

Construction update

Major works are continuing on the O'Herns Road Upgrade to improve traffic flow and access to the Hume Freeway. Once complete, the upgrade will provide safer and more reliable journeys for motorists in Melbourne's north.

Since our last update, we've made good progress on the relocation of underground gas services, stormwater drainage and the pavements and kerbs on O'Herns Road.

We've also started building the new eastbound lanes on O'Herns Road and the deck for the widened bridge over the Hume Freeway.

What we're doing next

Throughout November, we'll:

- install pre-cast concrete panels to build the walls of the new freeway entry and exit ramps
- build up earth, install drainage and lay pavement for the new freeway interchange
- continue intelligent transport systems, signalling and street lighting works
- start drainage and pavement construction on the westbound lanes of O'Herns Road

- continue relocating gas services beneath O'Herns Road
- construct the southern bridge pier
- pile to create structural supports for the signage structures over the Hume Freeway
- start laying asphalt on sections of O'Herns Road

Most works will take place between **7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday** and **7am to 3pm Saturdays**.

Some works may need to happen at night to minimise impacts on traffic or utility services. If this needs to happen, we'll let you know in advance.

What to expect

Construction impacts

Our construction activities may generate medium to high levels of noise and vibration at times.

You may also notice some dust generated from trenching and excavation. We're monitoring these works to ensure impacts are kept to a minimum.

Traffic changes

We're closing the Hume Freeway between Cooper Street and the Hume Highway over a full weekend. We'll also move traffic onto the new eastbound lanes of O'Herns Road. See detour maps and more information overleaf.

View our progress

Want to learn more about how we're progressing with works on the O'Herns Road Upgrade?

Visit our image gallery at:
roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/oherns-road-upgrade/image-gallery

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Full weekend closure of the Hume Freeway

We're closing the Hume Freeway between Cooper Street and the Hume Highway from **8pm, Friday 6 November to 5am, Monday 9 November** so we can safely install concrete barriers along the northern side of O'Herns Road bridge.

Lane closures will begin from 7pm and signed detours will be available via the Hume Highway and Cooper Street.

In the event of wet or windy weather, works will be rescheduled to late November. We encourage you to plan your journey in advance and allow extra travel time.



Traffic changes on O'Herns Rd

From Friday 30 October, we'll reopen Cotters Road and move traffic into the new eastbound lanes on O'Herns Road, keeping one lane open in each direction.

This will be in place until mid-2021, while we undertake works to build the new westbound lanes.

Towards the end of the project we'll need to do some finishing works to complete final line marking, asphalting

and signage installation, which will require a short term closure of Cotters Road. We'll provide you with more information before that happens.

Look out for variable message signs on your local streets, which we'll use to inform you of these traffic changes and when they'll happen.



Health and safety

Works are progressing on the O'Herns Road Upgrade under the current Third Step restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne. Work is continuing safely on Victoria's Big Build, our biggest transport upgrade ever. Construction on large-scale public infrastructure projects is critical and strict COVIDsafe Plans are in place on all project sites across Victoria.

The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority. Workers on all of Victoria's Big Build sites are required to wear face coverings unless they meet any of the criteria for exception – such as a medical condition for Occupational Health and Safety guidelines. Physical distancing measures are in place as well as increased hygiene practices.

For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Keeping you informed

We'll continue to send you regular construction updates to let you know about upcoming works. You can also subscribe to receive electronic updates at roadprojects.vic.gov.au/contact/email-updates. If you're likely to be directly affected by our works, we'll let you know ahead of time.

Contact us

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to deliver the O'Herns Road Upgrade. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of our project team, please don't hesitate to contact us on **1800 105 105** and select option 5 or send us a message by visiting roadprojects.vic.gov.au/contact.

SMS updates

You can now sign up to receive SMS updates by visiting our website:
<https://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/contact/email-sms-updates>
and filling in the form.

For more information about upcoming closures, please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions

Fast facts



243,000 hours worked



1300 tonnes of asphalt laid



38,000 tonnes of road pavement laid



400 metres of guard rail installed



22 tonnes of steel reinforcement installed



8 bridge beams installed



1900 cubic metres of concrete poured