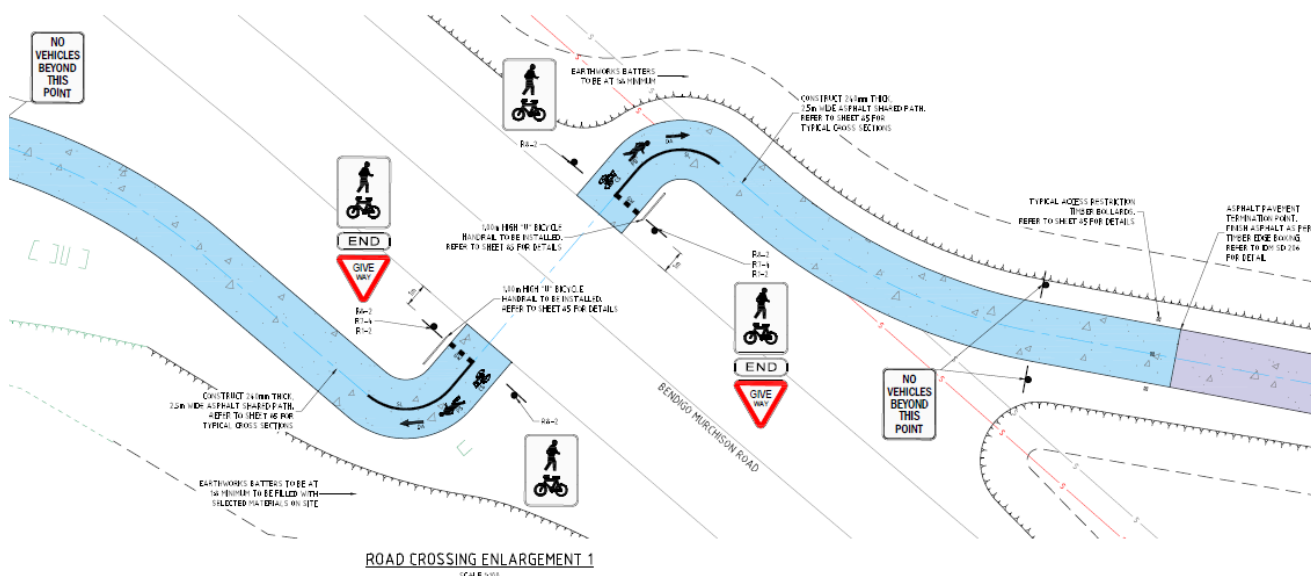


# Rushworth Rail Trail

## Project Update - February 2023

This is the third project update for the Rushworth Rail Trail project. The project is currently at the civil design finalisation, and permit and approvals stage. Below is the latest status update:

- A safety audit of the civil design was completed in December 2022, with approved recommendations incorporated into the latest design.
- The design for the Bendigo Murchison Road crossing was submitted to VicRoads for design approval in December 2022 (extract below). A Works Within in Road Reserve application will then be submitted to the Department of Transport.
- A planning permit is required for the removal of native vegetation along the trail. Site assessments were completed in January 2023. The ecologist report is due at the end of February, which will form the basis for the planning permit application.
- A Works on Waterways Permit application was submitted to the Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority in December 2022. The response is expected this week.



Over the next couple of months, Council will focus on completing the following:

- Finalising the planning and permit approvals for the works.
- Tendering the asphalt path works at the Rushworth end.
- Preparing the construction tender for the bridge repairs.
- Engaging with key stakeholder groups on the interpretive and wayfinding signage design.

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