

**What you've
said**

**Barwon Heads
Road Upgrade
– Stage 2**

*Barwon Heads Road and Boundary Road intersection
Artist impression – subject to change*

SEPTEMBER 2023

**Planning approvals process
Consultation summary report**

BARWON HEADS ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 2

Planning is underway for Stage 2 of the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade.

The Australian and Victorian governments have announced funding for the upgrade, and we're exploring potential options to improve safety, increase the capacity of the road, make your journey more reliable and make it easier to walk and cycle in the area.

As part of our investigations, we're looking at potential solutions to:

- upgrade Barwon Heads Road between Reserve Road, Charlemont, and Lower Duneed Road, Armstrong Creek
- add more lanes
- upgrade key intersections
- build walking and cycling paths to improve connectivity.

As part of the planning approval process, we need to submit a planning application to the Minister for Planning under Clause 52.35 Major Road Projects of the Planning Scheme.

The planning requirements for a project, including public consultation and any heritage, environment, landscaping and urban design matters, are fully considered under this clause.

Consultation

From 17 April to 22 May 2023, we asked for your feedback on the planning approval process for the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade – Stage 2.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback via our feedback form, interactive map, in meetings or at our pop-up community sessions.



Engagement statistics

60

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTENDED POP UP SESSIONS

188,000

PEOPLE REACHED BY PRINT ADVERTISING

240

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED VIA A FEEDBACK FORM OR INTERACTIVE MAP

3,600

FLYERS MAILED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

39,000

PEOPLE REACHED BY SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

2,729

VISITS TO THE ENGAGE VICTORIA WEB PAGE

Key themes

A total of 240 submissions were received from the community regarding the Barwon Heads Road Upgrade – Stage 2. These submissions have been categorised into themes below.

Traffic flow

- 42% of submissions related to the proposed traffic lights and pedestrian crossings
- This included requests for traffic light synchronisation and suggestions to improve traffic flow.

– Boundary Road intersection

- 17% of submissions related to support for the proposed upgrade to the Barwon Heads Road/ Boundary Road intersection
- This included comments about safety concerns and suggestions for improvements.

Construction impacts

- 22% of submissions related to the length of time in which works would be completed
- Comments requesting works to be completed as quickly as possible to reduce impact on journey reliability during construction.

Active travel

- 29% of submissions were about dedicated bike lanes and paths
- This included support for on-road cycling and shared pedestrian and cycling paths, and requests to improve safety of cyclists and pedestrians.



What we heard

The feedback highlighted some common themes expressed by respondents.

“Boundary Road is such a major road in its own right... this intersection needs to have traffic lights to control traffic flow and also have good pedestrian crossings to enable residents from the area to safely cross at the intersection.”

“Dedicated cycling lanes need to be built on the side of the road the whole way along Barwon Heads Road...make it safer for everyone to ride between the new suburbs in Armstrong Creek along Barwon Heads Road...”

“Off road cycle and walking tracks [are needed] connecting all the estates [from] Charlemont to Anchorage”

Next steps

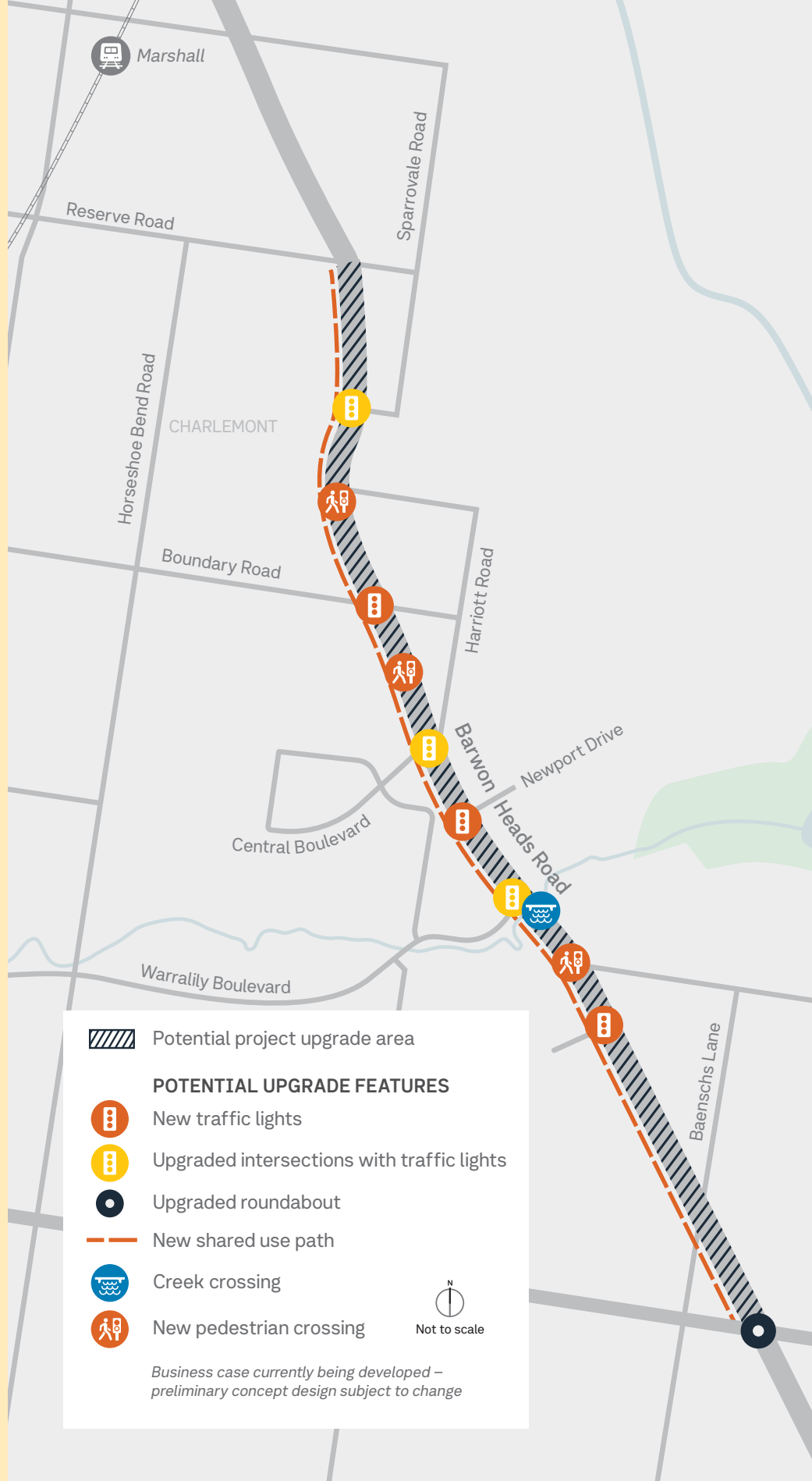
Feedback is being used to inform our planning and shape the development of design options. A Business Case is currently being developed and is anticipated to be finalised in late 2023. Timelines and milestones will be determined through this planning work. We will continue to provide the community with updates and information as planning progresses.

Planning timeline

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2022 to 2023
 - Technical investigations
- 
23 Jan to 12 Feb 2023
 - Community and business engagement
- 
17 Apr to 22 May 2023
 - Community consultation and planning approvals
- 
2023
 - Planning approval process
 - Business case complete

More information

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