

Frequently Asked Questions

A refuge island has already been proposed, how is this one different?

Previously, Council advertised the extended refuge island shown in Figure 1. The key concerns raised during consultation were the scale of concrete and the undesirability of restricting right turns in this location. Therefore, a scaled down island is now proposed that does not restrict right turns, and shared paths are on the southern side only.

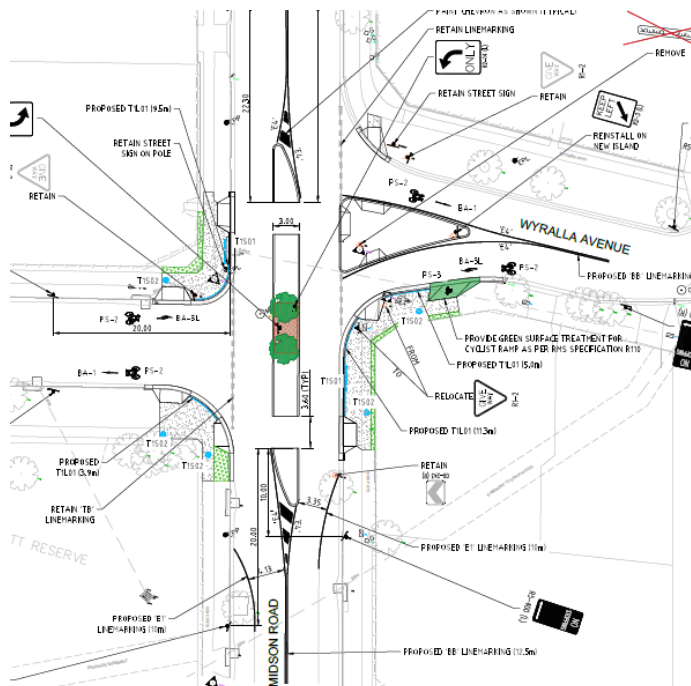


Figure 1: 2019 concept plan

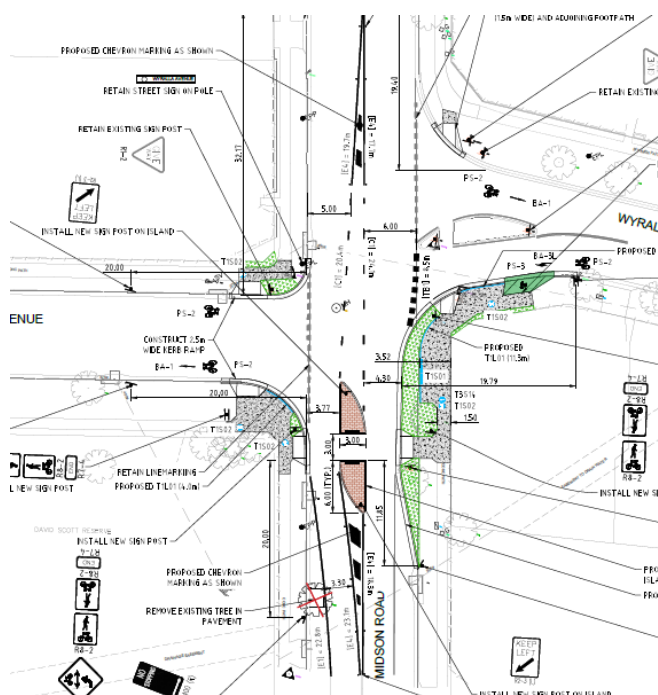


Figure 2: Current 2020 concept plan

Why a refuge island?

A refuge island allows people to cross a road in two stages. On a busy road like Midson, it makes it easier to cross as someone only has to wait for a break in traffic from one direction.

Why is a tree proposed to be removed?

The Melaleuca on the north eastern corner that was proposed to be removed is now retained, however the Brushbox identified in Figure 3 will need to be removed. An independent road safety audit identified that someone standing on the David Scott Reserve corner crossing to the east would not be able to see the oncoming northbound traffic (and vice versa) from an adequate distance.

In close proximity locations have been identified to plant 8, 75L (4m) mature Brushbox trees to offset this loss.



Shared Paths

In NSW, only those persons aged 16 and under, or accompanying a person 16 and under are legally allowed to ride on a footpath. A 'Shared Path' is a footpath that cyclists are legally able to ride on, and is commonly much wider than a footpath. This allows pedestrians and cyclists enough room to pass and move at different speeds. For example, in City of Parramatta, the minimum footpath is 1.5m wide, and a minimum shared path is generally 3.0m.

How can Council spend the funding allocated to this project?

Council has been granted this funding by the State Government for the nominated project only that is cycling specific; it is not available to be spent on other projects.