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Bulla Road Interchange

Community Consultation Summary

BULLA ROAD

INTERCHANGE

We're progressing planning for the potential future upgrade of the Bulla Road Interchange, to seek solutions to improve traffic flow and travel times for road users travelling on, off and over the Tullamarine Freeway.



WHAT WE HEARD

Your feedback has helped us to understand how motorists are currently using the interchange as well as views on access, efficiency, and safety.

CONSULTATION

8 NOV — 1 DEC 2021

To help inform our planning, we asked the community and local businesses how they currently use the road network. We thank everyone who provided feedback.

The engagement was undertaken via the Engage Victoria website and included surveys and an interactive map to gather insights and feedback.

We made sure everyone had a chance to provide feedback. Hard copy surveys were provided to community members and businesses who were unable to complete a survey online.

636

Surveys completed

448K

Reached by social media advertising

91

Map pins placed on the interactive map

4651

Views of the Engage Victoria web page

100+

Local businesses visited by the team in the DFO precinct

"A second lane for DFO is definitely needed. On weekends, including Friday evenings, the single lane of traffic for DFO is always banked back to Woodland Street. From Woodland Street, cars are forever trying to change lanes to get into the only lane which goes to DFO. This in turn blocks the other lanes from proceeding."

"Through traffic uses the left lane until the last minute and then tries to cut into the right lane impeding both lanes."

"This bridge is dangerous and windswept for pedestrians to cross."

"Traffic's an absolute NIGHTMARE! It only takes one accident to shut down that section of the freeway and delay things."

"Impossible to cross here on a bicycle, needs a protected bike lane or off-road path for bikes. Slip lanes are also very dangerous."

"Traffic is constantly backed up along Bulla Road trying to turn onto the freeway heading towards the city."

KEY THEMES

Community survey

Feedback from the community included:

- The majority of respondents use the Bulla Road Interchange because they live in the area (**88%**). Others commute through the area (**36%**), travel to see family, friends or use the local amenities (**29%**) or work in the area (**15%**)
- **98%** of respondents are concerned by congestion and traffic flow (**94%**)
- **88%** of respondents are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with traffic flow
- **26%** of respondents currently walk or cycle over the Bulla Road bridge. There is strong support for improvements to help make walking and cycling a more attractive travel option.

90% OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORT THE UPGRADE WITH 5% HAVING NO OPINION

Business survey

Feedback from businesses included:

- Suggestions to extend the bridge and create an additional entry and exit to the DFO
- Key considerations identified by respondents were to duplicate lanes, avoid the addition of additional traffic lights to allow more free flowing traffic and improve DFO access.

72% of business respondents support the potential upgrade with 28% having no opinion.

Interactive map

Frustration at poor traffic flow with traffic banking up either side of the interchange, attributed to poor design, inadequate merging distances, confusing line marking and insufficient directional signage.

Safety is an issue, attributed in part to poor intersection design and exacerbated by dangerous driver behaviour resulting from frustrated drivers stuck in congestion.

Requests to add additional lanes to increase interchange capacity.

Access to Essendon DFO needs to be upgraded as a priority to handle current and future traffic volumes.

Requests to add a dedicated cycling path to connect to the DFO.

WHAT'S NEXT

Feedback is being used to inform our planning and shape the development of design options.

A Business Case is currently being developed and is anticipated to be finalised this year.

We will continue to provide the community with updates and information as planning progresses.

PLANNING TIMELINE

Late 2021

- Commenced planning and investigations

8 Nov to 1 Dec 2021

- Community and business engagement

Current

- Develop a Business Case

2022

- Finalise the Business Case

Potential construction timelines and milestones will be determined through the detailed planning work.

CONTACT US

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