

PROJECT OVERVIEW



WESTERN FREEWAY AND BREWERY TAP ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

SEPTEMBER 2026



Planning and early works are underway for a future upgrade to the Western Freeway and Brewery Tap Road intersection in Warrenheip, to improve safety and freeway access.

Background

The Western Freeway is an important link providing essential access between the city, Melbourne, and the broader Western Victoria region.

Currently, access to and from the Western Freeway at Brewery Tap Road is constrained, contributing to safety concerns, particularly during peak periods and major events.

Our planning will investigate different options to improve safety and freeway access for residents, visitors and businesses, while supporting Ballarat's continued growth as a leading regional centre.



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Planning

Planning work is underway, and key activities include:

- developing a project design
- detailed traffic analysis and modelling, to better understand the future growth of the area and the demand this will place on the road network
- on-site early works investigations to test ground conditions and map utility services
- environmental investigations to understand flora, fauna and tree species.

Technical investigations

To help inform our planning, a range of site investigations will be undertaken. At times, we may need to implement traffic control measures, including temporary lane closures, stop/slow traffic and reduced speeds. Traffic disruption will be kept to a minimum and busy periods will be avoided, where possible.

Status

Planning work will be used to inform the design, cost, and timeline of the upgrade.

Project timeline

- ✓ **2025**
Planning work commenced
- ✓ **Early 2026**
Technical investigations commenced
- ✓ **16 February to 8 March 2026**
Community engagement
- **2027**
Initial planning expected to be complete



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