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POINT COOK ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE INTERSECTION UPGRADE

SUMMER 2025/2026

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We're upgrading the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue intersection to reduce travel times, improve safety, and create better walking paths and connections.

We're replacing the roundabout with traffic lights and building a new outbound exit ramp that loops under Point Cook Road bridge and connects to the intersection.

Above: Point Cook Road and Central Avenue intersection, looking north

Contract awarded

Road users in Altona Meadows are a step closer to safer and more reliable journeys, with the contract awarded to build the intersection upgrade.

We're partnering with Australian-owned BMD Construction to deliver the project.

The site compound on Central Avenue is fully operational, and teams are working together to complete the upgrade by mid-2027.

What's happening

Works have started on the intersection upgrade. Recently installed barriers along the Princes Freeway near the Point Cook Road exit ramp and the intersection will help to keep you and our workers safe.

We've now removed the roundabout and replaced it with temporary line marking creating more space to build the new intersection while keeping traffic moving. We've also started underground works including drainage, gas and telecommunications ready for major works to start in January.



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During **December** works at the Point Cook Road bridge structure will include:

- starting to build soil nail wall
- continuing earthworks by placing fill around the existing embankment
- continuing drainage installation and utility service relocations.



From **January 2026**, we'll start works on the new ramp connecting the Princes Freeway to Point Cook Road.

From **10pm, Monday 12 January to early March 2026**, we'll temporarily close the entry ramp to the Princes Freeway (Geelong-bound) to start building a new slip lane from Point Cook Road to the entry ramp.

New exit ramp from Princes Freeway to Point Cook Road

How we'll manage traffic?

Point Cook Road and Central Avenue will remain open to through traffic however, vehicles will not be able to use the existing entry ramp to the Princes Freeway Geelong-bound.

To access the Princes Freeway towards Geelong, the following detours will apply:

- from Point Cook, detour via Dunnings or Sneydes roads and Boardwalk Boulevard
- from Altona Meadows access the Princes Freeway towards Geelong via Railway Avenue, Merton Street and Newland Street.

Melbourne's west is one of the fastest-growing regions in Australia. Once complete, the upgrade will:

- improve traffic flow on Point Cook Road, Central Avenue and for vehicles coming off the Princes Freeway
- reduce congestion and delays for drivers heading from the freeway to Point Cook Road and Central Avenue
- make it easier to reach local businesses and Aircraft Station
- create safer and more convenient walking and cycling connections at the intersection

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What's a soil nail wall?

A soil nail wall is a type of retaining wall used to stabilise slopes and support earth loads. We'll use soil nailing to secure the steep slope under the Point Cook Road bridge. The walls are built by inserting long steel rods, or "nails," into the soil and anchoring them with concrete.

This creates space for the new ramp that will loop under the Point Cook Road bridge and connect to the upgraded intersection.

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BUILDING THE NEW RAMP



Site established

Perimeter fencing is installed, temporary offices are set up and project signage is displayed. You will see machinery accessing the project area and people working on site.



Service relocation

We'll continue to relocate underground and overhead electricity, telecommunications and water services before we start major construction. This means your services will experience less disruption while we build the new ramp.



Soil nail wall

We'll start work on the new loop ramp beneath the Point Cook Road bridge, linking the outbound exit ramp to the upgraded intersection.



POINT COOK ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE UPGRADES

The Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade is part of a broader investment in Melbourne's west.

Central Avenue Upgrade

Planning is underway for an upgrade to Central Avenue between Lunn Court and Skehan Boulevard. Extra lanes will be added to improve safety, reduce travel times and cater for population growth.

Key activities to progress the upgrade towards construction include:

- 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 investigations to test the condition of the ground and the quality of the existing road surface
- environmental investigations to understand flora, fauna and tree species
- investigations to map utility services above and below the ground
- developing a detailed project design.

Construction timelines will be known once our planning has progressed further.

Point Cook Road Upgrade

We're planning for an upgrade to Point Cook Road, between Jamieson Way and Dunnings Road, to reduce travel times and cater for increased traffic volumes.

As part of our planning, we'll investigate solutions to add new lanes and upgrade intersections.

A business case will be developed to provide a detailed examination of the road upgrade to help inform government decisions on funding. We expect this planning work to be complete in 2026.



40km/h through construction zones

The speed limit on Point Cook Road between Triholm Avenue and Carinza Avenue, and on Central Avenue between the entrance to Bruce Comben Reserve and the entry ramp to Princes Freeway has been reduced to 40km/h while we build the upgrade, to keep you and our workers safe.

We've reduced the speed limit to 40km/h because, even when we're not working, there are still risks associated with reduced lane widths, concrete safety barriers and deep excavations behind barriers.

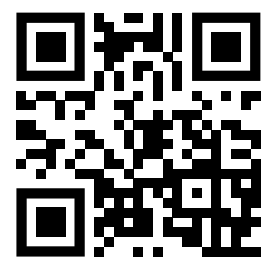
Above: Point Cook Road and Central Avenue intersection upgrade permanent access changes

When driving near a construction site, there may be humps and drops in the road and soft road surfaces, which may increase risks for drivers. Some of these dangers may be easy to spot during the day, but much harder at night.

Changes to the way you travel

When the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade is complete, some local road and property access will be changed to left in and left out only.

There will be permanent access changes at Fitzpatrick Drive and Lunn Court, and for some properties on Point Cook Road.



Scan the QR code for more details about these access changes, or visit our website.



What can you expect

Throughout the project, there will be road and lane closures, and changes to speed limits to help keep everyone safe while we work.

At times, detours will be in place for both vehicles and people walking through the area.

We'll communicate these changes ahead of time, so you know what to expect and can plan your travel.

Working hours

During summer we'll work **Monday to Friday** between **7am and 6pm** and from **7am to 1pm** on **some Saturdays** to get the works done.

At times, we'll also need to work outside these hours – including nights. We'll let nearby residents and businesses know ahead of time if they're likely to be impacted.

Why work at night?

To minimise disruption on the local community, we complete some disruptive works overnight to take advantage of when the roads are quietest.

Activities at night are typically installing or connecting traffic lights, shifting barriers to adjust traffic lanes, or asphalt works where we need to close a section of the road.

To stay up-to-date with upcoming works or closures, please visit our project page **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/point-cook-rd-and-central-ave** or subscribe for weekly updates.

Find out more

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