



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway, Bulleen

Melbourne's first dedicated busway

Project Update
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We're improving public transport in Melbourne's east.

Melbourne's first dedicated busway – the Eastern Busway – will deliver faster, more frequent, and more reliable trips to and from the city.

The Eastern Busway is part of a major overhaul of the Eastern Freeway – slashing travel times and easing congestion.

We're connecting an upgraded Doncaster Park & Ride and the new Bulleen Park & Ride to new dedicated bus lanes, separated from traffic, along the Eastern Freeway.

When complete in 2028, the Eastern Busway will provide safer and more reliable journeys from Doncaster Road to Hoddle Street, cutting travel times for 6 million passengers that use the freeway buses each year.



11km
of express bus lanes



Up to 100km/h
travel speeds



Up to 30%
faster travel times



800+
car parking spaces



2
park and rides



Six million
trips a year

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Two park and rides

The first piece of the Eastern Busway, Bulleen Park & Ride, opened to passengers in April 2023, four years ahead of schedule, ready for Doncaster Park & Ride to be upgraded from early 2025.

Bulleen Park & Ride

-  a 5000m² green roof community park
-  parking for up to 370 cars
-  quick drop-off and pick-up bays
-  walking and cycling paths that connect to Koonung Creek Trail and Thompsons Road
-  bike storage cage and hoops
-  ramps, toilets and myki services



Doncaster Park & Ride

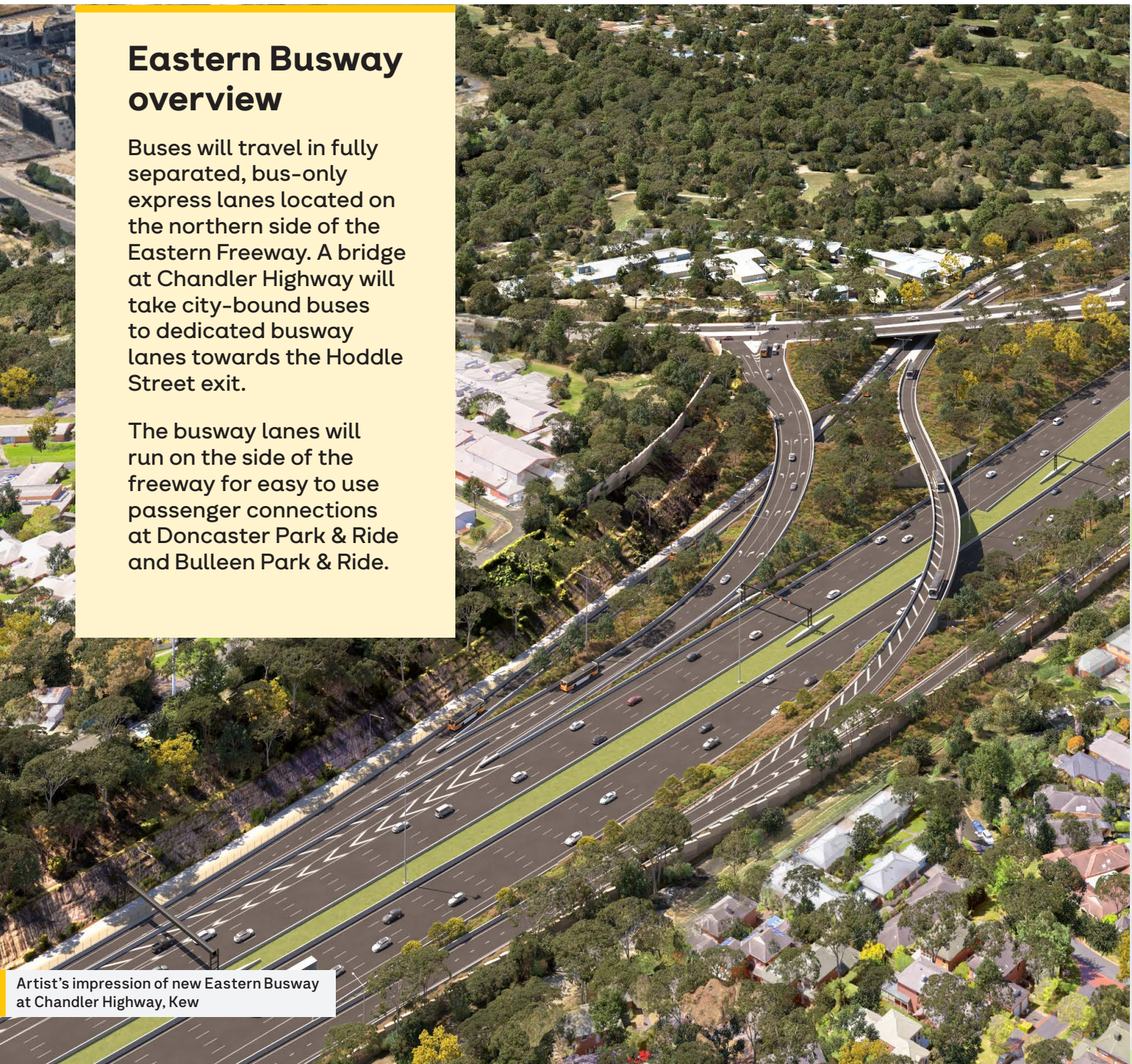
-  three new bus platforms
-  multi-level parking for 435 cars
-  a new passenger services building with waiting room, toilets, ticket facilities and a ticket office
-  improved walking and cycling connections to Koonung Creek Trail, Doncaster Road and local streets
-  a new Drop and Go zone
-  bike storage cage and hoops
-  530m² landscaped forecourt, new trees and plants



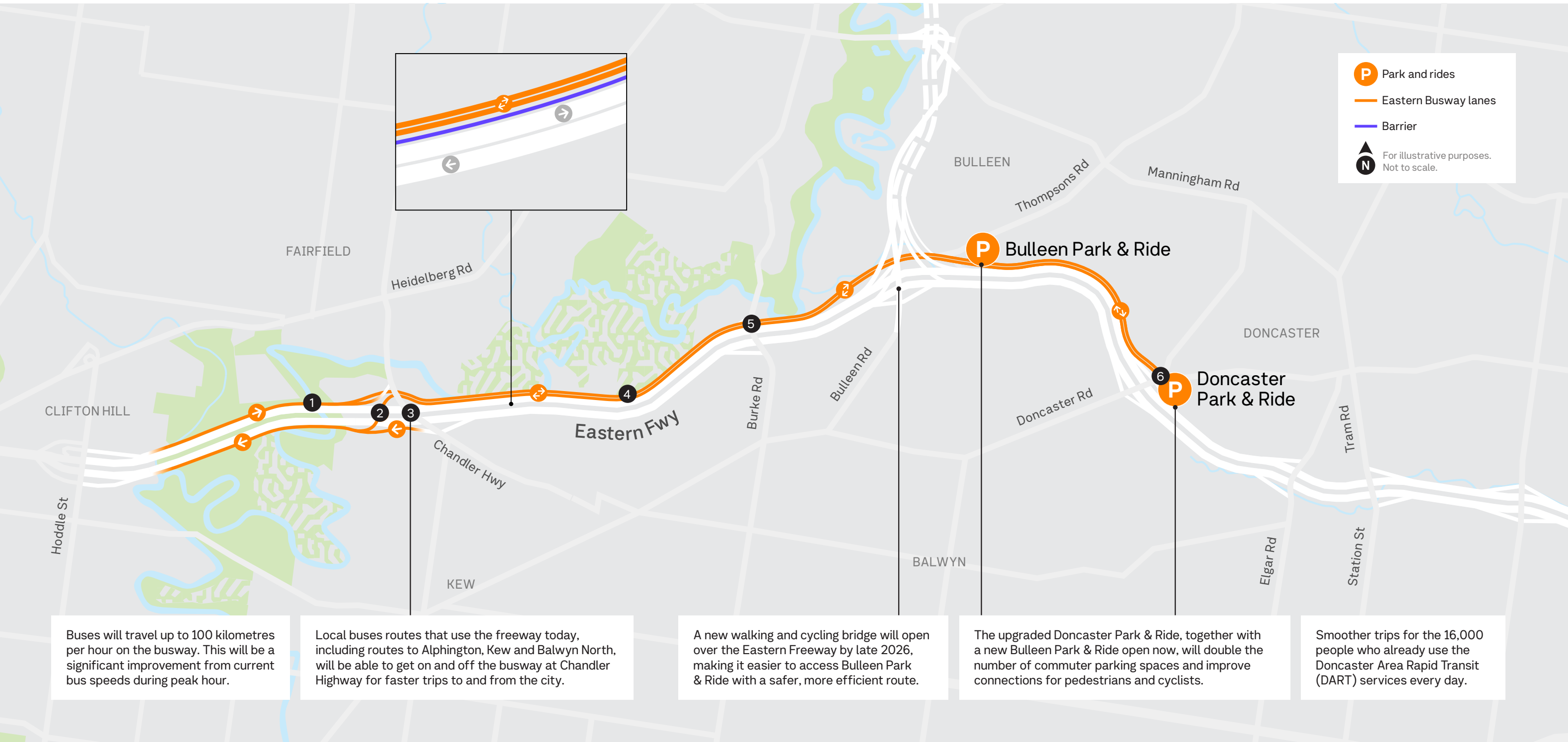
Eastern Busway overview

Buses will travel in fully separated, bus-only express lanes located on the northern side of the Eastern Freeway. A bridge at Chandler Highway will take city-bound buses to dedicated busway lanes towards the Hoddle Street exit.

The busway lanes will run on the side of the freeway for easy to use passenger connections at Doncaster Park & Ride and Bulleen Park & Ride.



Artist's impression of new Eastern Busway at Chandler Highway, Kew



Buses will travel up to 100 kilometres per hour on the busway. This will be a significant improvement from current bus speeds during peak hour.

Local buses routes that use the freeway today, including routes to Alphington, Kew and Balwyn North, will be able to get on and off the busway at Chandler Highway for faster trips to and from the city.

A new walking and cycling bridge will open over the Eastern Freeway by late 2026, making it easier to access Bulleen Park & Ride with a safer, more efficient route.

The upgraded Doncaster Park & Ride, together with a new Bulleen Park & Ride open now, will double the number of commuter parking spaces and improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists.

Smoother trips for the 16,000 people who already use the Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) services every day.



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway over the Yarra River bridge



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway bridge looking towards Hoddle Street



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway view from Chandler Highway



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway under Belford Road bridge



Artist's impression of the Eastern Busway under Burke Road

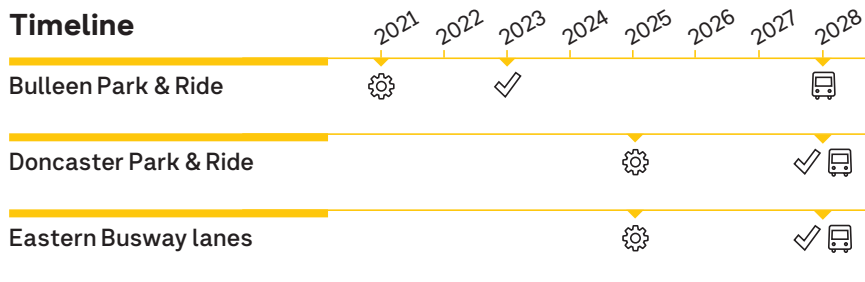


Artist's impression of the busway travelling under Doncaster Road

Eastern Busway timeline

The Eastern Busway will open in 2028 with North East Link and the upgraded Eastern Freeway.

Timeline



⚙️ Construction starts ✓ Opened 🚌 Connected to Eastern Busway



Bus using the Bulleen Park & Ride

Catching buses during works

We opened Bulleen Park & Ride four years early, to keep locals on buses while Doncaster Park & Ride is upgraded.

With 370 parking spaces, drop and go bays, secure bicycle connections to Koonung Creek Trail, commuters in the area remain connected to bus services during works.

New and upgraded bus stops on Doncaster Road ensure nearby residents can continue to catch buses throughout construction of the new Doncaster Park & Ride.

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Community feedback

Community feedback has informed the design of the two new park and rides and the Eastern Busway lanes.

To learn more about the design and planning approvals, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/eastern-freeway-upgrades/project-updates/planning-and-approvals



Image of construction works near Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Learn more about the upgrades to the Eastern Freeway

We're always happy to speak with people in person about the Eastern Busway and all aspects of the Eastern Freeway Upgrades at our Project Information Centre, at **284 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North**, open **Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm**.



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