle to cyclists, pram users and people with accessibility requirements.

The elevated ramp will dramatically improve how people can use the trail, cross the river and enjoy nature right on the city's edge.

The project will retain existing native trees and the river embankment will be revegetated, including the planting of new trees, and the installation of garden beds and a lawn area with seating at the Gipps Street connection.

Highlights along the Main Yarra Trail include Dights Falls, Collingwood Children's Farm, Abbotsford Convent, and Yarra Bend Park. The shared pathway at Gipps Street also makes up part of the 29-kilometre Capital City Trail around Melbourne's inner north.

Experienced and renowned construction firm MACA will construct the ramp, with works expected to commence later this year.

Melbourne's Metropolitan Trail Network, which includes the Merri Creek Trail, the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail, the Inner Circle Trail, and the Main Yarra Trail, contributes to a unique transport network along Melbourne's Yarra River corridor for cyclists and pedestrians.

Quote attributable to Minister for the Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"We know Victorians love the Main Yarra Trail, so we're excited to be providing a more accessible experience for all."

Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne

"The spectacular ramp will mean more people can get active in nature and soak up the ambience of this iconic river trail."