

6. EXPAND THE BICYCLE NETWORK WITHIN SOUTHBANK

This draft master plan proposes a new on-road bicycle route through Southbank via City Road, Balston Street, Kavanagh Street and Southbank Boulevard (see figure 3.54).

This route will improve cycling access within Southbank between the Boyd Community Hub and the King's Domain and from the Yarra River trail through Southbank towards South Melbourne and Fishermans Bend.

This new bicycle route will greatly improve cycling access within Southbank and connect to the existing bicycle network, providing greater options for safe on road cycle journeys through Southbank.

It is not considered feasible within the time scale of this master plan to accommodate safe, separated bicycle lanes in City Road East and Alexandra Avenue due to the competing space requirements of different modes requiring access to City Road between Power Street and Southbank Boulevard.

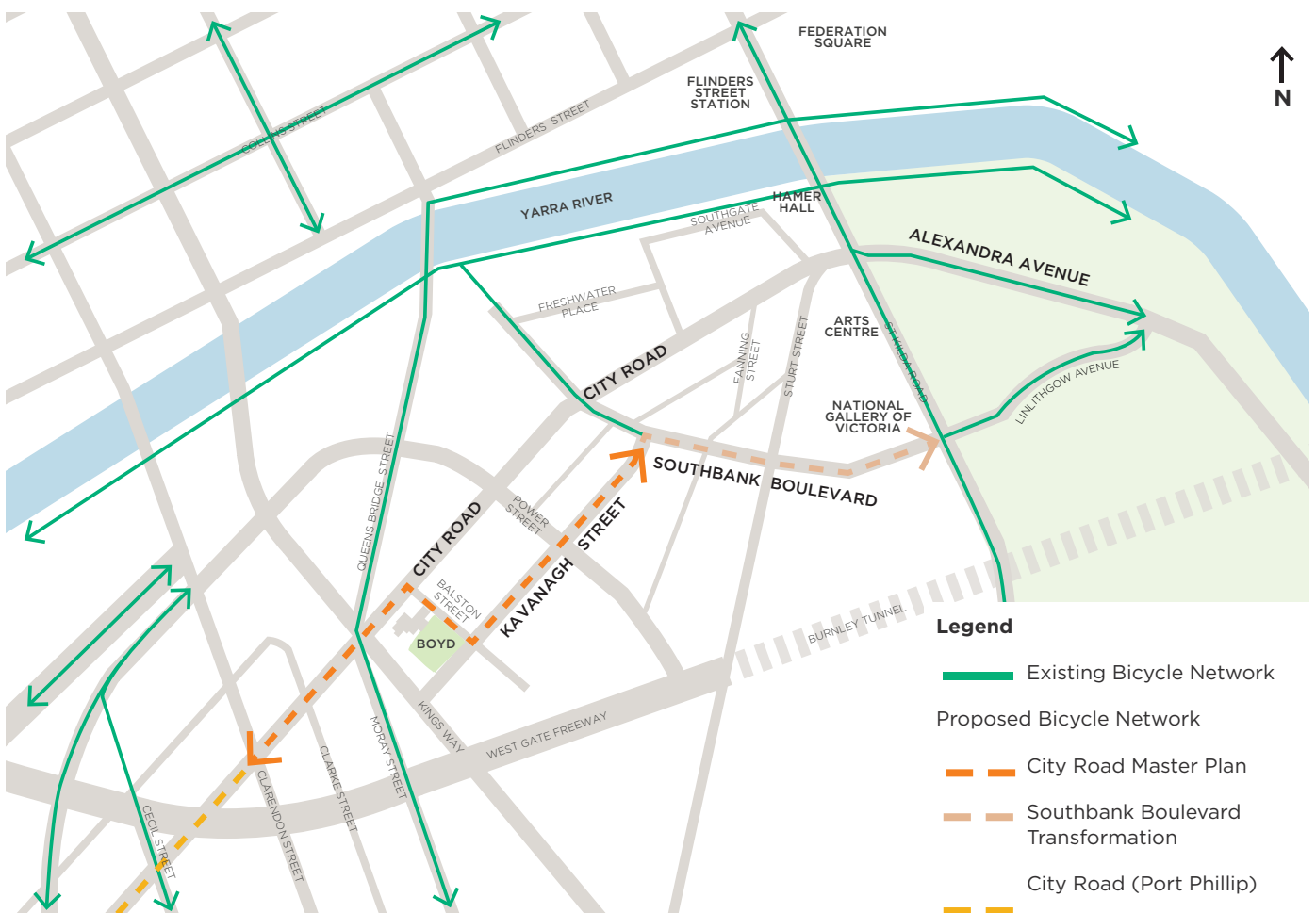


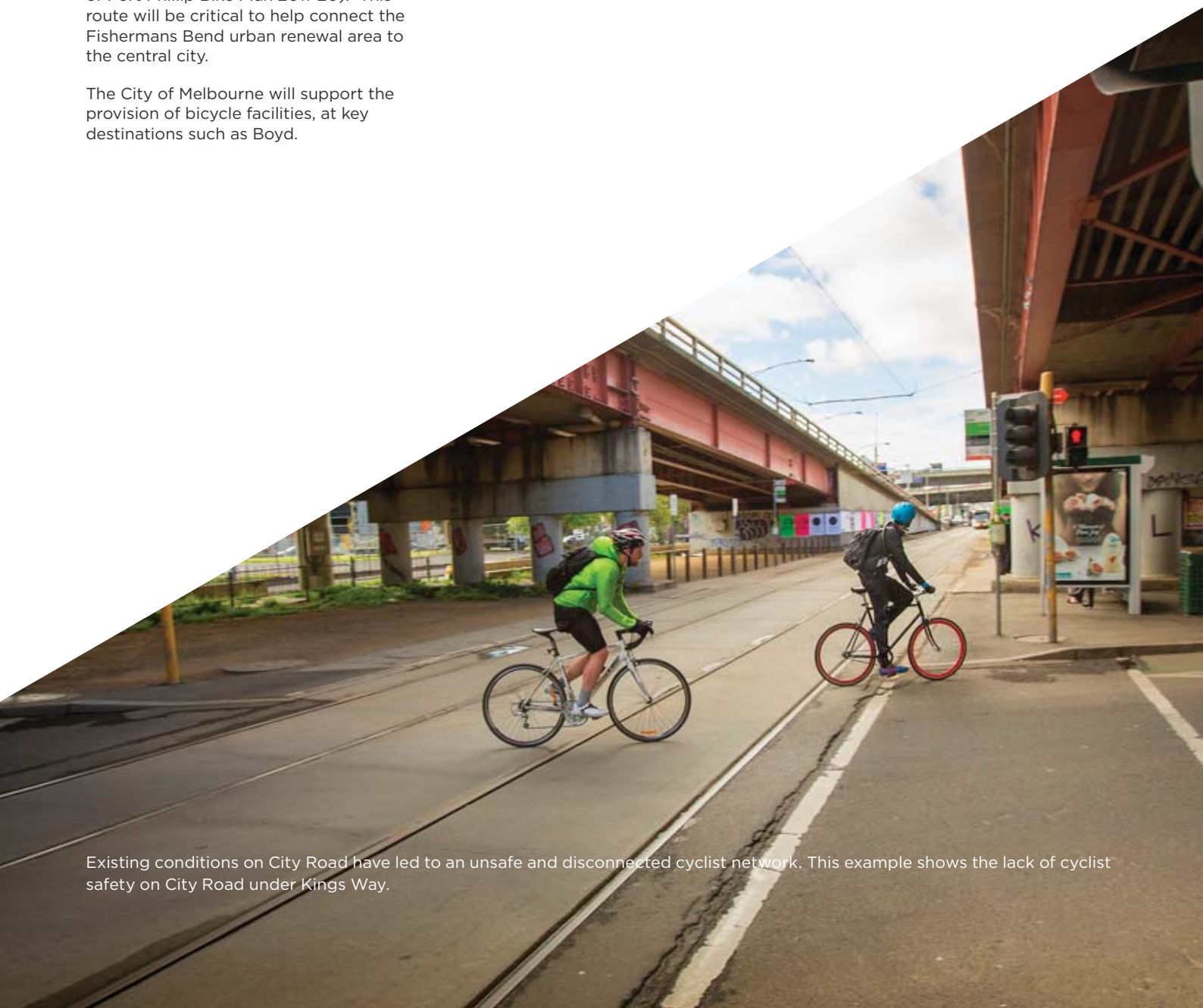
Figure 3.54: Proposed bicycle route (orange) through Southbank with existing network (green).

Separated bicycle lanes are proposed in City Road from Clarendon Street to Balston Street to ensure cyclist safety on this segment of the arterial road which contains both cars and buses. Further detail on the design of these bicycle lanes is included in Action 1.

Bicycle lanes on Southbank Boulevard will be included in the transformation of Southbank Boulevard. This will provide important connections to the river, St.Kilda Road and the Botanical Gardens.

Down the western end, City Road in the City of Port Phillip is nominated as a proposed commuter bike route (City of Port Phillip Bike Plan 2011-20). This route will be critical to help connect the Fishermans Bend urban renewal area to the central city.

The City of Melbourne will support the provision of bicycle facilities, at key destinations such as Boyd.



Existing conditions on City Road have led to an unsafe and disconnected cyclist network. This example shows the lack of cyclist safety on City Road under Kings Way.