

MICKLEHAM ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 1

FEBRUARY 2024



We're building extra lanes, upgrading key intersections and installing new traffic lights on Mickleham Road to reduce congestion and improve safety and travel times.

What's been happening

In December and January, we:

- upgraded the intersection at Aitken College and installed the permanent traffic signals
- installed new light poles and relocated overhead powerlines on Somerton Road
- completed earthworks at Candy Road Basin

- finished building the new shared walking and cycling path on Mickleham Road between Lemonwood Drive and Somerton Road.

What we're doing and when

In February, we'll start:

- laying new asphalt, line marking and earthworks at the intersection of Mickleham and Somerton roads
- installing safety barriers on Mickleham Road between Lemonwood Drive and Somerton Road
- installing new drainage, street lighting and traffic signals at the intersection of Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and Mickleham Road

- building new pavement and laying asphalt at Greenvale Gardens Boulevard.

We'll also continue:

- upgrading the intersection at Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and Mickleham Road
- earthworks, drainage and utility works along Mickleham and Somerton roads.

Most of these works will take place from **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm, Saturdays**. At times we'll need to work outside of these hours to minimise impacts on traffic during the day. We'll let you know ahead of time if you'll be affected.

Above: Works continue to build your new northbound lanes.



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Greenvale Gardens Boulevard

Greenvale Gardens Boulevard **remains closed** at Mickleham Road until **mid-March 2024**, so we can upgrade the intersection and continue building your new northbound lanes. Signed detours are in place. Please see the detour map for details.

There is a temporary pedestrian crossing on Mickleham Road between Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and Dellamore Boulevard, with signage and traffic controllers in place to guide you around our work area.

We've temporarily restricted right turns in and out of Dellamore Boulevard so we can safely complete these works. Restricting right turns helps prevent traffic congestion and minimises rear end collisions. This helps to ensure safety for drivers and workers on Mickleham Road during construction.

To travel north on Mickleham Road from Dellamore Boulevard:

- turn left onto Mickleham Road
- turn right at Lemonwood Drive
- do a U-turn at the roundabout
- turn left out of Lemonwood Drive.

To access Dellamore Boulevard heading northbound on Mickleham Road:

- continue straight on Mickleham Road
- turn right onto Destination Drive
- do a U-turn at the roundabout
- turn left onto Mickleham Road, then left onto Dellamore Boulevard.

For your safety and that of other road users, **please do not use Garibaldi Road to U-turn onto Mickleham Road. Please follow the signs for the recommended detour.**

We encourage you to plan ahead and allow up to 15 minutes extra travel time.



NEW LANES, WALKING AND CYCLING PATH TO OPEN

When the intersection upgrades at Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and Mickleham Road are complete, we'll reopen the intersection and move traffic onto the new northbound lanes between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard and open the new walking and cycling path.

There will be changed traffic conditions, including speed reductions and lane closures in place while we move traffic onto your new lanes.

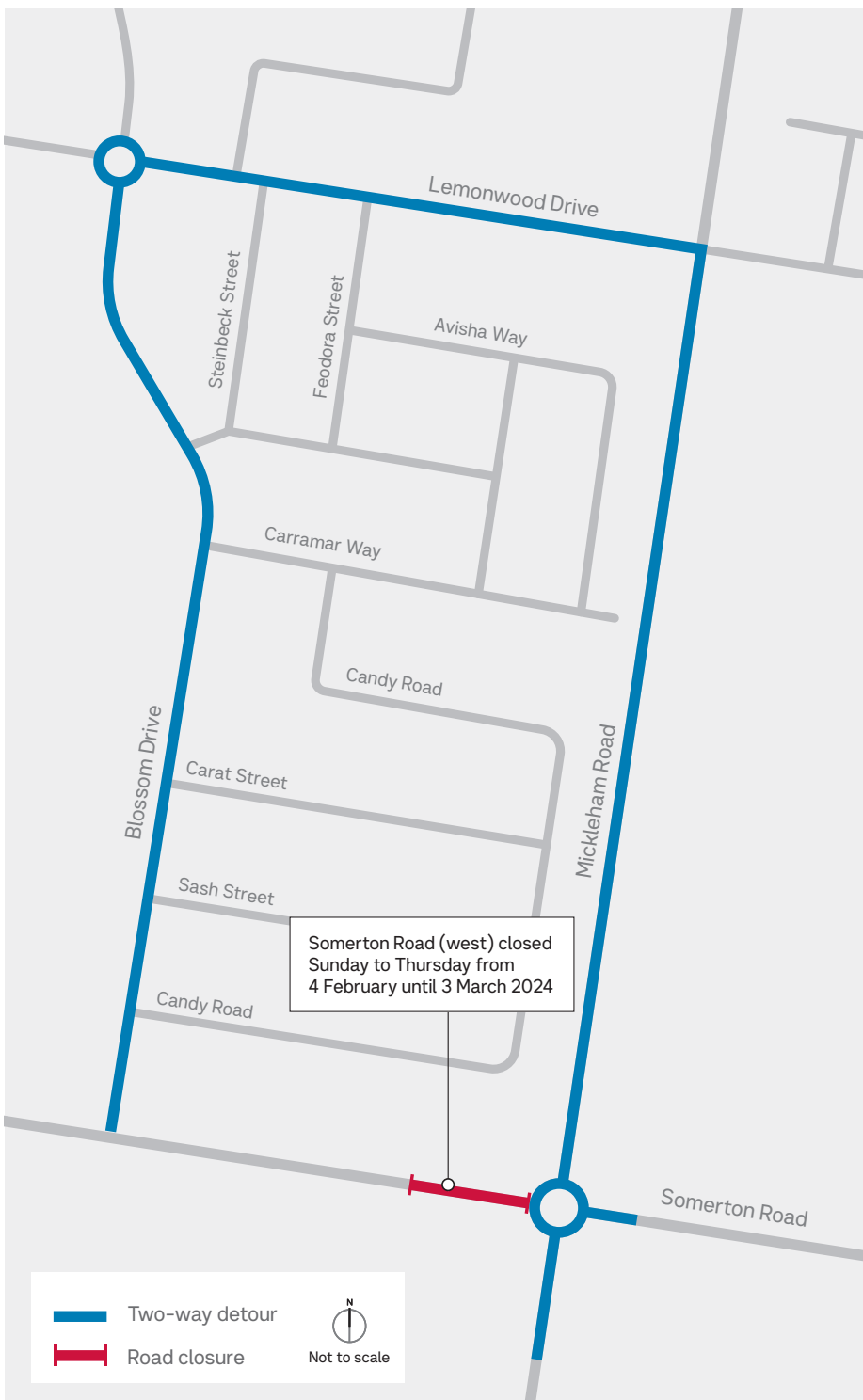
We'll also close Lemonwood Drive at Mickleham Road between 8pm and 5am the night before this change takes place. Detours will be in place via Blossom Drive.

Keep on the lookout for variable message signs, which we'll use to inform you about the timing of these changes and the overnight closure of Lemonwood Drive. We'll also let you know if you'll be directly impacted by these changes.



INTERSECTION OF MICKLEHAM AND SOMERTON ROADS

From **Sunday 4 February** until **Sunday 3 March**, we'll be working at night to install new drainage and traffic signal conduits, lay asphalt and complete line marking at the intersection of Mickleham and Somerton roads, in preparation for the opening of your new northbound lanes between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard.



To complete these works safely, we'll close the western side of the intersection at **Mickleham and Somerton roads** **between 8pm and 5am, Sundays to Thursdays**. The north and southbound lanes will also be reduced to one lane in each direction during the closure.

There will be a detour in place via **Blossom and Lemonwood drives** for motorists travelling:

- northbound on Mickleham Road turning left onto Somerton Road
- southbound on Mickleham Road turning right onto Somerton Road
- eastbound on Somerton Road turning left onto Mickleham Road
- westbound on Somerton Road past the roundabout.

While this detour is in place, there will be an increase in the number of vehicles, including trucks, using Blossom and Lemonwood drives.

Traffic management, signage and speed reductions will be in place to help guide you around the area safely. We encourage you to plan your journey and allow up to 10 minutes of additional travel time.

Please refer to the map for more information.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Traffic impacts

Temporary roundabout at Mickleham and Somerton roads

The roundabout at Mickleham and Somerton roads has been reduced to one lane at the east and westbound approaches until late 2024, while we build your new traffic light intersection. This will allow works to be safely completed behind barriers.

There will be ongoing changes to this intersection until the project is complete. The new traffic lights at Mickleham and Somerton roads will improve safety and traffic flow, getting you home safer and sooner.

Above: Works continue to build your new traffic light intersection at Mickleham and Somerton roads.

Changed traffic conditions

There are changed traffic conditions, including reduced speed limits, lane closures and temporary traffic barriers, traffic lights and line marking on Mickleham and Somerton roads while works take place.

Temporary footpath closures and detours are also in place while we relocate services and build your new lanes.

For more information about current and upcoming traffic disruptions, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions

Construction impacts

Our construction activities will generate medium to high levels of noise, dust, and vibration at times.

We're monitoring impacts to ensure they're kept to a minimum. We'll let you know ahead of time if you'll be directly impacted by our works.

Contact us

If you would like to speak to a member of our project team, please contact us on **1800 105 105** and select **option 5**. You can also send us a message at contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au.

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