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- c) Functionality
- d) Signage
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These issues are detailed in Section 3 Audit Findings and Recommendations of the Road Safety Audit report.



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The potential road safety problems identified have been assigned a risk rating based on the likelihood of a crash occurring as a result of the deficiency together with the potential consequence of that crash.

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Table 7: Resulting level of risk (Austroads, 2019)

	Frequent	Probable	Occasional	Improbable
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Minor	Intolerable	High	Medium	Low
Limited	High	Medium	Low	Low



2. Scope of Audit

The subject of this audit is the recently constructed separated bike lane along Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale in the City of Moreland.

Northumberland Road is a local collector two-lane two-way sealed road that primarily provides access for local residents and through traffic in Pascoe Vale, running north-south. There was previously intermittent kerbside parallel parking along the road and several 'No Stopping' zones particularly around the secondary school. Northumberland Road is primarily residential, however Pascoe Vale Girls College and KW Joyce Reserve are located on the east side. This section of Northumberland Road a 40 km/h school zone speed limit around Pascoe Vale Girls College, with a default urban speed limit of 50 km/h outside these times. The alignment of the road is straight although the vertical geometry is quite steep. There are several Local Area Traffic Management treatments through this section with speed humps, a wombat crossing and a school crossing. The section of Northumberland Road between JW Powells Reserve and Crowley Court is part of the local Glenroy to Moonee Ponds Trail bicycle route.

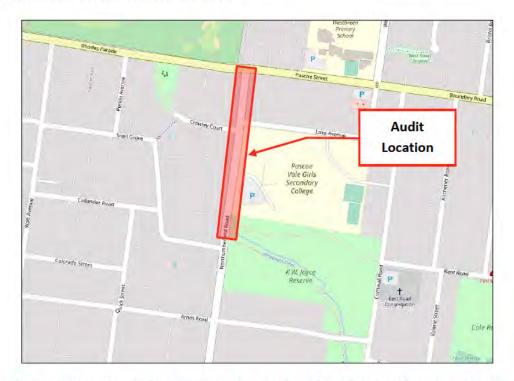


Figure 1: Map of audit location - Northumberland Road (Source: OpenStreetMap)



3. Audit Findings and Recommendations

The findings and recommendations of the Road Safety Audit can be found in the table below.

	Level of Risk S	Safe System	Recommendations	Responsible Officer	
Audit Findings		Energy	P – Primary ST – Step Towards S – Supporting N – Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments
) Pedestrian Crossings					
The finding stated in the previous Concept Design RSA (produced by SSS, 18/01/21) still stands regarding the crossing on Northumberland Road near the Rhodes Parade intersection. The crossing is staggered, and pedestrians are required to cross at an angle. This is not the most direct (shortest) travel path for pedestrians to take and increases their time on the road. Additionally, it is not safe for pedestrians with vision impairments as they are being directed towards the main road, which may lead to pedestrian and vehicle collisions.	Improbable Minor Low	Within tolerable limits	Consider relocating the kerb ramp further south to align with the ramp on the west. (S) It is noted that there is a utility pole support cable that may impact the relocation of the kerb ramp.		



	7.00.000	Safe System Energy	Recommendations	Responsible Officer		
Audit Findings	Level of Risk		P — Primary ST — Step Towards S — Supporting N — Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments	
ii. The main mid-block crossing that connects pedestrians to the Pascoe Vale Girls College on Northumberland Road does not stand-out with the additional new infrastructure installed. Motorists may not identify the crossing and travel through the crossing at an inappropriate speed leading to pedestrian and vehicle conflicts.	Occasional Minor Medium	Within tolerable limits	Consider raising the pedestrian crossing to reduce speed and to provide a defined pedestrian crossing. (S)			
b) Pavement Markings						
 i. The auditor noted redundant linemarking was evident on the carriageway and within the bi-directional bike lanes at the following locations, which may lead to confusion on the network: Around the mid-block school crossing on Northumberland Road 	Occasional Minor Medium	Within tolerable limits	Consider complete removal of the redundant linemarking by blacking out the markings or grinding off the linemarking. (S)			
- Prior to the raised pedestrian crossing, near the Crowley intersection						



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Audit Findings	Level of Risk	Energy	P – Primary ST – Step Towards S – Supporting N – Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments
ii. The stencilled linemarkings on top of the raised pedestrian crossing is faded in sections that align with continuous vehicle track marks.	To Note		Consider reinstating the faded stencilling and ensure on-going maintenance so the pedestrian crossing is clearly defined on the network. (S)		
iii. The finding stated in the previous Concept Design RSA (produced by SSS, 18/01/21) still stands regarding the entrance to Pascoe Vale Girls College. The entrance crosses the protected bike lane, which creates a conflict point between vehicles and cyclists. This is emphasised by the undulating road environment.	Improbable Minor Low		As this access leads to the school car park, it is expected there are a relatively large number of vehicles turning into and exiting this driveway. As such, it is recommended to install green conflict paint across the bike lanes to raise motorists' awareness of cyclists in the area. (S)		



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c) Functionality					
i. The design proposed to extend the width of the existing footpath on the south/west side of the Rhodes Parade intersection. This is so the footpath can be upgraded to a shared use path so the new facility can connect to the existing SUP network, to the north of Rhodes Parade. The path has not been widened, which means the new facility ends without providing a safe connection to the existing SUP network, this may lead to confusion and potential conflicts with pedestrians should cyclists use the existing footpath to safely access the SUP.	Minor	Within tolerable limits	Consider widening the footpath, so that cyclists can safely connect to the existing SUP network. (S) It is noted that existing power pole utilities may impact the widening of the footpath.		



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Audit Findings	Level of Risk	Energy	P – Primary ST – Step Towards S – Supporting N – Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments	
ii. The auditor observed a vehicle within the bi-directional bike lane travelling southbound during the night audit. It is assumed the motorist entered the separated bike lane by turning left from Pascoe Street into Northumberland. This is a high-risk safety issue that could lead to a serious crash type between a vehicle and cyclists.	21.200	Above tolerable limits (important)	Consider implementing a treatment at the entrance to the separated cycle lane at the Rhodes Parade intersection to ensure vehicles cannot physically enter the separated bike lane. A temporary bolt-down kerb with flexible bollards shown in the mark-up below could be investigated. (S)			



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iii. The implementation of the separated bicycle lane has subsequently reduced the width of the northbound and southbound traffic lanes. The auditor observed motorists travelling into the opposite traffic lane due to the width constraints. This was evident throughout the whole section of Northumberland where the separated facility has been installed. This may lead to vehicle/vehicle conflicts, especially where vehicles are turning onto Northumberland Road from side roads.	Occasional Minor Medium	Within tolerable limits	Consider reducing the default 50km/h speed limit and monitor the performance of the treatment considering all road users. (P)		
iv. Where the separated bike lane transitions from the road to the path at the south end of Northumberland Road, the turning circles appear tight for a cyclist to turn from the road to the path and the same for a cyclist turning onto the on-road facility from the path. This may lead to cyclist/ cyclist conflicts.			Consider widening the path and kerb ramp so cyclists can safely transition between the two facilities. (S)		



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d) Signage					
i. The 'End Bike Lane' sign on Pascoe Street to the east of the Northumberland Road intersection is not facing the on-road bicycle lane.	To Note		Ensure the 'End Bike Lane' sign is facing the direction of the on-road cycle lane. Consider installing the sign on its own separate pole for clarity. (S)		
e) Temporary Bollards					
i. The auditor noted that the reflective tape on some of the bollards throughout Northumberland Road have peeled away from the bollards.	To Note		Consider replacing the reflective tape and on-going maintenance is undertaken. (S)		



Conclusion

This road safety audit has been conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Austroads Guide to Road Safety Part 6: Managing Road Safety Audits (2019) and Austroads Guide to Road Safety Part 6A: Implementing Road Safety Audits (2019). The site has been inspected and the supporting documentation has been examined. The findings, recommendations and Safe System elements are provided for consideration by the client and any other interested parties.

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Appendix A: Photos



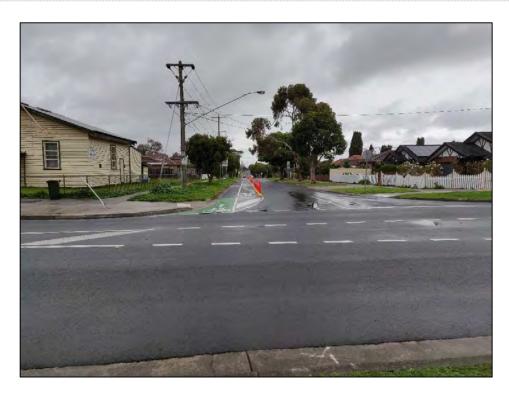


Photo 1: On Pascoe Street looking towards Northumberland Road, looking south



Photo 2: On Northumberland Street (Lake Avenue intersection), looking south





Photo 3: At Northumberland Street threshold south of Crowley Court, looking south



Photo 4: At Northumberland Street school crossing, looking south





Photo 5: On Northumberland Street adjacent to KW Joyce Reserve, looking south



Photo 6: On Northumberland Street adjacent to KW Joyce Reserve, looking north





Photo 7: On Pascoe Street looking towards Northumberland Road, looking south (night)



Photo 8: On Northumberland Street (Lake Avenue intersection), looking south (night)





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Photo 10: At Northumberland Street school crossing, looking north (night)





Photo 11: On Northumberland Street adjacent to KW Joyce Reserve, looking south (night)



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PRE-AUDIT DISCUSSION	Phone call	12.07.2021	1520
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PRELIMINARY FINDINGS DISCUSSION	Video call	14.07.2021	1200
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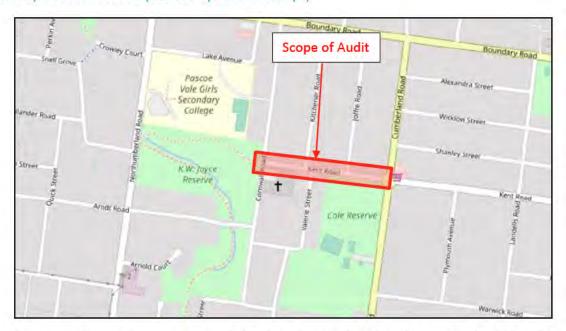
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2. Scope of Audit

The subject of this audit is the recently installed protected bicycle lanes along Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road in the suburb of Pascoe Vale. A map of the audit location is shown in Error! Reference source not found, below.

Figure 1: Map of audit location (Source: Open Street Maps)



Kent Road, in the audit area, is a two-way undivided road with urban default speed limit of 50km/h. It runs in the east-west direction, bounded by Cornwall Road to the west, forming a T-intersection and by Cumberland Road to the east, forming a roundabout. The surrounding land use is predominantly residential, with nature reserves on the southern side of Cumberland Road intersection and to the west of Cornwall Road intersection.

Kerb side protected bicycle lanes were recently installed on both sides of Kent Road. Speed humps are present along with bicycle sharrow markings on eastern approach to Cumberland Road roundabout and at Cornwall Road, Valerie Street intersection. According to the traffic survey conducted in 2020, the daily traffic volume for Kent Road in audit area is 2,000 vpd.

During the 5-year period ending 24/07/2019, there have been two police recorded crashes in the audit area, both of which involved cyclists. The list of crashes has been presented in the table below:

Road	Persons Involved	Date	Severity
Kent Road/Cumberland Road Roundabout	2 (cyclist and vehicle)	16/05/2017	Serious (cyclist) Non-injury (vehicle)
Kent Road/Cumberland Road Roundabout	2 (cyclist and vehicle)	24/05/2017	Other (cyclist) Non-injury (vehicle)



3. Audit Findings and Recommendations

The findings and recommendations of the Road Safety Audit can be found in the table below.

Audit Findings		Level of Risk Safe System	Recommendations	Responsible Officer		
		Energy	P – Primary ST – Step Towards S – Supporting N – Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments	
a) Cycle path issues						
i) On the westbound bicycle path just east of Valerie St, there is a longitudinal groove on the path surface that may be hazardous to cyclists. Narrow bicycle wheels can get caught and tramline in this groove. It appears to already have been identified as a hazard and highlighted with some yellow paint.	Probable Minor HIGH	Within tolerable limits	Consider resurfacing the path to remove these grooves (S)			



		Safe System	Recommendations	Responsible Officer		
Audit Findings	Level of Risk	Energy	P — Primary ST — Step Towards S — Supporting N — Non-Safe System	Accept Yes/No	Comments	
ii) Cycle paths are formed kerbside by the installation of a 1.0m wide temporary separator, positioned to provide approx. 1.2m cycle path width between kerb and separator. However the kerb channel forms part of this path width. The join between the channel lip and asphalt road/path forms a level change or a groove that may trap narrow bicycle tyres and may be hazardous to cyclists. This may be exacerbated over time as the asphalt and concrete parts of the path settle and form step changes in the surface.	Occasional Minor MEDIUM	Within tolerable limits	If space permits, consider widening the path to min 1.2m excluding the drainage channel, so that cyclists are less likely to contact this groove. (S)			



	Level of Risk Safe System Energy	Safe System	PAGE 1	Responsible Officer		
Audit Findings		The state of the s		Accept Yes/No	Comments	
b) Roadway width						
The trafficable roadway width has been reduced due to the provision of the new cycle paths. Previously, the width of Kent Road accessible to motor vehicles was sufficient for vehicles four-abreast (two parked kerbside plus two concurrent traffic lanes). Two-way traffic were not required to take turns to pass. Post the installation of the protected cycle paths, the residual roadway width is in the vicinity of 7.5m wide. Where cars are parked on both sides (as is the case in areas of high parking demand), two-way traffic must take turns to pass, as illustrated in the photo below. While this method of traffic operation is not inherently unsafe, a hazard may arise when the habitual behaviour of local drivers overrides any recognition of the new traffic layout. Drivers who are used to driving this street without having to take turns with oncoming traffic can experience cognitive dissonance and fail to perceive the risks when approaching another vehicle. As a result, they may also fail to take the appropriate evasive action. This is usually followed by a collision and much blaming of third parties, which are typical outcomes from driver cognitive dissonance.	Occasional Minor MEDIUM	Within tolerable limits	Consider temporary signage to bring to the attention of all drivers that road conditions have changed. (5) An example sign is shown below. CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AHEAD			
The risk outlined above is highest immediately after changes are implemented, and decay as drivers recognise that change has occurred and get used to the new layout.						



Audit Findings L		Safe System Energy	Recommendations P – Primary ST – Step Towards S – Supporting N – Non-Safe System	Responsible Officer	
				Accept Yes/No	Comments
c) Parking					
i) At the time of the daytime site visit, several cars were observed to have parked one wheel up on the temporary separators on the south side of Kent Road. This appears to be related to the use of semi-mountable kerb for this separator as this effect was not observed on the north side of Kent Road where a more upright barrier kerb design is used. Cars parking on the separators may be a hazard because: 1. there is reduced buffer space between the parked car and the cycle path, which increases the risk of car dooring to cyclists. 2. Parking movements may be erratic as vehicles mount the kerb and may be harder to control.	Improbable Minor LOW	Within tolerable limits	Consider replacing the mountable kerb separators with barrier kerb (S) Consider installing flexible bollards on the kerb separators. (S)		



d) Conclusion

This road safety audit has been conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Austroads Guide to Road Safety Part 6: Managing Road Safety Audits (2019) and Austroads Guide to Road Safety Part 6A: Implementing Road Safety Audits (2019). The site has been inspected and the supporting documentation has been examined. The findings, recommendations and Safe System elements are provided for consideration by the client and any other interested parties.

Auditors:





Appendix A: Photos





Photo 1: Cornwall Road and Kent Road intersection – facing east towards Kent Road



Photo 2: Valerie Street and Kent Road intersection – facing south towards Valerie Street





Photo 3: Kent Road – facing west across frontage of Pascoe Vale Health



Photo 4: Kent Road approaching Cumberland Road roundabout – facing east





Photo 5: Parked Vehicles on Kent Road



Photo 6: Parked Vehicles on Kent Road opposite Pascoe Vale Health





Photo 7: Kent Road approaching Cumberland Road roundabout – facing east

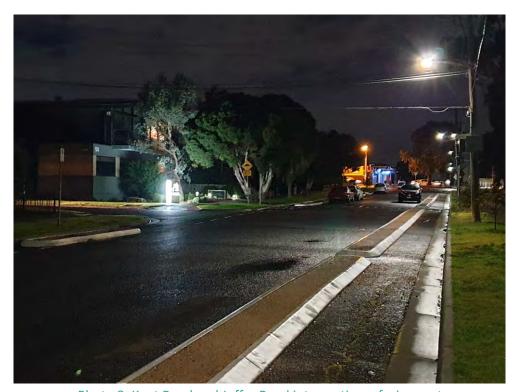


Photo 8: Kent Road and Joffre Road intersection – facing east