

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Agenda

13 September 2023



WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of Transport for NSW (TfNSW). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by TfNSW under the Transport Administration Act 1988. Council has resolved to manage the Traffic Committee under a Charter which sets out the membership, timelines for the preparation of the Agenda and the distribution of Minutes, in accordance with TfNSW (previously RMS) document 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic' (including the operation of Traffic Committees).

Council has been delegated certain powers, from TfNSW, regarding traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that the General Manager will approve the minutes under delegated authority.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only.

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, Transport for NSW, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If TfNSW or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of the Minutes being published on the Council's website. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

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1 GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 Various Streets & Suburbs – Wards 1 & 2 – Wollongong Electorate – E-scooter Trial Conversion of Footpaths to Shared Use Paths

BACKGROUND

Wollongong City Council will launch its E-scooter trial on 29 September 2023. Following analysis of results from an independent Road Safety Audit, Council is proposing to install temporary shared-use paths to enable e-scooters to travel between key destinations across the Wollongong LGA.

The list of locations is summarised below with proposed works also provided on the following pages as illustrations.

1. Gladstone Avenue, Coniston
2. Harbour Street, Wollongong
3. Towradgi Road, Towradgi
4. Carters Lane, Fairy Meadow
5. Foley Street & Throsby Drive, Gwynneville
6. Burelli Street, Wollongong

It is noted that many of the paths proposed do not currently meet shared path width compliance. However, without approval for the proposed routes, e-scooters will likely be entrapped and cannot travel between destinations such as University of Wollongong, Wollongong Mall, Train Stations, Win Entertainment Centre or the Foreshore Areas. This would likely lead to the Wollongong e-scooter trial having minimal user uptake and lead to a poor trial outcome.

The proposed footpath to shared-path conversions are proposed to retain key connections for the success of the trial whilst also ensuring the safety of the community is appropriately considered.

Council, Neuron and TfNSW will monitor these locations closely during the trial period, particularly on safety grounds. Council may submit a future Traffic Committee item to the Wollongong Traffic Committee requesting the removal of the shared paths prior to 29 September 2024.

More information on the trial criteria and FAQs can be found online here: [E-scooters and E-bikes | Wollongong City Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/e-scooters-and-e-bikes). Should the proposal be supported and installed, Committee members may raise any future safety concerns with respect to this item via the Wollongong E-scooter Working Group for review and appropriate action (noting some voting members of the Traffic Committee are also voting members of the Wollongong E-scooter Working Group).

CONSULTATION

Minor informal (walk in) consultation with a few businesses was undertaken on 11 September 2023 during a site inspection. However, noting Council and TfNSW are already committed to the E-scooter Trial, Council will provide a letterbox drop to residents notifying of the proposed changes prior to the trial launch on 29 September 2023.

PROPOSAL

That Council approves the temporary conversion of the six footpaths to shared-paths on a trial basis for a period of 12-months commencing on 29 September 2023 subject to:

1. Residents and businesses adjacent to proposed changes being notified prior to launch on 29 September 2023.
2. The locations be monitored during the trial for safety incidents and action/resolve where necessary.
3. A Traffic Committee report being submitted to Traffic Committee prior to 29 September 2024 to update the Committee on the trial and request an extension of the trial, implement the changes permanently, or remove the temporary shared paths completely.

1.2 WOLLONGONG, Market Street – Ward 2 – Wollongong Electorate – Installation of Cycleway Passing Land and ‘Cyclist Excepted’ Sign

BACKGROUND

Wollongong City Council will launch its E-scooter trial on 29 September 2023. An independent Road Safety Audit identified the one-way section of Market Street as a potential ‘entrapment risk’ for cyclists and e-scooter travelling eastbound. To address the usability concerns raised in the Road Safety Audit, Council are proposing the installation of a ‘cyclist excepted’ sign to permit cyclists and e-scooters to travel either side of this location. Further, Council is proposing the installation of green pavement linemarking and edge line marking offsets to further reduce the potential probability risk of a head-on-collision between a cyclist/e-scooter and vehicles traveling in the opposite direction.

It is noted that the widths of the proposed cycleway lane (approximately 1m + 0.5 clearance) is slightly narrower than the recommended widths contained within the TfNSW Cycleway Design Toolbox. However, noting the section is less than 10m in length, is at a raised threshold (slower speeds), and has good approach sight distance in each direction, Council considers the treatment to be the most appropriate option when compared to alternatives. It is noted this location is a bus route (which is why the proposal requests the 3.2m travel lane be retained as a minimum).

CONSULTATION

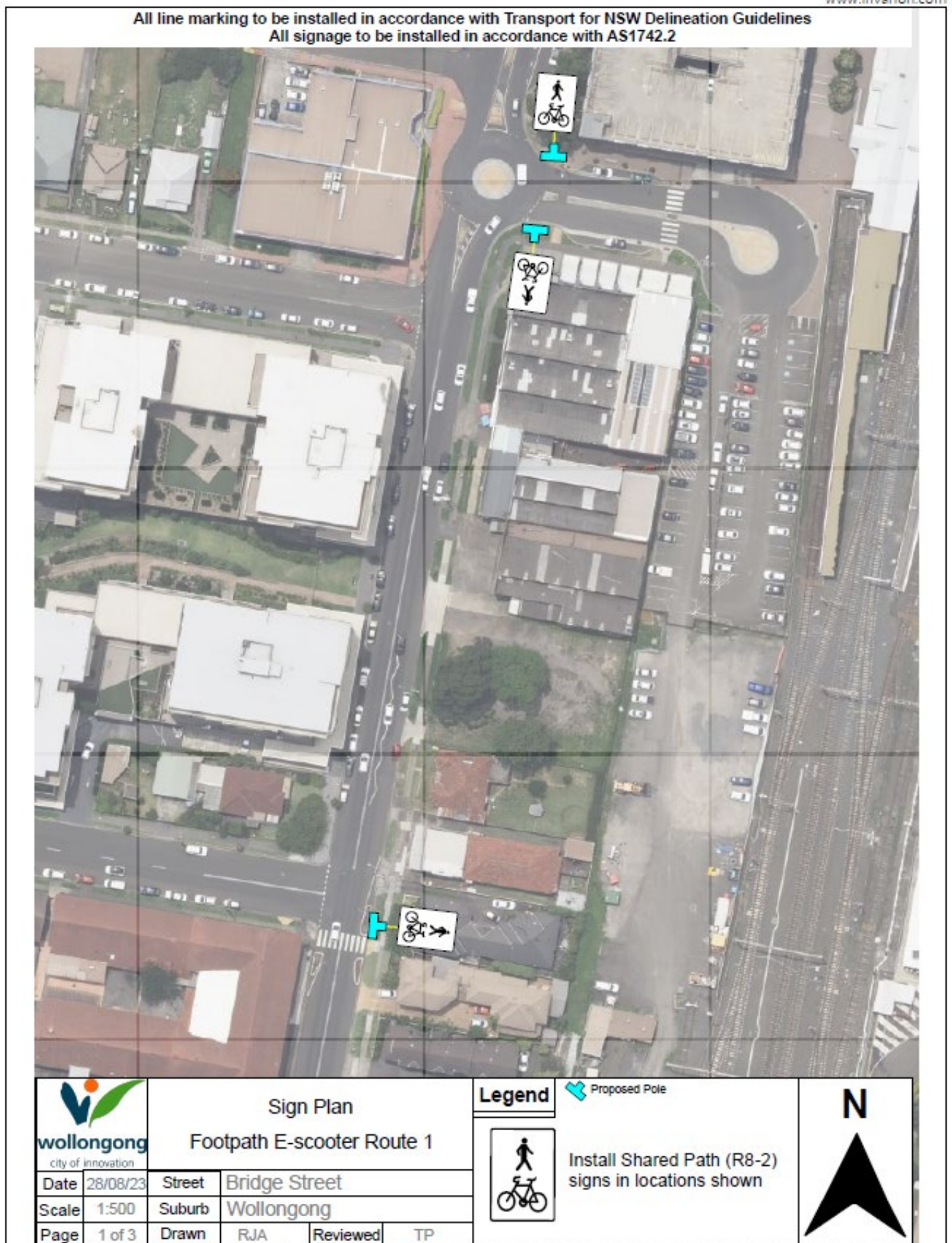
Noting the change is considered to be relatively minor to neighbouring residents, Council has not undertaken consultation.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION:

Council approves the cyclist passing lane and cyclist excepted sign at Market Street, Wollongong to permit cyclists and e-scooters to travel eastbound at the location.

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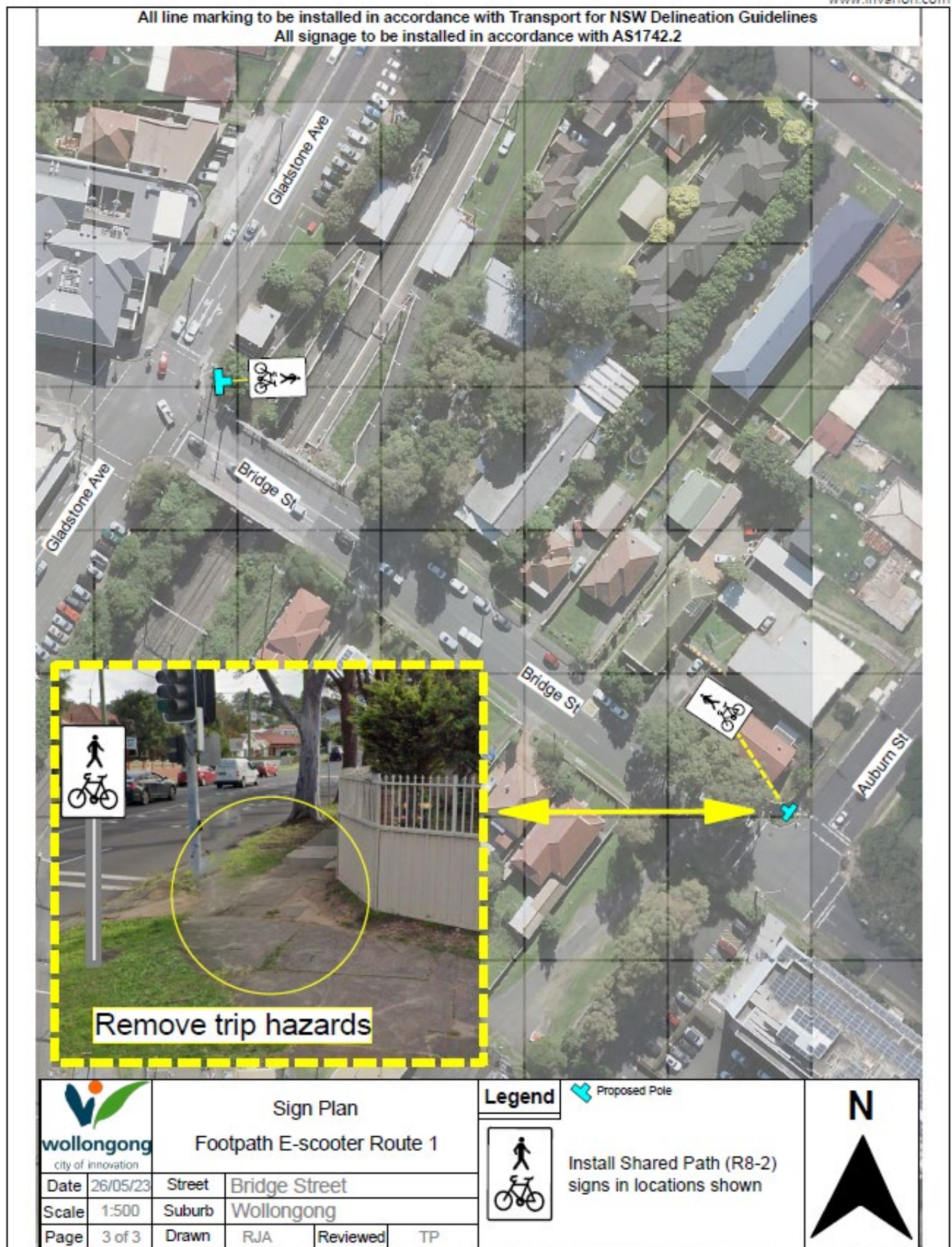
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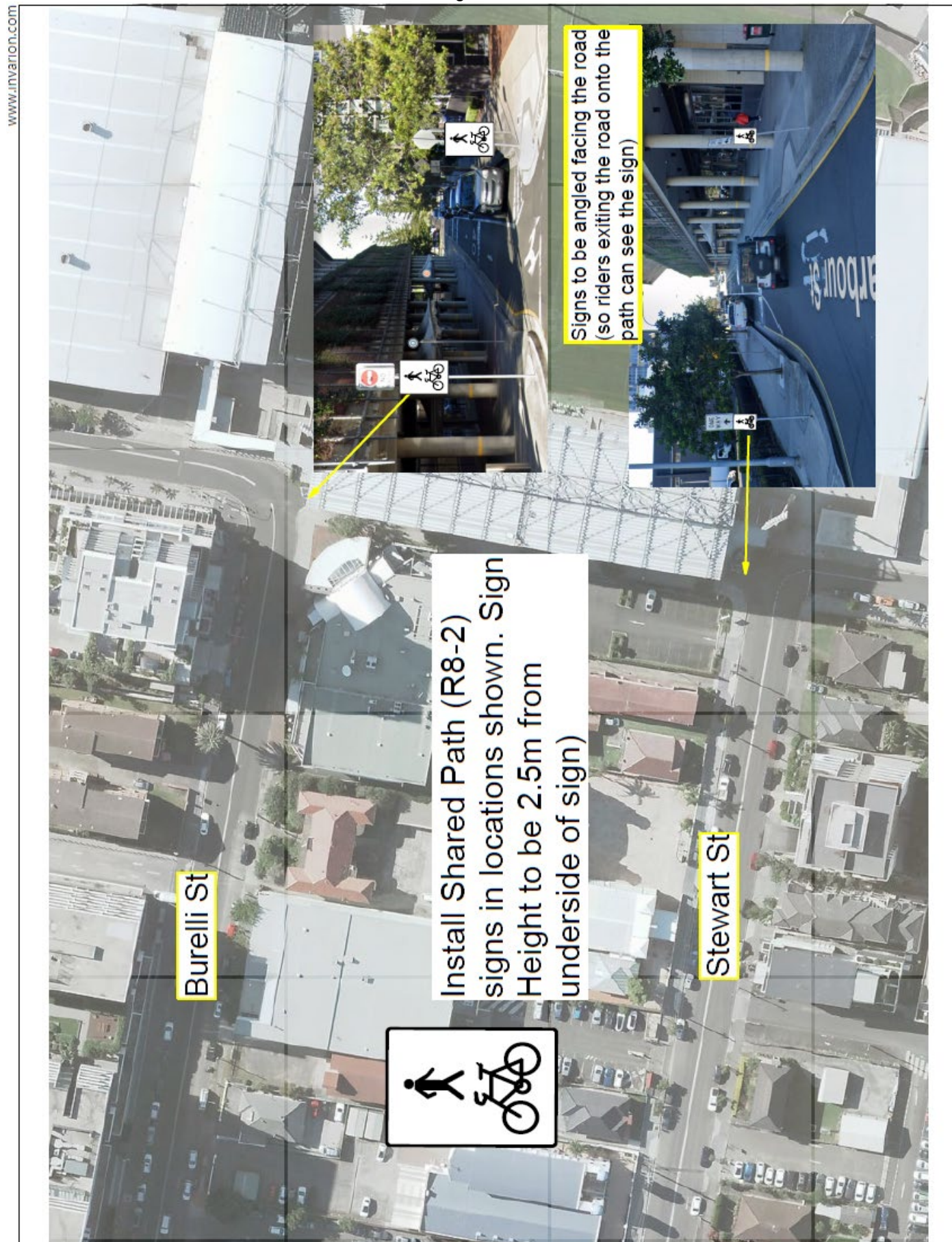


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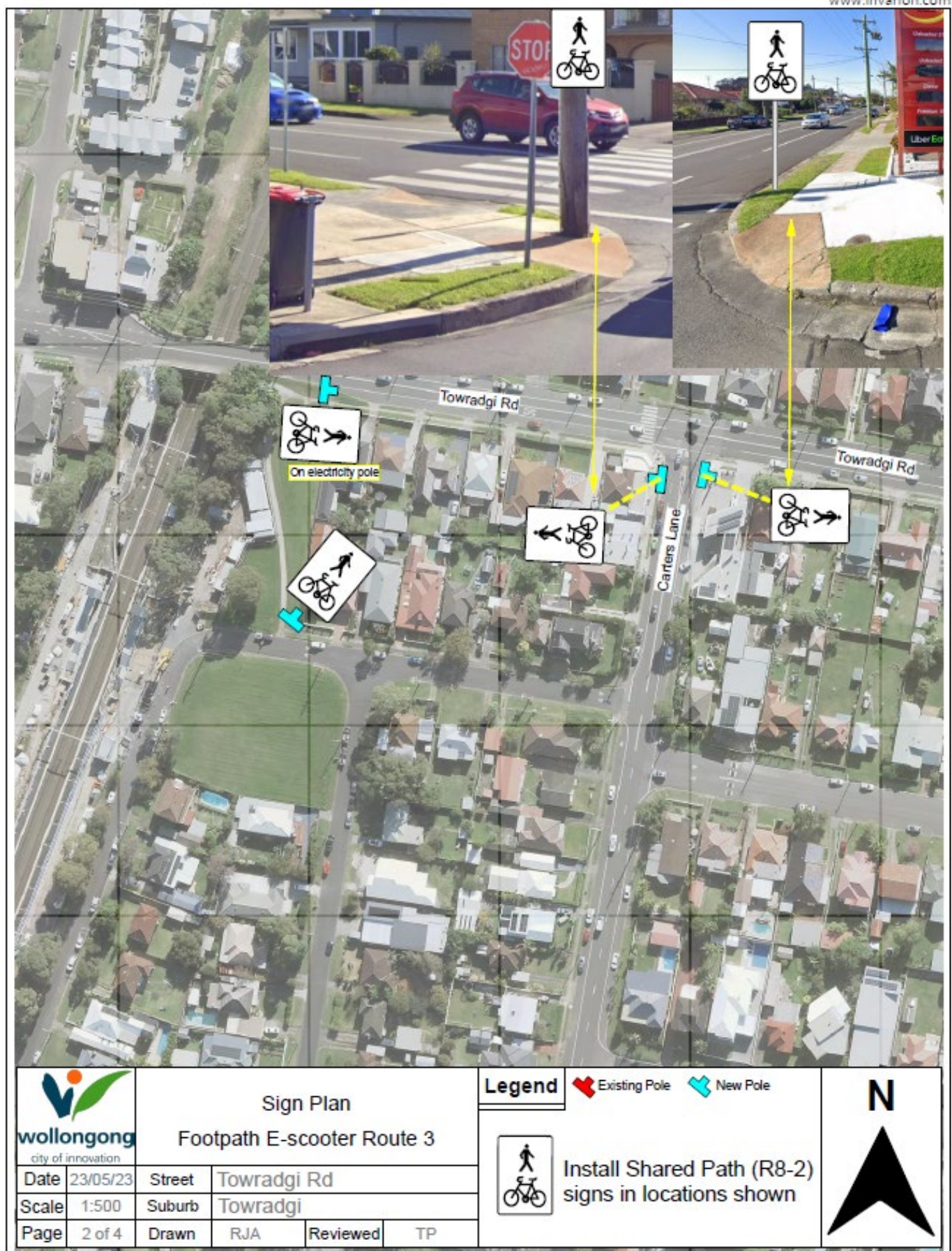
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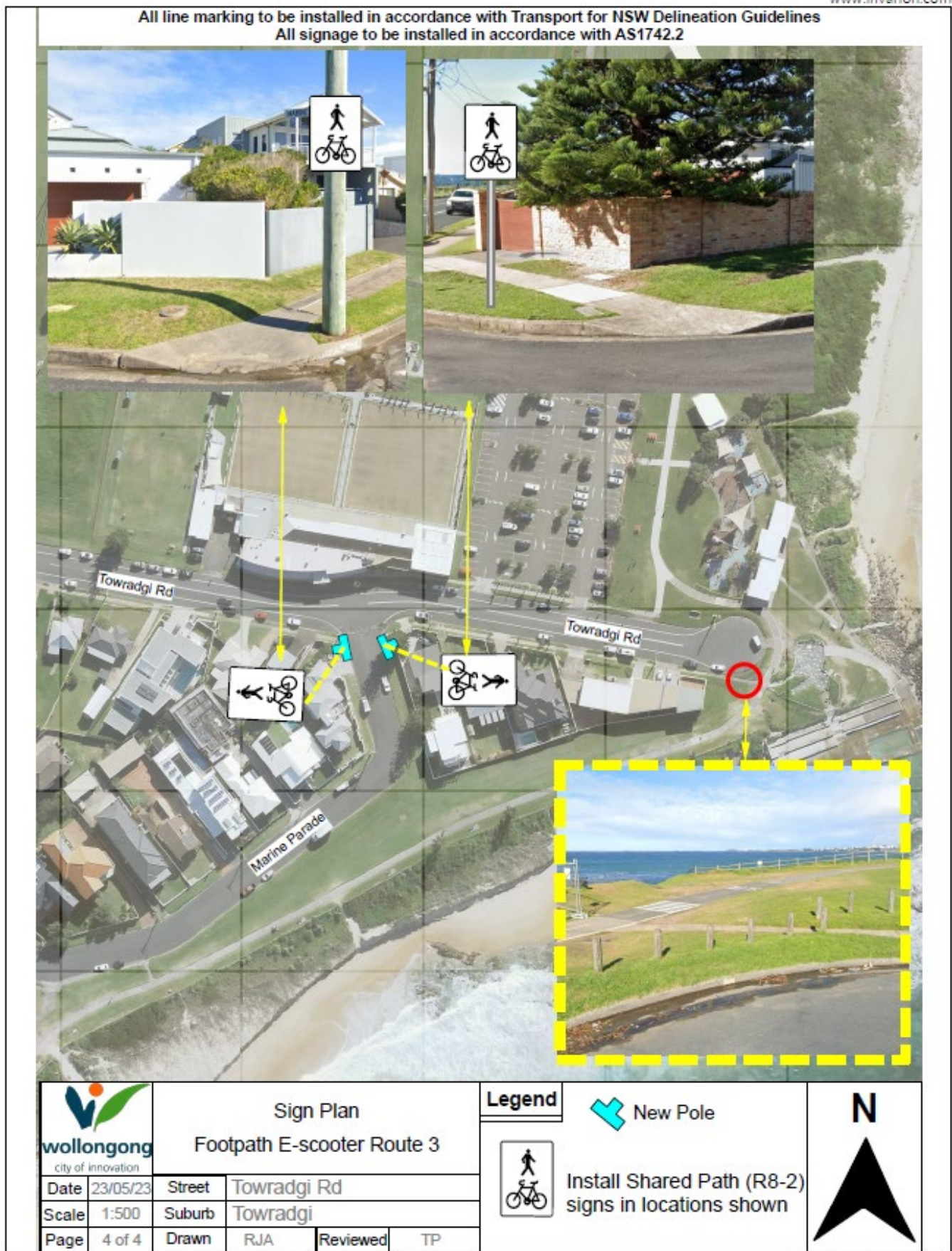


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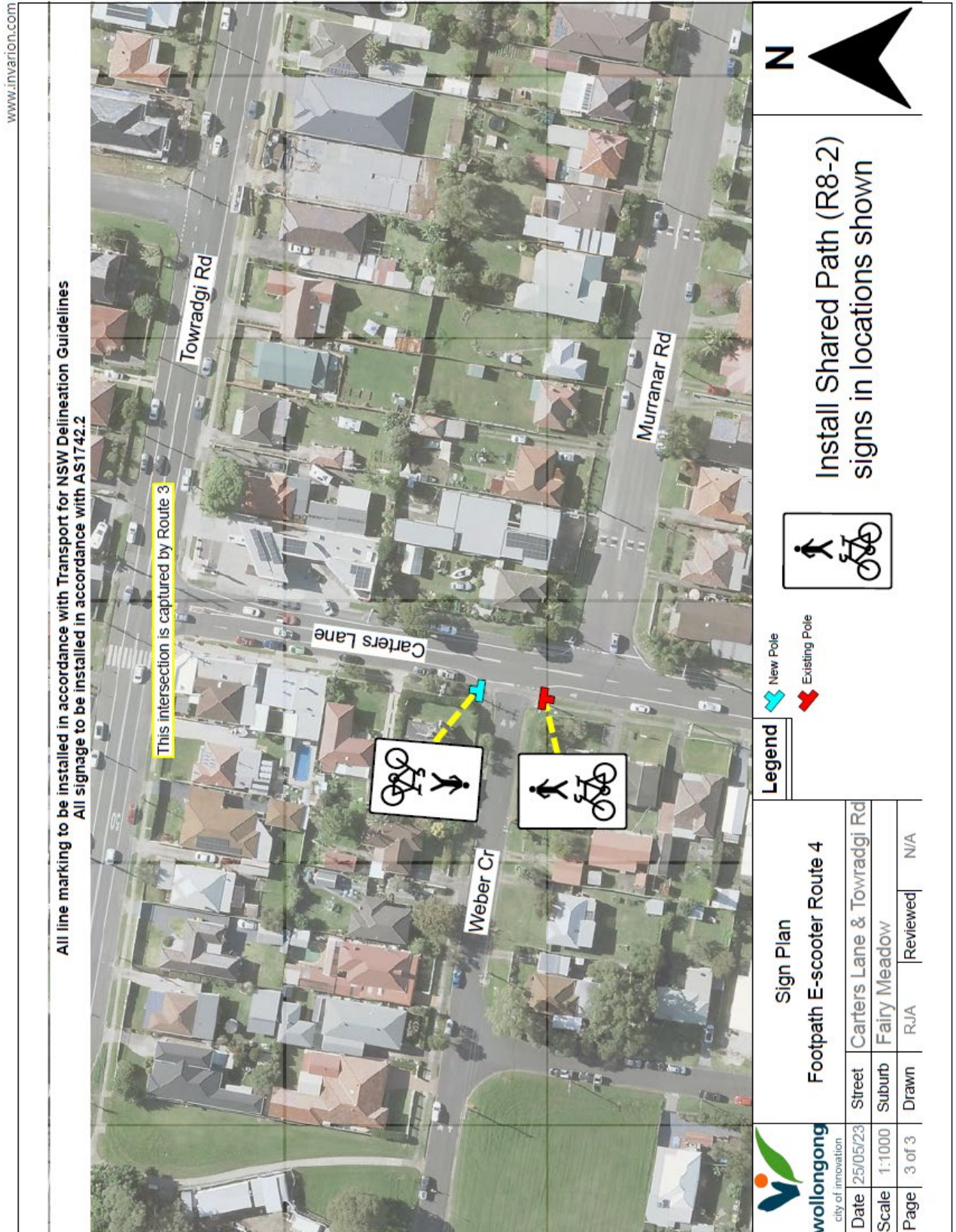


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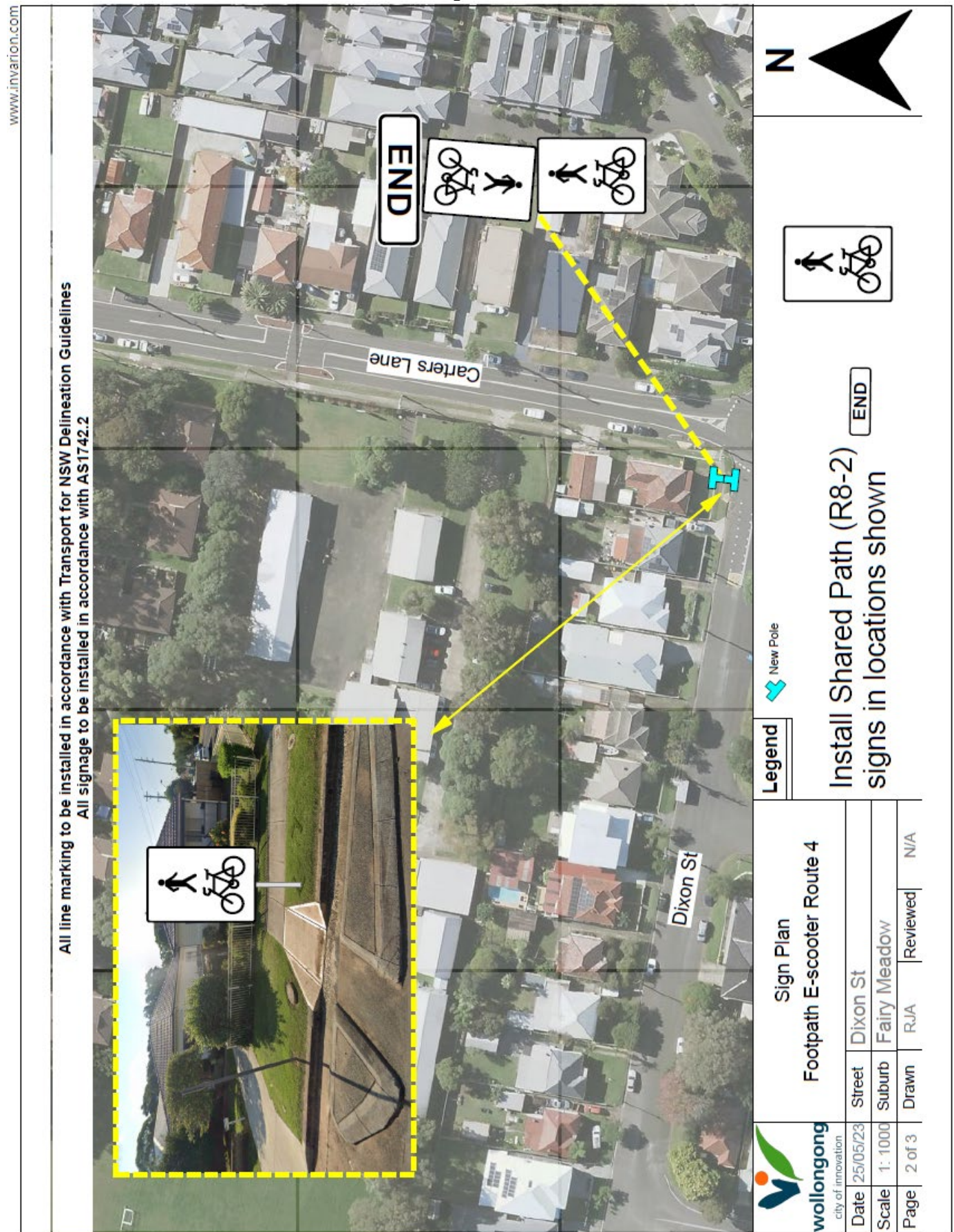


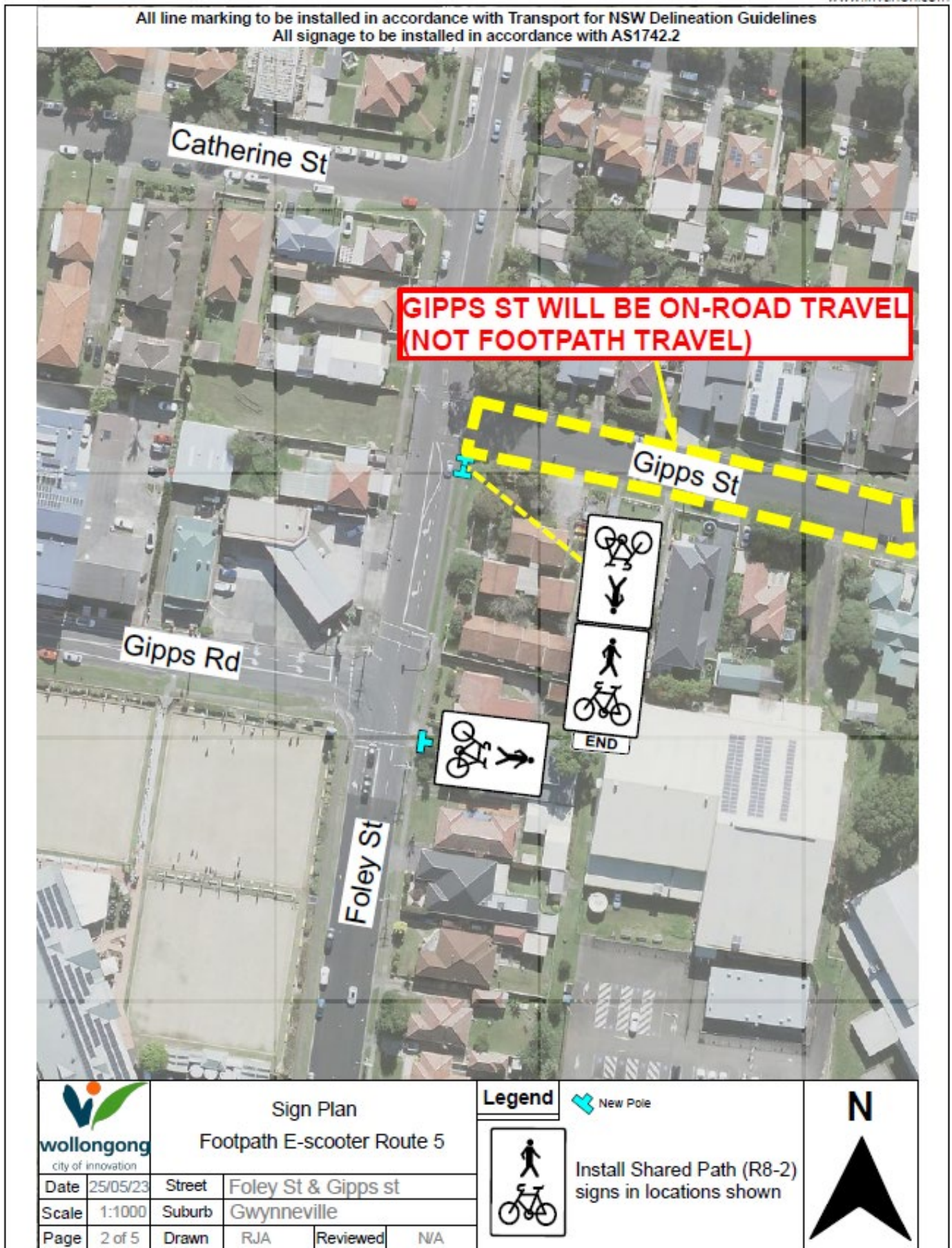
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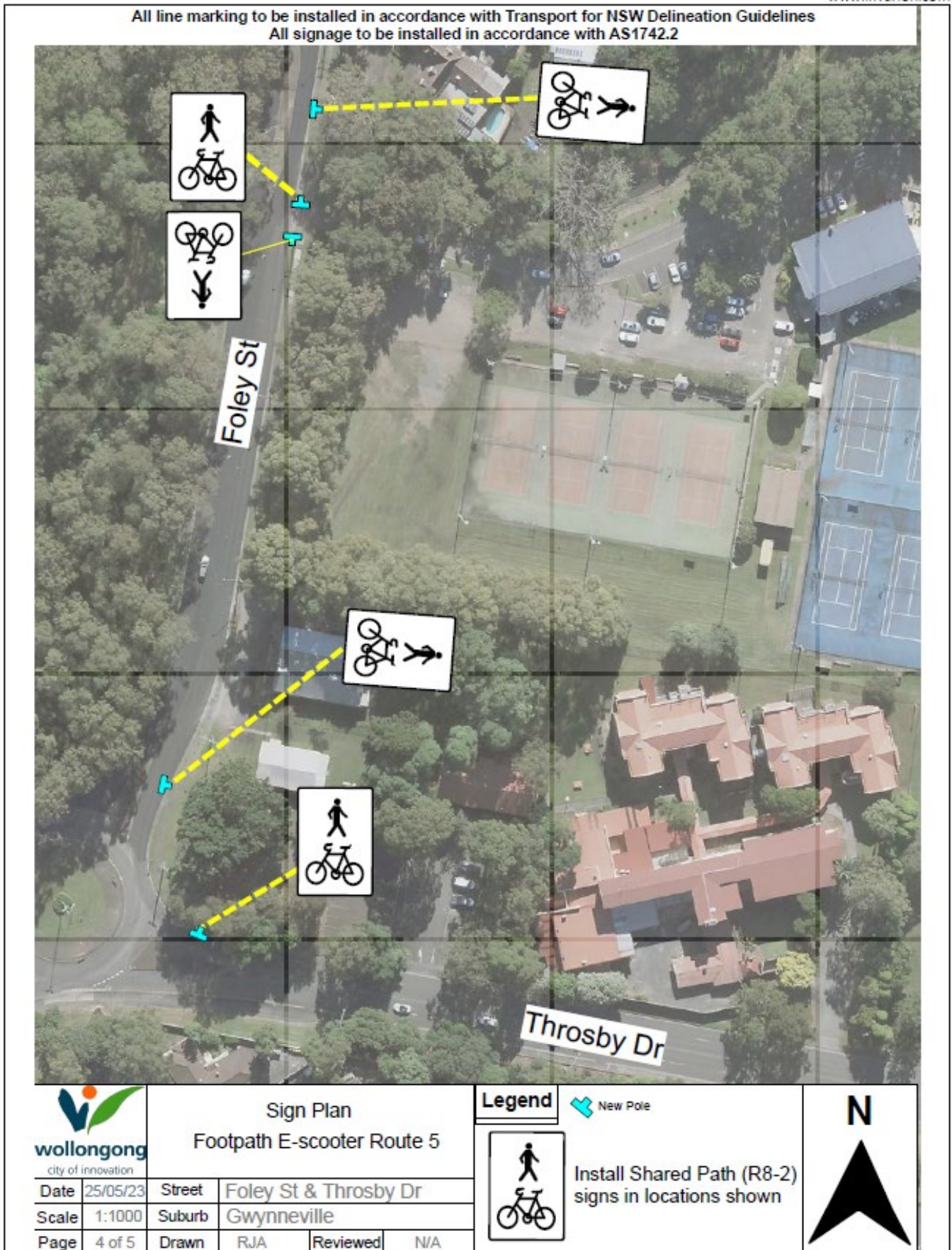
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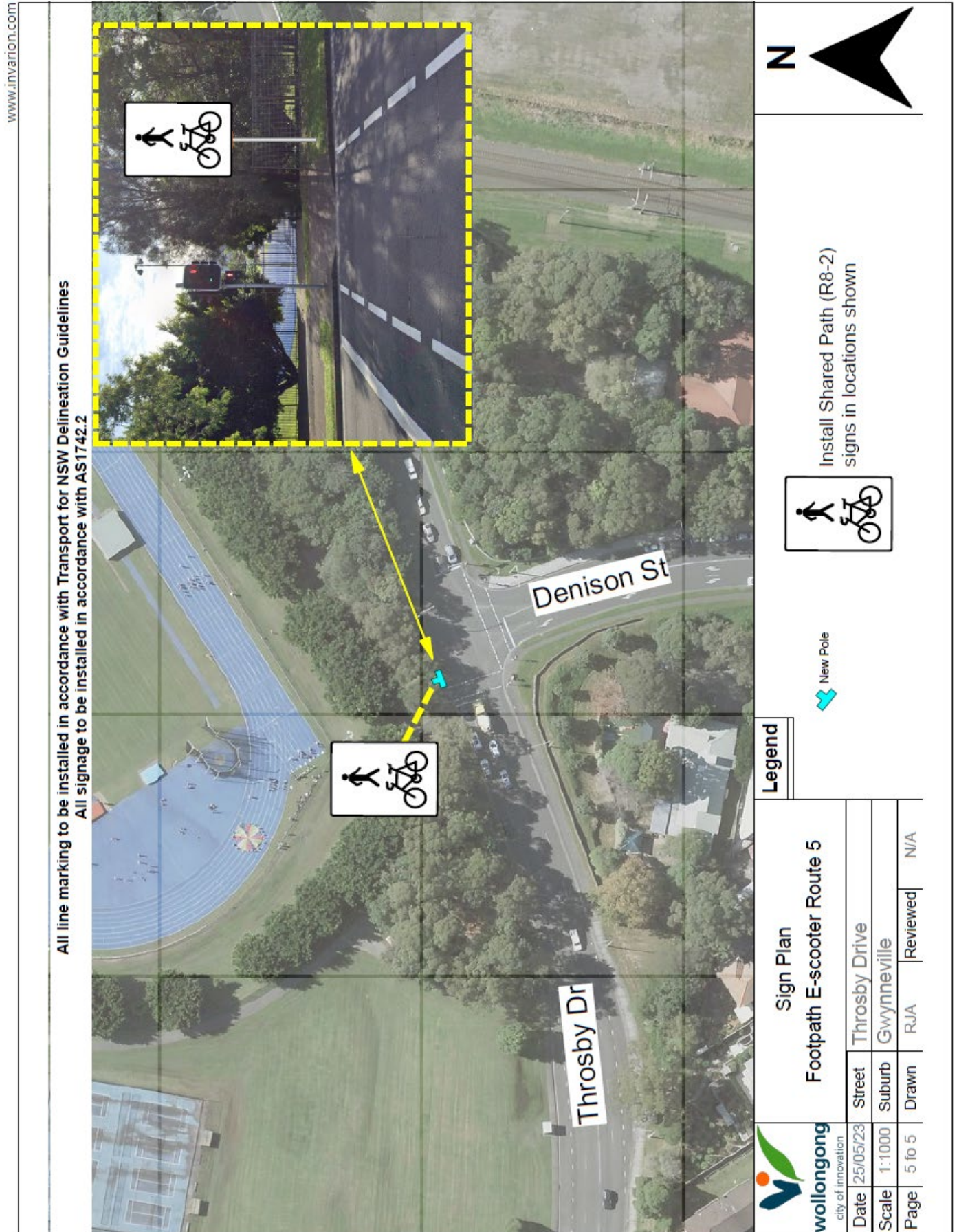


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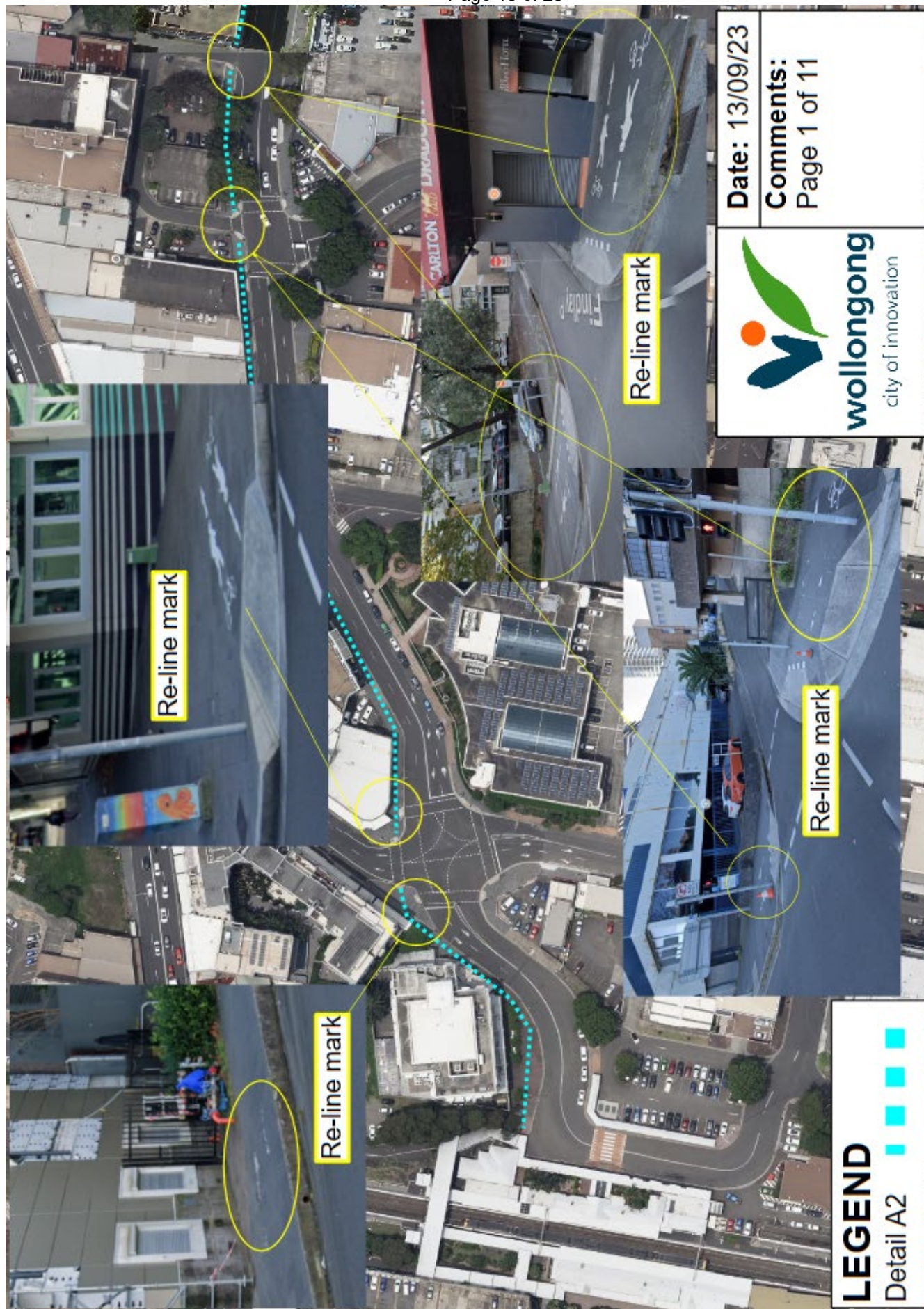
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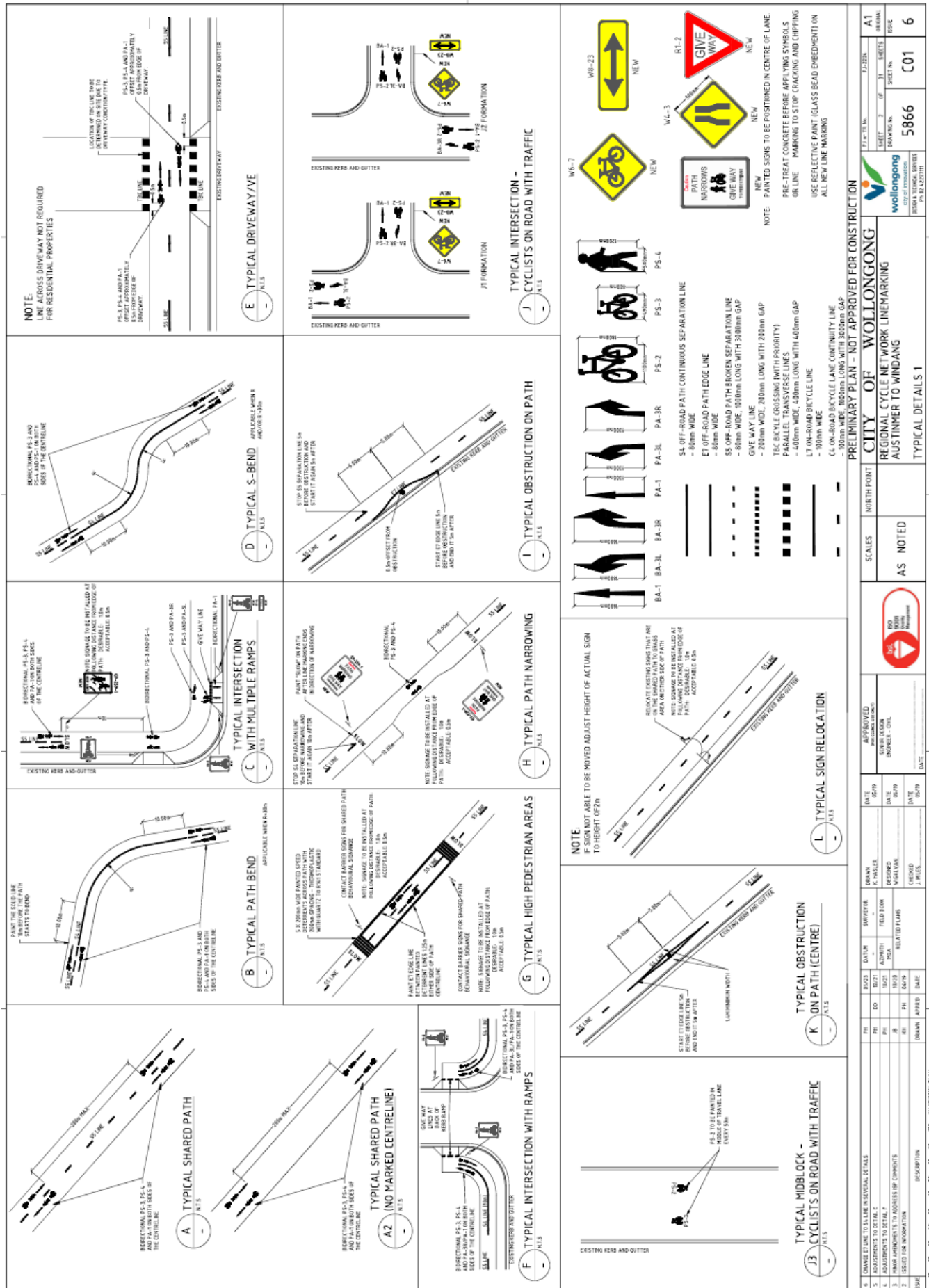
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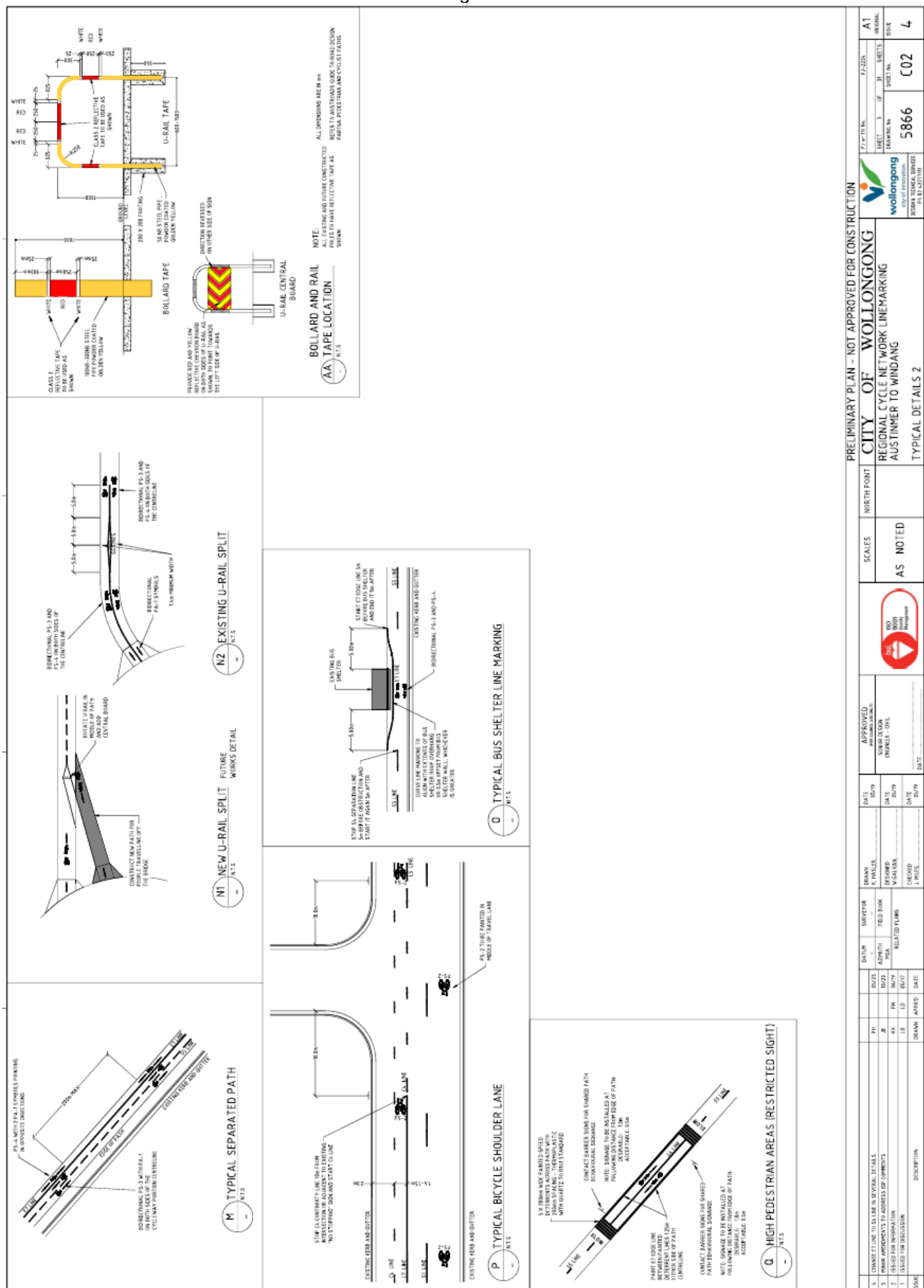
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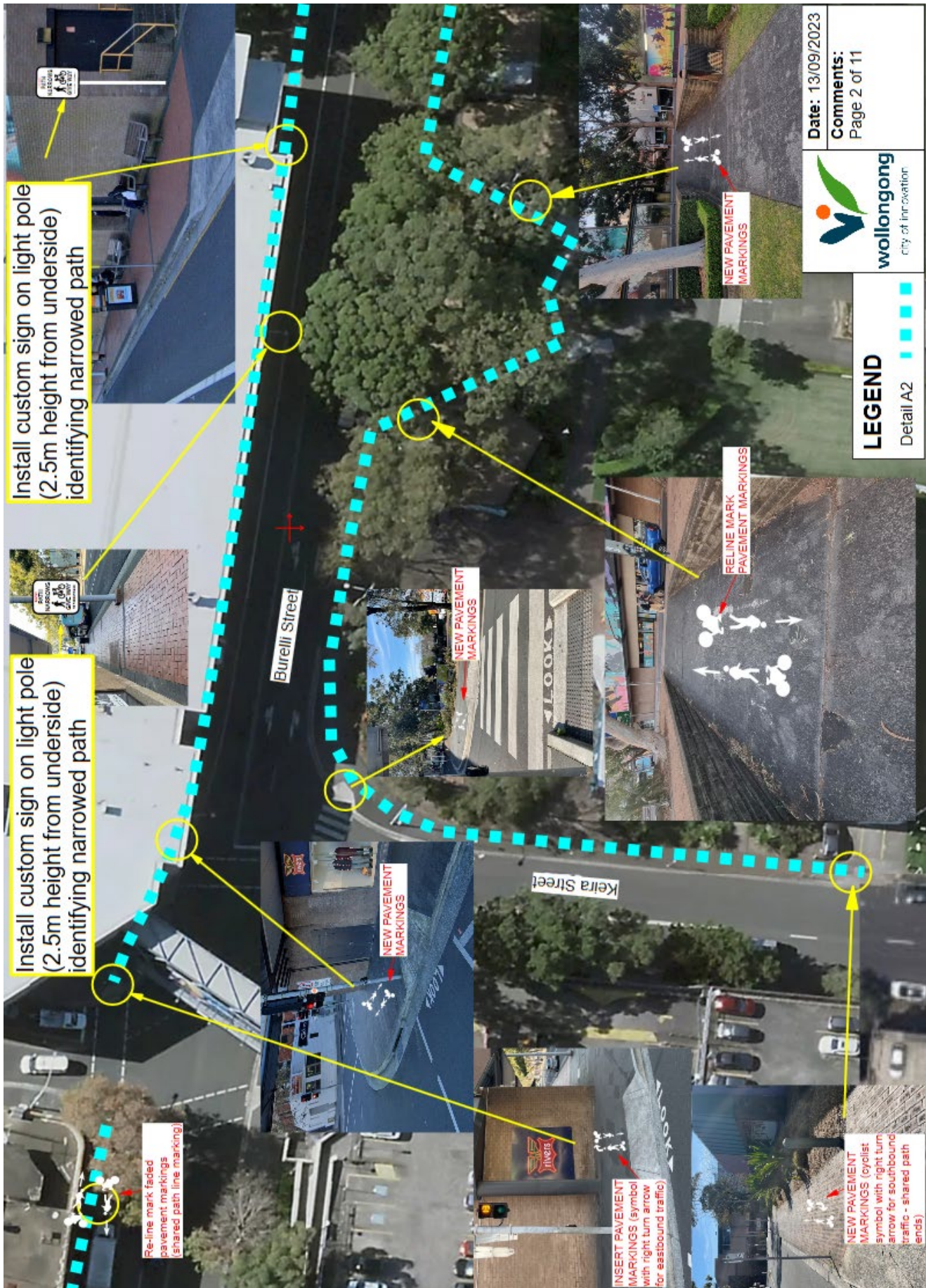
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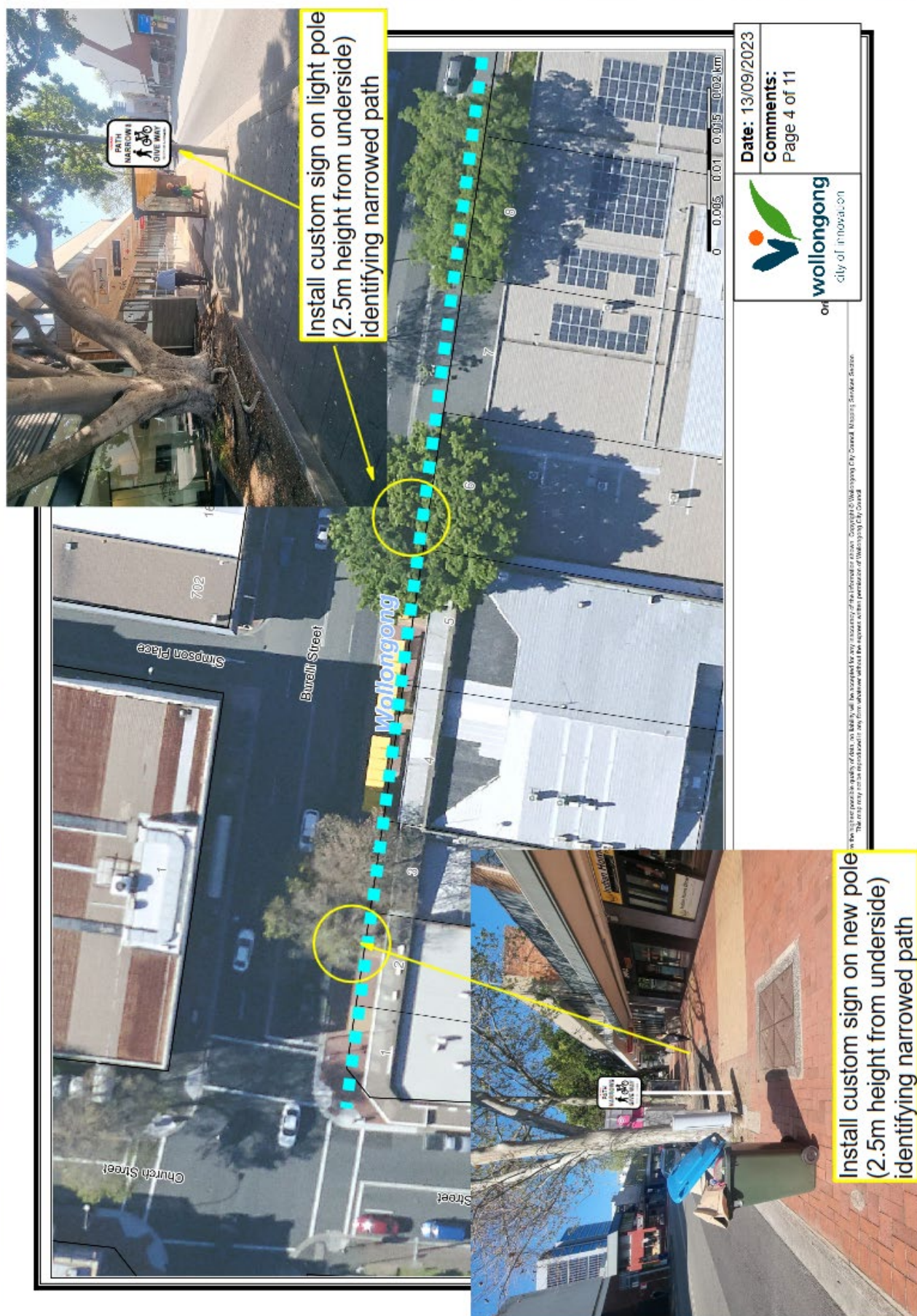
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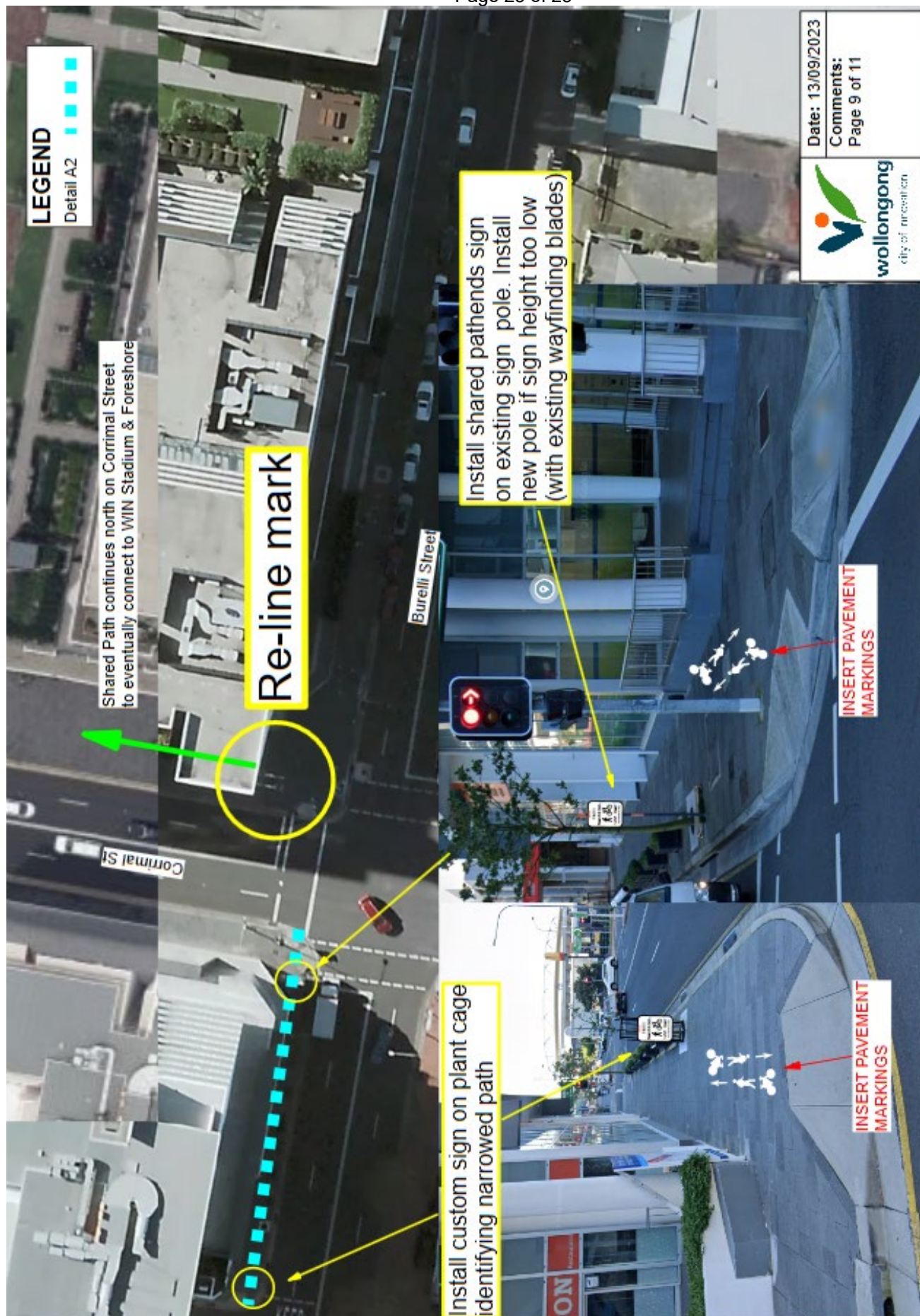
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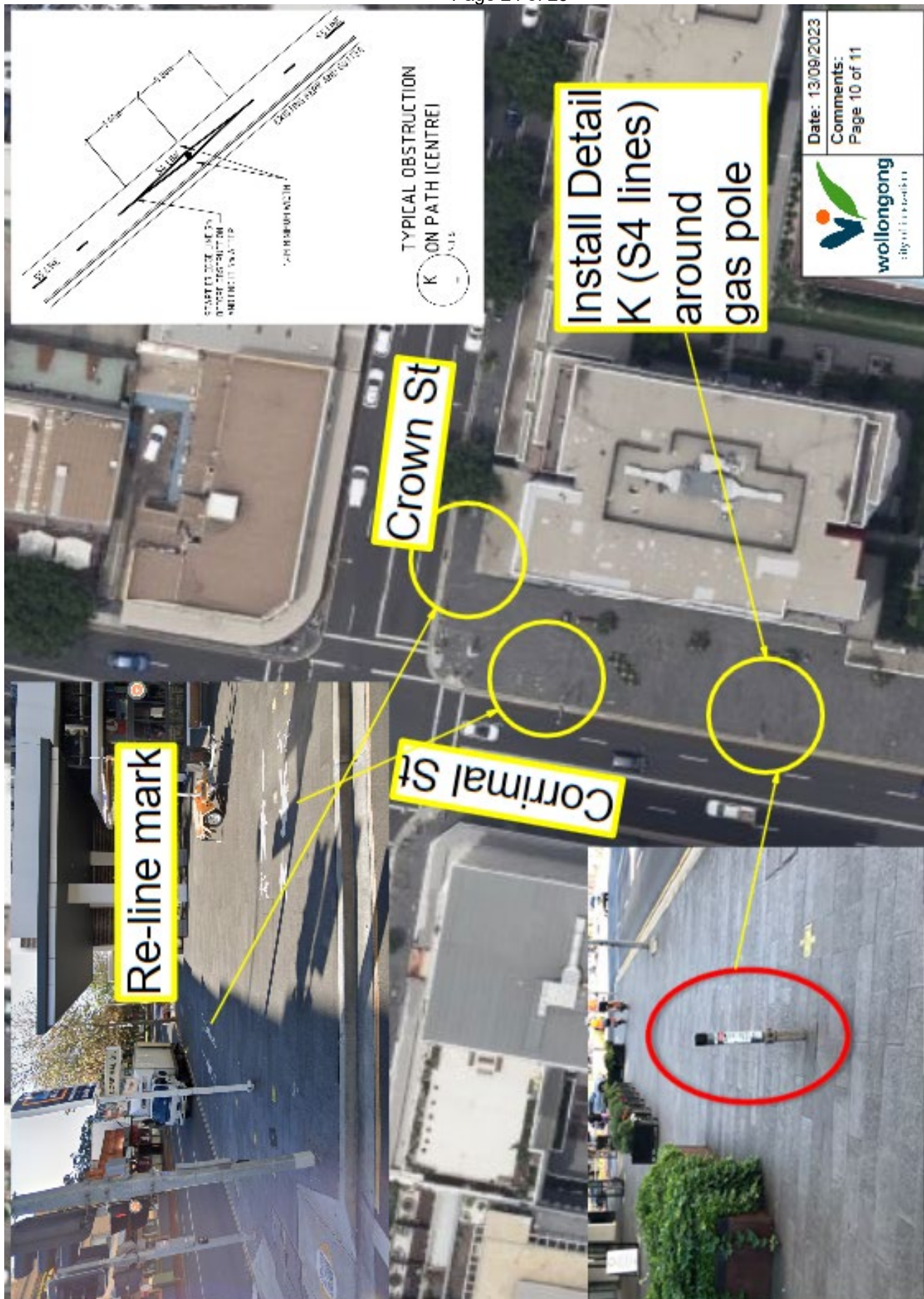
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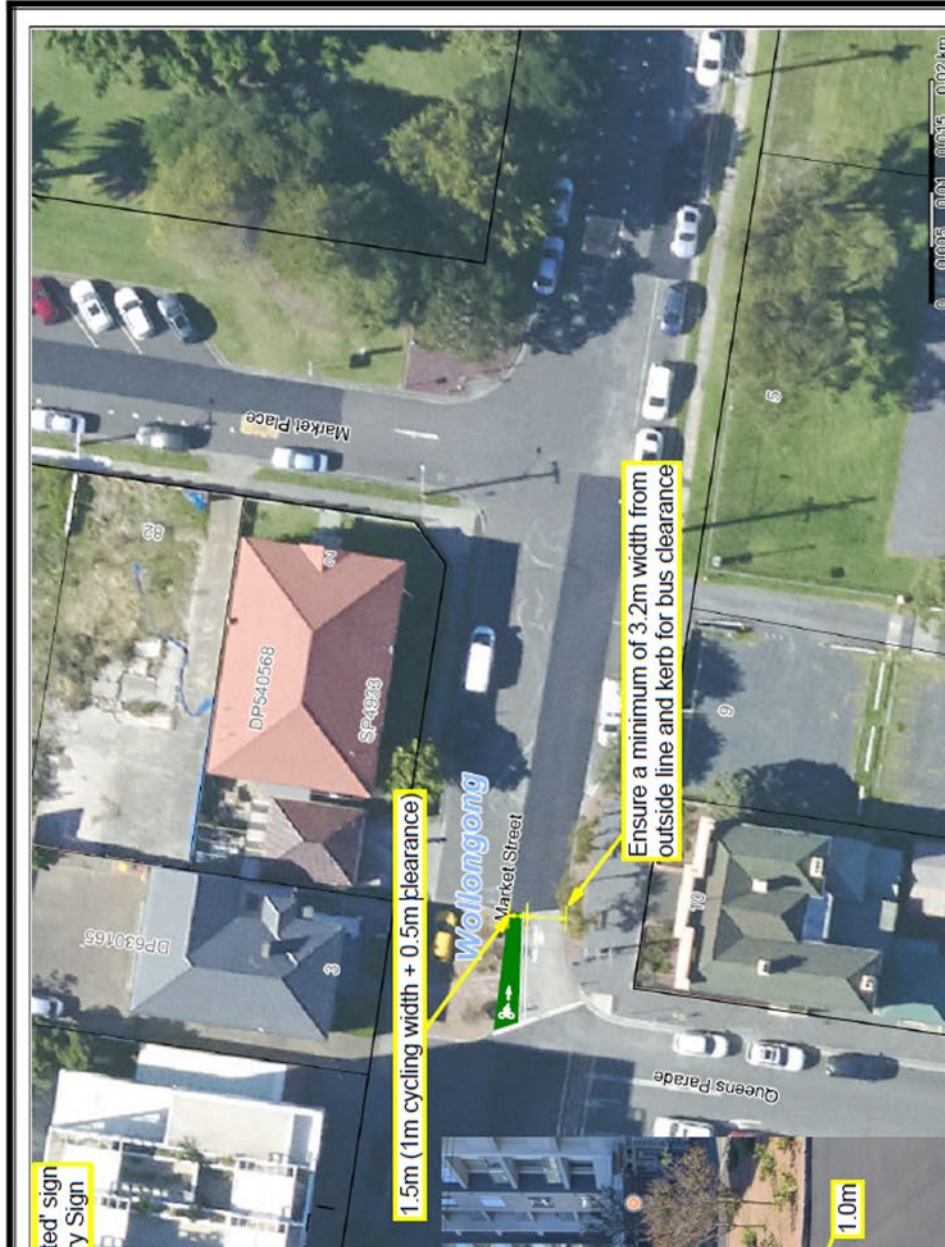
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All line marking to be installed in accordance with Transport for NSW Delineation Guidelines
All signage to be installed in accordance with AS1742.2



Signage & Linemarking Plan		Legend			
 wollongong city of innovation	E-scooter Trial				
	Date	14/09/23	Street	Market Street	
	Scale	N/A	Suburb	Wollongong	
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