


**What you've  
said**

# Pakenham Roads Upgrade – Stages 2 & 3



*Artist impression of the upgraded intersection  
at Racecourse Road and Bald Hill Road*

APRIL 2023

## Community and Business Consultation Summary

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# PAKENHAM ROADS UPGRADE

We're upgrading Racecourse Road, McGregor Road and the Princes Freeway in Pakenham, relieving bottlenecks, improving traffic flow and making your journeys safer and more reliable.

The project will be delivered in three stages. Upgrades to the Princes Freeway began in early 2023, with works on McGregor and Racecourse Road to begin in the coming months.



## PROJECT BENEFITS



Reducing bottlenecks and improving traffic flow



Better connections to and from the Princes Freeway



Safer outcomes for all road users



More walking and cycling options.

## Consultation

Between 6 March and 2 April 2023, we asked for feedback to help inform planning and design for Stages 2 and 3 of the upgrade.

Community members and local businesses told us how they use McGregor and Racecourse roads, their concerns when travelling through the area, and what community and legacy initiatives they would like the project to deliver.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide their feedback on the project.

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TOTAL  
COMMUNITY  
CONTRIBUTIONS

MORE THAN  
9,500

VISITS TO THE  
ENGAGE VICTORIA  
WEB PAGE



74%

OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS  
LIVE IN PAKENHAM

274

ONLINE  
SURVEYS  
COMPLETED

174

PEOPLE ATTENDED  
COMMUNITY  
POP UPS





## What we heard

In mid 2022, we asked for feedback on Stage 1 of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade. Scan the QR code below to read about what we heard previously.

These quotes highlight the common themes expressed by respondents.



Traffic should flow better with the sky rail completion too. Traffic coming off the freeway is becoming scary and banking up on the side of the road to avoid accidents. Traffic lights on McGregor need to be interactive to change to meet increased flow off the freeway.



So much growth in Pakenham... anything that reduces the congestion on the freeway during the evening peak will be beneficial.



Having footpaths along Racecourse Road will be fantastic as there isn't a safe way to walk down currently. The extra lanes and lights will also significantly improve congestion which has been getting busier since we moved here.



Don't upgrade the roads at the same time. There are many other works currently being completed at the same time in the Pakenham area and it is incredibly challenging to get around Pakenham. These works should have been completed 2 decades ago, they can wait a little longer if it means they are completed consecutively.

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**85%** OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS SUPPORT THE MCGREGOR ROAD UPGRADE

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Again, it's been super challenging to get in and out of Pakenham and feel it's the biggest negative of living here. Can't wait for this to get started!



Roundabout to traffic lights has been needed for years. Will make a huge difference to traffic congestion which impacts travel time.



Traffic is impossible from Highway to Bald Hill Rd. Lack of proper footpaths.



The traffic flow and congestion is a huge impact. At peak time it can take me 30 minutes for a usual 10 minute trip because of that road.



End result will hopefully be marvellous, it's just all the work stages in between that seem to be bothersome...



It's really needed. Traffic is heavy during peak hour it takes forever to get out of Pakenham and onto to the freeway.

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# 81% OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS SUPPORT THE RACECOURSE ROAD UPGRADE

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## Key themes

### Community survey

- 88% of respondents live in the area and 20% work in the area
  - 90% of respondents mainly travel in and around Pakenham by car
  - 83% of respondents travel around the local area every day, most frequently during the afternoon between 2pm to 5pm (69%), in the morning between 7am to 9am (67%), and in the evening between 5pm to 7pm (66%)
  - 89% of respondents had concerns when travelling on McGregor and Racecourse roads with traffic flow (36%), congestion (35%), and safety (13%) being the top concerns
  - Respondents were also concerned about impacts to the community during construction of the project, as well as the coordination of works between the different projects in Pakenham
  - More than half of respondents value the proximity to services including businesses and education (59%), and green spaces (51%) within the area around McGregor and Racecourse roads
- Of respondents who said they use walking and cycling paths in the area, only 12% rated the paths as good or very good, with no one rating them as excellent
  - 89% of respondents agree that high impact, short term disruptions are preferable to low impact long term disruptions
  - When asked about what community initiatives they would like to see as part of the project, respondents ranked buying materials and services from local businesses (43%) and shop local campaigns to support local businesses (23%) amongst their top preferences
  - When asked about legacy initiatives, almost half (46%) of respondents ranked planting more trees and shrubs as their top preference. Many were also interested in seeing more public amenities and the creation of public community spaces.

### Business survey

- 85% of surveyed businesses were supportive of the upgrade
- Many businesses said they were dissatisfied with the current traffic conditions on McGregor (31%) and Racecourse (54%) roads
- Most businesses thought upgrading McGregor (82%) and Racecourse (73%) roads will benefit their business
- 69% preferred high impact, short term disruptions to low impact long term disruptions

### Interactive map and Q&A tool

- Widening McGregor Road at the railway line to two lanes
- Extending the lane duplications of McGregor and Racecourse roads to the Princes Highway
- Changes to bus services
- Noise impacts from increased traffic.

## What's next

Your feedback will inform project design and planning for how we build the upgrade. Early works and investigations for Stages 2 and 3 of the upgrade are currently underway. Construction for Stage 2 is scheduled to begin in mid 2023, with Stage 3 following in late 2023.

## More information

For more information on the project visit [roadprojects.vic.gov.au/pakenham-roads](https://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/pakenham-roads)

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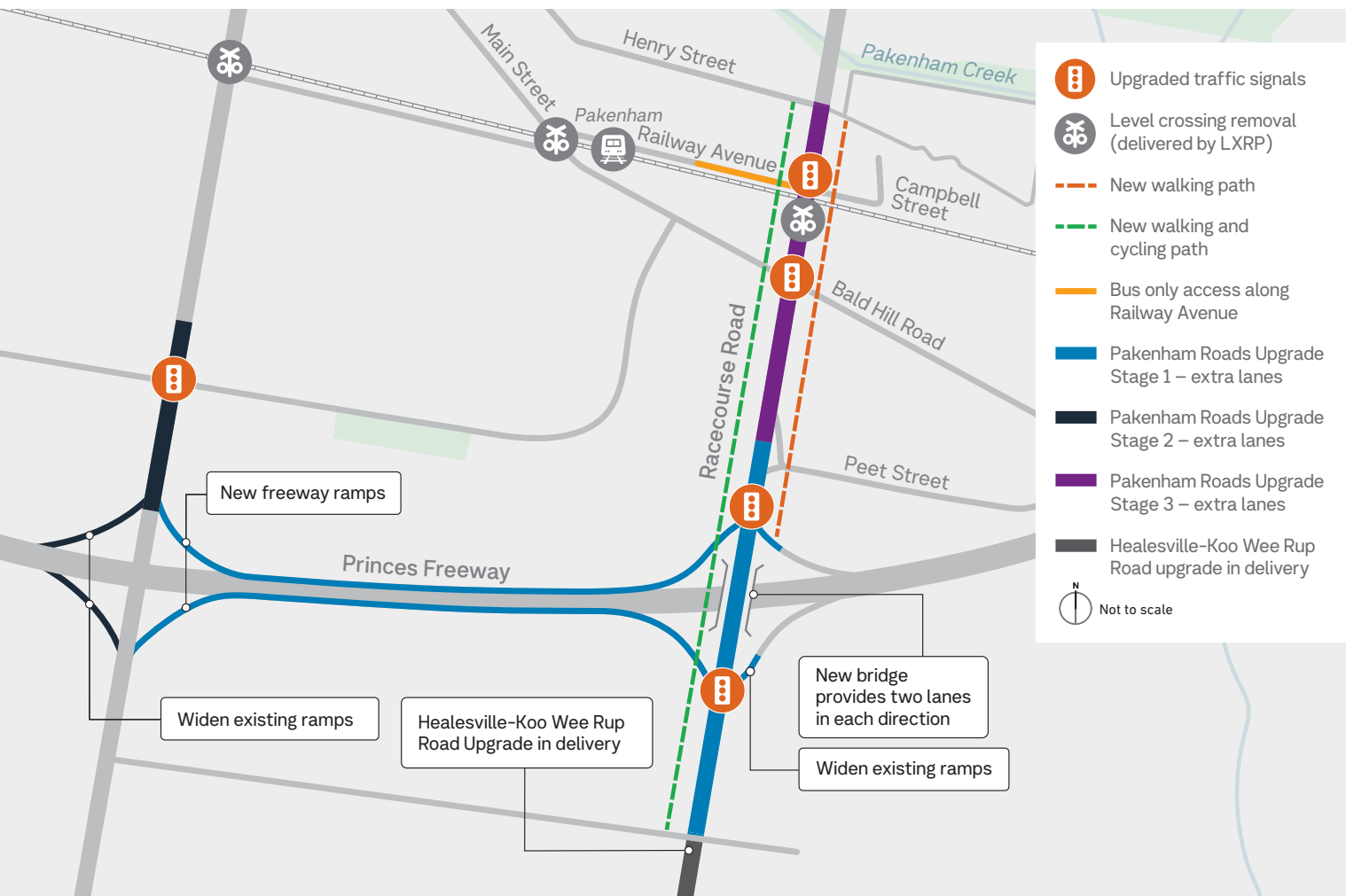
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- February 2019**  
 Pakenham Roads Upgrade announced
- March 2022**  
 Funding committed for Stage 1
- October 2022**  
 Funding committed for Stage 2 and 3
- April 2022 to January 2023**  
 Planning and procurement for Stage 1
- Early 2023**  
 Stage 1 construction began
- January to Jun 2023**  
 Planning and procurement for Stages 2 and 3
- March 2023**  
 Community consultation of Stages 2 and 3
- Mid-2023**  
 Stage 2 construction begins
- Late 2023**  
 Stage 3 construction begins
- Mid-2025**  
 Stages 1 and 2 completed
- Early 2026**  
 Stage 3 completed



Artist impression of the upgraded intersection at McGregor Road and Webster Way

## Project overview map



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