7.2   Direction 01: Pedestrian Activity

Initiative 1.1

Strengthen connectivity within the Precinct and with surrounding areas by providing a legible, safe and convenient network of walking, cycling and recreational routes.

- Action 1.1.1 – Implement walking routes to connect major activity hubs, destinations and open spaces, increasing the enjoyment of alternative modes of transport such as walking, cycling and jogging.

- Action 1.1.2 – Capitalise on the existing topography by implementing recreational routes to link major open spaces such as Heidelberg Park, Service Reserve, Heidelberg Bowling Club, Powlett Street Reserve, James Reserve, Melbourne Water Reserve and Remembrance Park.

- Action 1.1.3 – Enhance the connectivity and legibility of recreational trails, particularly in and around high density precincts.

- Action 1.1.4 – Enhance and protect existing green corridors, and where possible create new ones, to develop a network of walking trails, cycle paths and open spaces.
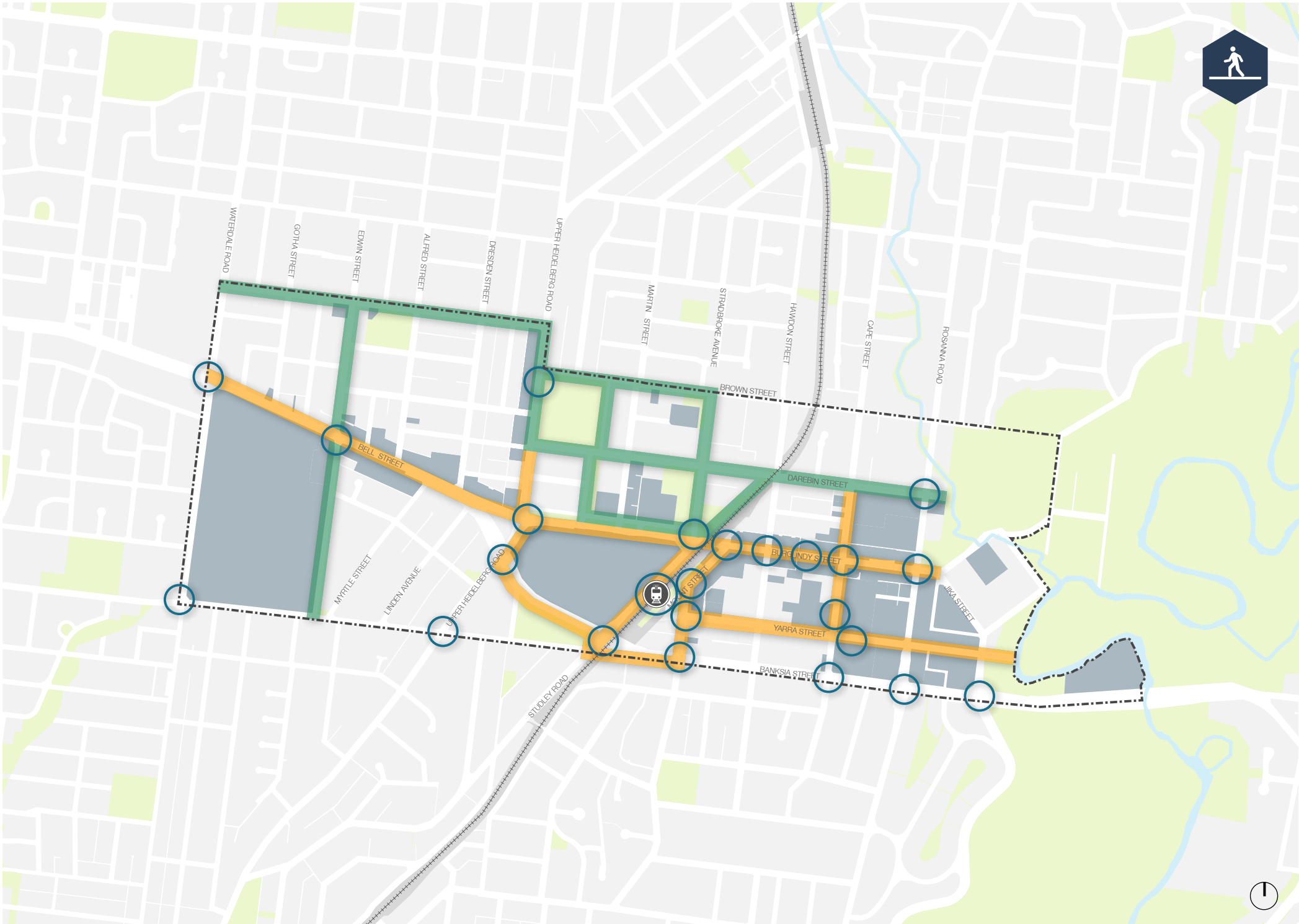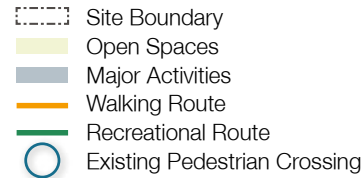

Figure 68: Pedestrian Activity - Initiative 1.1 Map

Initiative 1.2

Enhance Burgundy, Bell, Mount and Cape Streets and Upper Heidelberg Road as pedestrian activity corridors connecting all areas of the Precinct.

- Action 1.2.1 – Improve pedestrian facilities in all streets to exceed the established standard on Burgundy Street between Cape and Hawdon Streets.

- Action 1.2.2 – Dramatically improve the amenity of Burgundy and Bell Streets to the west of the railway corridor as a pedestrian environment and as a link between the two activity centres.

- Action 1.2.3 – Create distinct and legible walking routes with a consistent material and street furniture pallet to respond to street characters as follows:

  - Burgundy and Mount Streets – Activity centre, fine-grain retail, village feel.

  - Bell Street and Upper Heidelberg Road – Activity centre, medical precinct.

  - Cape Street – Civic and education precinct.

Figure 69: Pedestrian Activity - Initiative 1.2 Map

Legend:
- Site Boundary
- Open Spaces
- Fine-Grain Retail
- Character 1: Activity Centre/Village
- Character 2: Activity Centre/Medical
- Character 3: Civic/Education
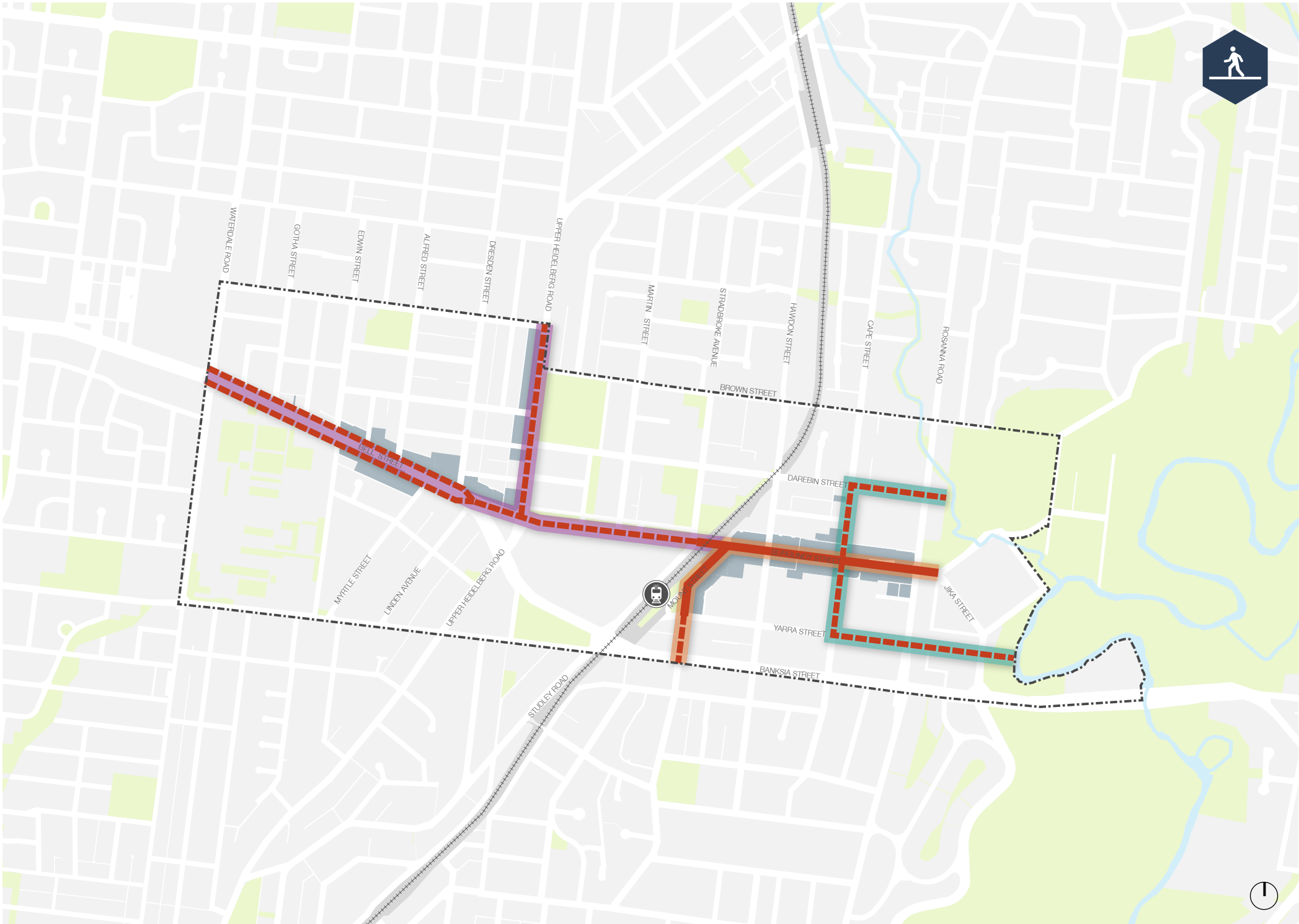- Highest Pedestrian Priority
- Pedestrian Priority

Initiative 1.3

Increase permeability in the high-density redevelopment area between the railway corridor and Rosanna Road.

- Action 1.3.1 – Improve laneways and pedestrian links as a fine grain of inter-connecting routes, especially under the Heidelberg Station and along Burgundy Street.

- Action 1.3.2 - Encourage the creation of new mid-block pedestrian routes to extend the existing laneway network, especially on Council owned land between Cape and Hawdon Streets.

- Action 1.3.3 – Implement actions of the Heidelberg Car Park Sites: Concept Plans & Feasibility Study (2010) within Council-owned properties.

Figure 70: Pedestrian Activity - Initiative 1.3 Map

Legend:
- Site Boundary
- Open Spaces
- High-Density Area
- Improved Laneway
- Potential New Laneway
- Council-Owned Property

Initiative 1.4

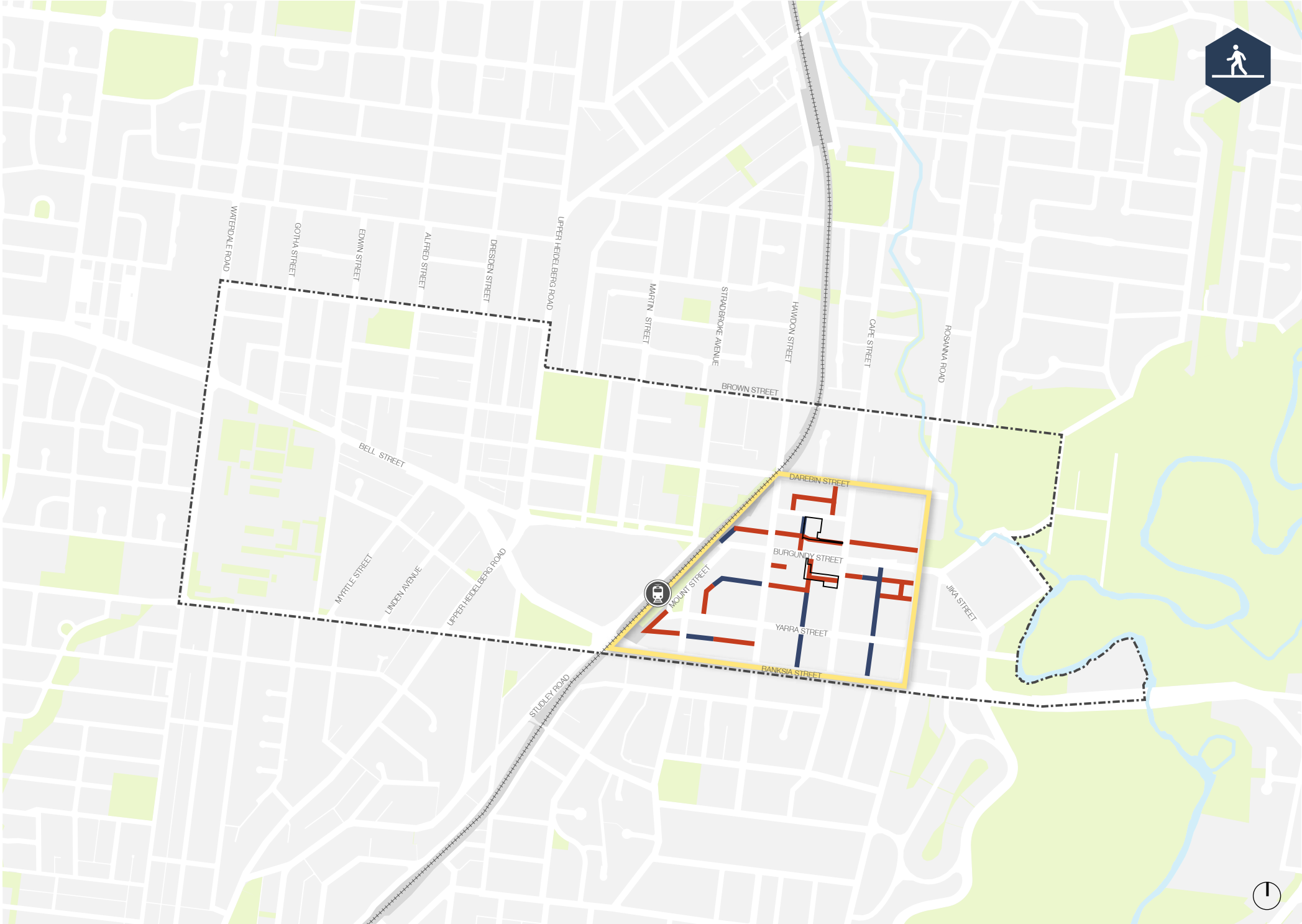Provide for safe, convenient and pleasurable pedestrian access in all streets and intersections.

- <u>Action1.4.1</u> – Ensure any traffic management changes take a pedestrian-oriented approach, which considers a streetscape development plan that encourages walkability.

- <u>Action 1.4.2</u> – Develop streetscape plans for priority streets informed by the Urban Forest Precinct Masterplan.

- <u>Action1.4.3</u> – Undertake lighting audits and ensure appropriate lighting is considered for different environments when planning and designing streetscapes, parks, laneways and thoroughfares and public/private interface spaces.

- <u>Action 1.4.4</u> – Liaise with VicRoads and key stakeholders to prioritise pedestrian access and safety in public roads not managed by Council.
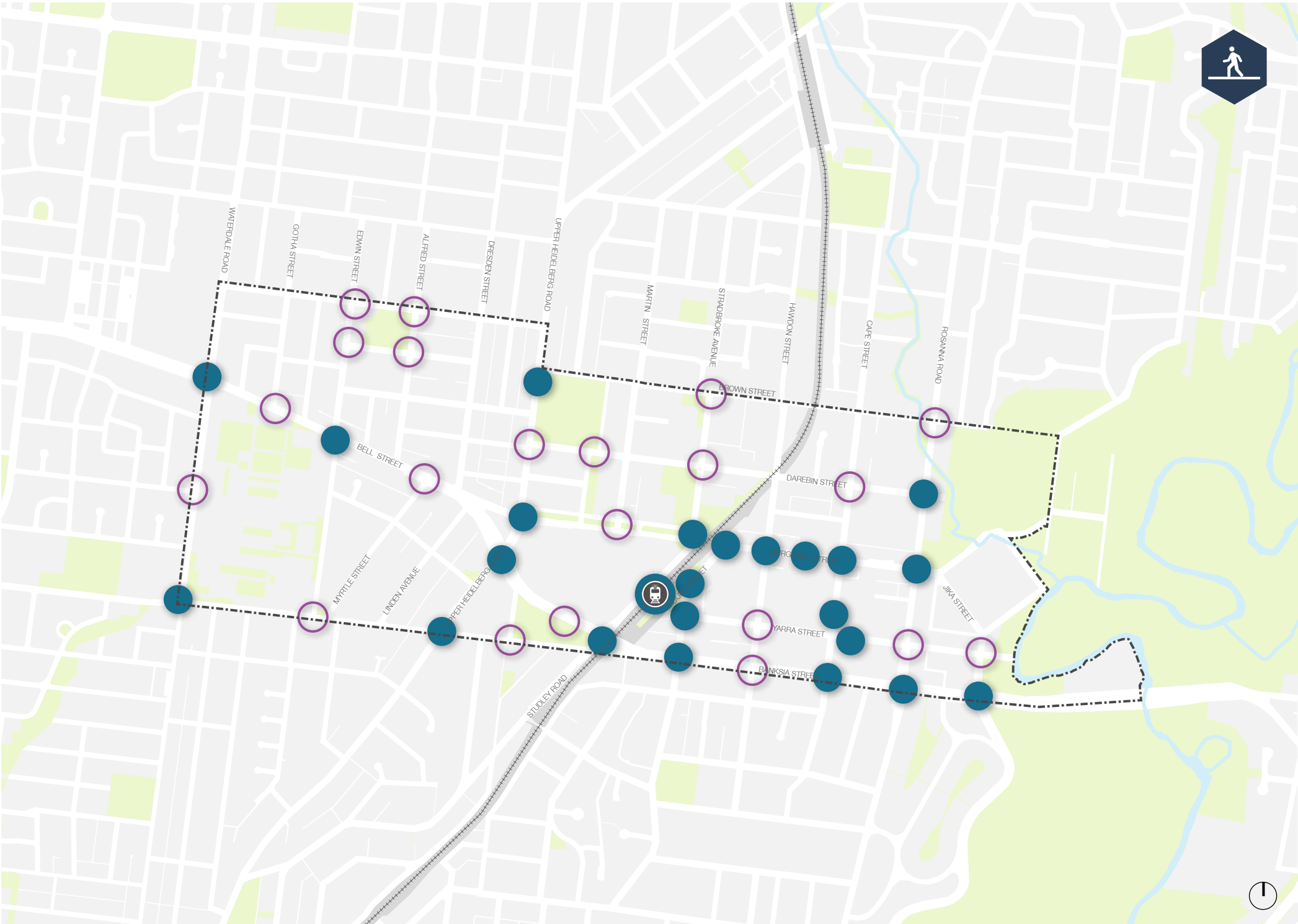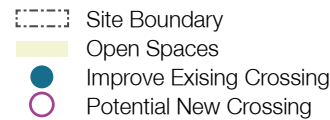

Figure 71: Pedestrian Activity - Initiative 1.4 Map

Legend:
- Site Boundary
- Open Spaces
- Improve Exising Crossing
- Potential New Crossing