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Installation starts on shared cycleway between The Esplanade and Kings Bridge

The City of Launceston has identified a key gap in connection for pedestrians and cyclists between The Esplanade and Kings Bridge and is starting installation of new line marking, signage and accessible kerb ramps to plug the gap.

The shared pathway will span nearly a kilometre and will connect people from The Esplanade to Kings Bridge via St John Street, Civic Square, Cameron Street, Wellington Street, Paterson Street and Bridge Road and will use existing footpaths and road lanes.

Clear shared path line marking, signage, and accessible kerb ramps will mark the route and green-painted areas will also be installed at driveways to improve visibility and awareness where pedestrians and cyclists may cross vehicle access points.

City of Launceston Mayor Matthew Garwood said the project would give people more choice in how they travelled across the city and would provide a safer route than travelling only by road.

"This project is about making it easier and safer for people to move around our CBD, particularly those who might not feel comfortable cycling on the road," City of Launceston Mayor Matthew Garwood said.

"And to be clear, we're not installing new bike lanes or removing parking spaces. We're literally talking about painting lines on existing footpaths to help guide cyclists and pedestrians, along with some minor improvements to make those connections safer.

"It's about joining up the missing links in our existing network, creating a clearer and more accessible connection between key parts of our city, including the Esplanade and Kings Bridge.

"Sometimes it's the smaller, practical changes that can make a real difference!"

While disruption to commuters and residents will be minimised, the community is reminded to be patient with any delays while work is underway. Construction is expected to take about 6 weeks to complete.

In Cameron Street, existing car parks on the southern side of the street will be moved towards the centre of the road to allow for the installation of a separated cycleway between the footpath and parking spaces. No car parking will be removed as part of those works.

This project is being delivered under the City of Launceston City Heart program.

See below a map that shows the route for the shared pathway:

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