

Proposed Mountain Highway footpath

Knox City Council is exploring the feasibility of constructing a new footpath along the eastern side of Mountain Highway between Wicks Road and Claremont Avenue, The Basin.



What is this project about?

The proposed footpath would improve access to local shops and public transport, while making the area safer for pedestrians, cyclists and road users.

The project would involve the construction of a 1.5 metre wide path on the road reserve on the east side of Mountain Highway.

How will this affect me?

If the footpath is to proceed, there would be challenges with construction due to the steep terrain in the area. It would require potential reconstruction of driveways and crossovers in the road reserve.

Previous consultation with the wider community indicated overall support for the improvement.

Now we want to speak with directly impacted landowners about the proposal and get their feedback on a proposed design for in front of their property.

Consultation with directly impacted landowners is open until 30 June 2026.

Timeline



If you have any questions about the project, please contact the project team, or visit: haveyoursay.knox.vic.gov.au/mountain-highway-footpath

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Proposed footpath concept design

- Proposed footpath
- Mountain Highway
- Proposed driveway cross-over
- Directly adjoining property
- Other properties
- 123 Property address

Start of footpath

Proposed 1.5 m wide footpath starts at corner of Mountain Highway and Wicks Road.

Driveway cross-overs (multiple locations)

Regraded and constructed crossovers in public road reserve will provide access to private properties.

Retaining walls (multiple locations)

Retaining walls are proposed in steep sections to support the structure of the footpath and existing driveway crossovers.

Alignment

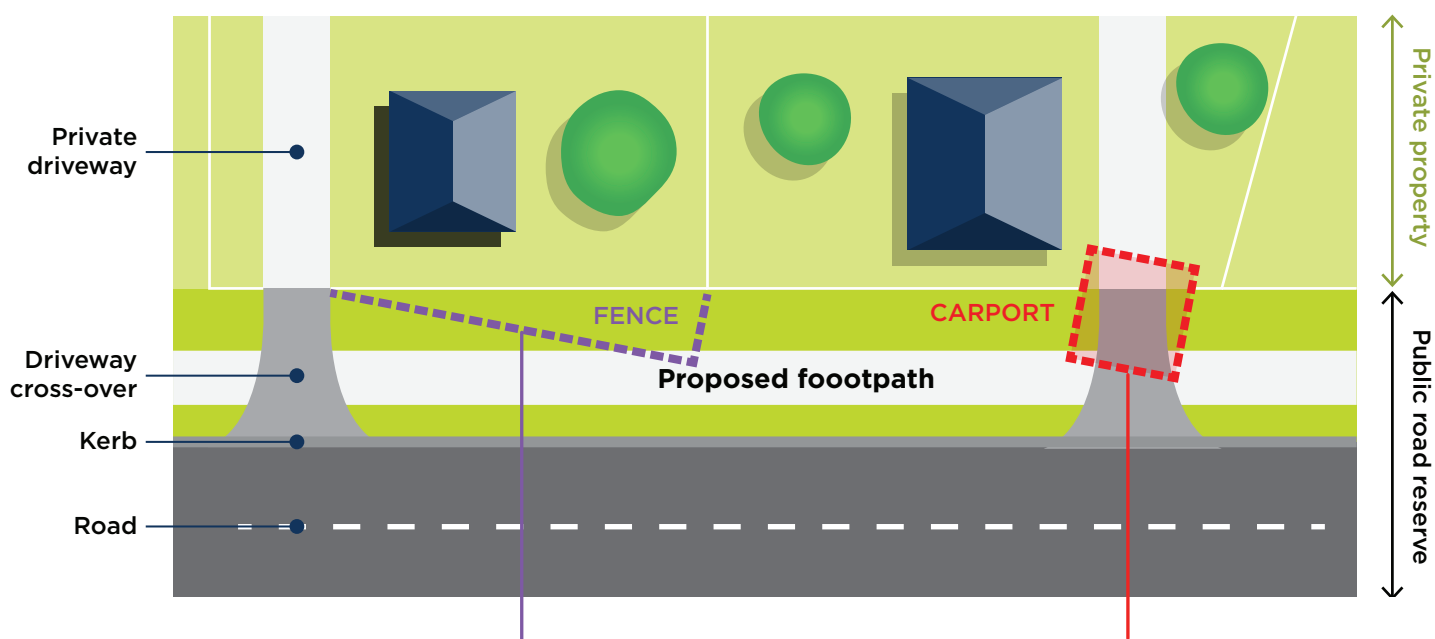
Proposed footpath runs along eastern side of Mountain Highway.

End of footpath

Proposed 1.5 m wide footpath ends at corner of Mountain Highway and Claremont Avenue.

To see detailed plans for the proposed footpath, please contact Knox City Council, contact details are on page 1.

Diagram showing public and private property



Existing fence structures in the public road reserve may need to be removed if they conflict with the proposed footpath.

Existing building structures in the public road reserve may need to be removed if they conflict with the proposed footpath.

Location and example design treatments for the footpath



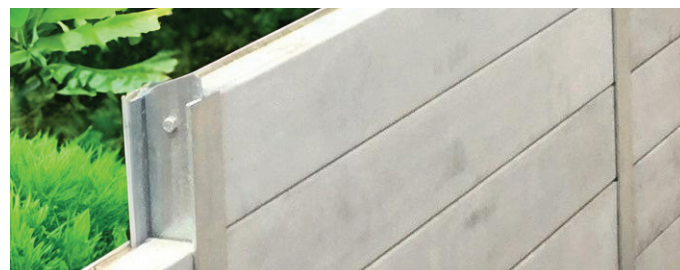
Start location of footpath (Wicks Road)



End location of footpath (Claremont Avenue)



Example concrete design treatment for the footpath



Example concrete sleeper design treatment for retaining wall

Common questions

How can I check if I am an impacted landowner?

The properties that may be impacted by the proposed footpath are:

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| - 1383 Mountain Highway | - 1413 Mountain Highway |
| - 1385 Mountain Highway | - 1415 Mountain Highway |
| - 1387 Mountain Highway | - 1417 Mountain Highway |
| - 1393 Mountain Highway | - 1421 Mountain Highway |
| - 1397 Mountain Highway | - 1427 Mountain Highway |
| - 1399 Mountain Highway | - 1429 Mountain Highway |
| - 1401 Mountain Highway | - 1 Clevedon Road |
| - 1403 Mountain Highway | - 16 Clevedon Road |
| - 1405 Mountain Highway | - 11 Claremont Avenue |
| - 1407 Mountain Highway | - 13 Claremont Avenue |
| - 1409 Mountain Highway | - 17 Claremont Avenue |
| - 1411 Mountain Highway | (1419 Mountain Highway) |

I live in the Basin. Why can't I participate in this engagement?

At this stage we are only engaging with landowners whose properties directly adjoin the proposed footpath, as the design may have a direct impact on existing crossovers. Previous consultation with the wider community back in 2023 indicated overall support for the footpath.

What consultation has been completed?

In 2023 a total of 240 households within the Claremont Avenue and Mountain Hwy catchment were consulted via letter drop. Residents were informed of the project, potential impacts to their property (if any), the estimated project cost and an enclosed survey where they could indicate their preference for Council to construct:

- No footpath
- Only stage 1 of the footpath link; (Wicks walkway to Claremont walk through)
- Both stage 1 and 2 of the footpath link (Wicks walkway to Claremont/Mountain Hwy).

Residents directly affected by the construction of the proposed footpath were provided with an individualised plan of their property and the proposed works.

A total of 86 households responded to the survey (representing a 37% response rate). Out of all the responses received:

- 3% of respondents indicated their support for no footpath (3 households)
- 21% of respondents support only Stage 1 (19 households)
- 76% of respondents indicated their support for both stage 1 and 2 (65 households).

What is a road reserve?

The road reserve is the area of public land located from the property boundary on one side to the property boundary on the other side of the road.

The proposed footpath would involve the construction of a 1.5-metre-wide path on the road reserve on the east side of Mountain Highway, between the edge of the road and the property boundary, commonly known as the nature strip. There would be challenges with construction due to the steep terrain. If the project goes ahead, potential reconstruction of driveways and crossovers in the road reserve would be required.

How can I see the proposed designs?

If you are an impacted landowner, please attend the drop-in session or arrange a one-on-one meeting to see the concept designs and discuss how it may impact you. Alternatively, email Bob.Xu@Knox.vic.gov.au or Shane.Hardingham@Knox.vic.gov.au to request a copy.

Will my private property be impacted if the footpath goes ahead?

If Council decides to proceed with construction, the footpath would be built within the public road reserve, on public land. This is the area of land from the property boundary on one side to the property boundary on the other side of the road. If you are a directly impacted landowner, and an existing fence or other building structure (e.g. shed or carport) is located within the public road reserve where the footpath is proposed, it may be impacted. Some tree removal within the public road reserve may be needed to accommodate the new footpath.

Will access to my property be changed if the footpath goes ahead?

Access to each impacted property is unique. If you are a directly impacted landowner, please attend the drop-in session or arrange a one-on-one meeting to see the concept design and discuss how it may impact your property.

When is the new footpath being built?

No decision has been made to build the footpath at this stage. A decision will be made by Council at a public meeting, proposed for September 2026.

Right now we are only investigating the feasibility of constructing the footpath, and asking impacted landowners for their feedback.

How much will the footpath cost and how will it be funded?

In 2023 we estimated the construction cost to be \$1.5m. Once the detailed designs are finalised, we will create an updated costing which will be included in the feasibility findings presented to Council at a Council meeting later this year.