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# **Bulla Bypass**

## Community Consultation Summary

# BULLA BYPASS

We're planning for a potential future Bulla Bypass to get you where you need to go sooner and safer.

We're currently exploring options to build a potential future new road link between Bulla-Diggers Rest Road and Somerton Road in Bulla. A potential future Bulla Bypass would provide a new connection between Sunbury and the northern suburbs of Melbourne, including Melbourne Airport.

## CONSULTATION

17 NOV — 5 DEC 2021

To help inform our planning, we asked the community, including local businesses, how they currently use the road network.

We made sure everyone had a chance to provide feedback. Hard copies were provided to community members who were unable to complete a survey online.

429

Online surveys completed

30

Map pins placed on the interactive map

53%

of survey respondents commute through the area

4912

Views of the Engage Victoria web page

51%

of survey respondents live in the area

126K

Reached by social media advertising

## WHAT WE HEARD

Your feedback has provided important local insights, including community views on access, efficiency, safety, environmental values and what's important to you in your local area. This information has built on previous feedback received by the Department of Transport on route options and the preferred road alignment.

"I live right on Bulla Road. The Bypass would highly benefit all residents living in Bulla."

"The bypass needs to be directly connected to Tullamarine freeway via Somerton and Oaklands roads."

"Building the Bulla Bypass is essential to improve the safety of through traffic and travel times."

"Eliminate traffic congestion through Bulla which in turn should improve safety, congestion and travel times through the area."

"Minimal loss of important vegetation is critical as are suitable shared paths in both directions."

"My only area of concern is the careful construction required where the bypass crosses over Deep Creek itself."

"As part of the bypass, the heritage bridge in Bulla should then have a truck ban to keep trucks going via the bypass."

"A bypass of the small village of Bulla is badly needed and is over 30 years overdue."

## KEY THEMES

### Community survey

- 100% of business respondents would support a future bypass
- 94% of respondents would use a Bulla Bypass
- over half of respondents travel around the local area everyday (56%), followed by weekdays (34%) and weekends only (10%)
- 15% of respondents walk and cycle through the area but 74% want better walking and cycling paths over Deep Creek and along Sunbury Road
- respondents typically experience delays when travelling through the Bulla Township during the evening peak 5pm to 6pm (78%), morning peak 7am to 9am (77%) and in the mid-afternoon 2pm to 5pm (54%)
- safety (92%), traffic flow (89%) and congestion (85%) are the top three concerns of respondents
- 69% want to see minimal impact to Woodlands Historical Park, and 51% want cultural heritage integrated into the bypass

94% OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS WOULD SUPPORT A FUTURE BYPASS

### Business survey

100%

OF RESPONDENTS:

- + Would support a future bypass
- + Own their businesses and are open seven days a week
- + Said their business would use a Bulla Bypass for deliveries and access for employees



### Interactive map

Suggestions on what the best configuration of the Bypass would be to address access and safety concerns.

Questions about what the Bypass will look like, including road connections and the lane configurations.

Concerns about impacts to the surrounding road network and suggestions to consider upgrading surrounding local roads, to better handle traffic volumes on these roads after the Bypass is built.

Requests to expedite construction of the Bypass.

## WHAT'S NEXT

Feedback is being used to inform our planning and shape the development of design options. We thank everyone who took time to provide feedback.

A Business Case is currently being developed and is anticipated to be finalised in 2022. Timelines and milestones will be determined through this planning work.

We will continue to provide the community with updates and information as planning progresses.

## PLANNING TIMELINE

- Current**
  - Technical investigations to better understand the area
  - Develop a Business Case
- 17 Nov to 5 Dec 2021**
  - Community Engagement to understand how the road network is used
- 2022**
  - Finalise the Business Case

Construction timelines and milestones will be determined through the detailed planning work.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Major Road Projects Victoria on 1800 105 105 or email [contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions or require more information about the projects.

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