



# EPPING ROAD UPGRADE

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## Contract awarded to kick-start the Epping Road Upgrade

Road users in Melbourne's north are a step closer to safer and more reliable journeys, with McConnell Dowell being awarded the construction contract to deliver the Epping Road Upgrade.

Melbourne's north is one of the fastest-growing regions in Australia. The upgrade will widen Epping Road between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue, improving local connections and providing safer

and more reliable journeys for more than 35,000 drivers who use this road every day.

It's all about getting you home safer and sooner.

Extra lanes and upgrades to key intersections will improve traffic flow, while new traffic lights and safety barriers will improve safety and lower the risk and severity of crashes.

We'll also add safer walking and cycling facilities to create better connections to local schools, shopping centres and other important services.



**Early works on the Epping Road Upgrade have started. Major works will start in early 2023, with the project due for completion in 2025.**

*Image above: Artist's impression of the upgraded intersection at Hayston Boulevard (subject to change).*



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# Project Overview

The Epping Road Upgrade will:

- add extra lanes in each direction between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue
- install new traffic lights at Park Street
- upgrade 5 existing intersections in the area at Craigieburn Road East, De Rossi Boulevard, Baltrum Drive, Harvest Home Road and Lyndarum Drive
- upgrade the pedestrian traffic lights at Taggerty Grove from Lyndarum Drive to Craigieburn Road East
- build a new shared walking and cycling path from Lyndarum Drive to Craigieburn Road East
- add on-road bicycle lanes from Memorial Avenue to Lyndarum Drive
- install road safety barriers along Epping Road.

# How you'll benefit



## Less congestion

We'll build extra lanes and upgrade intersections to improve traffic flow.



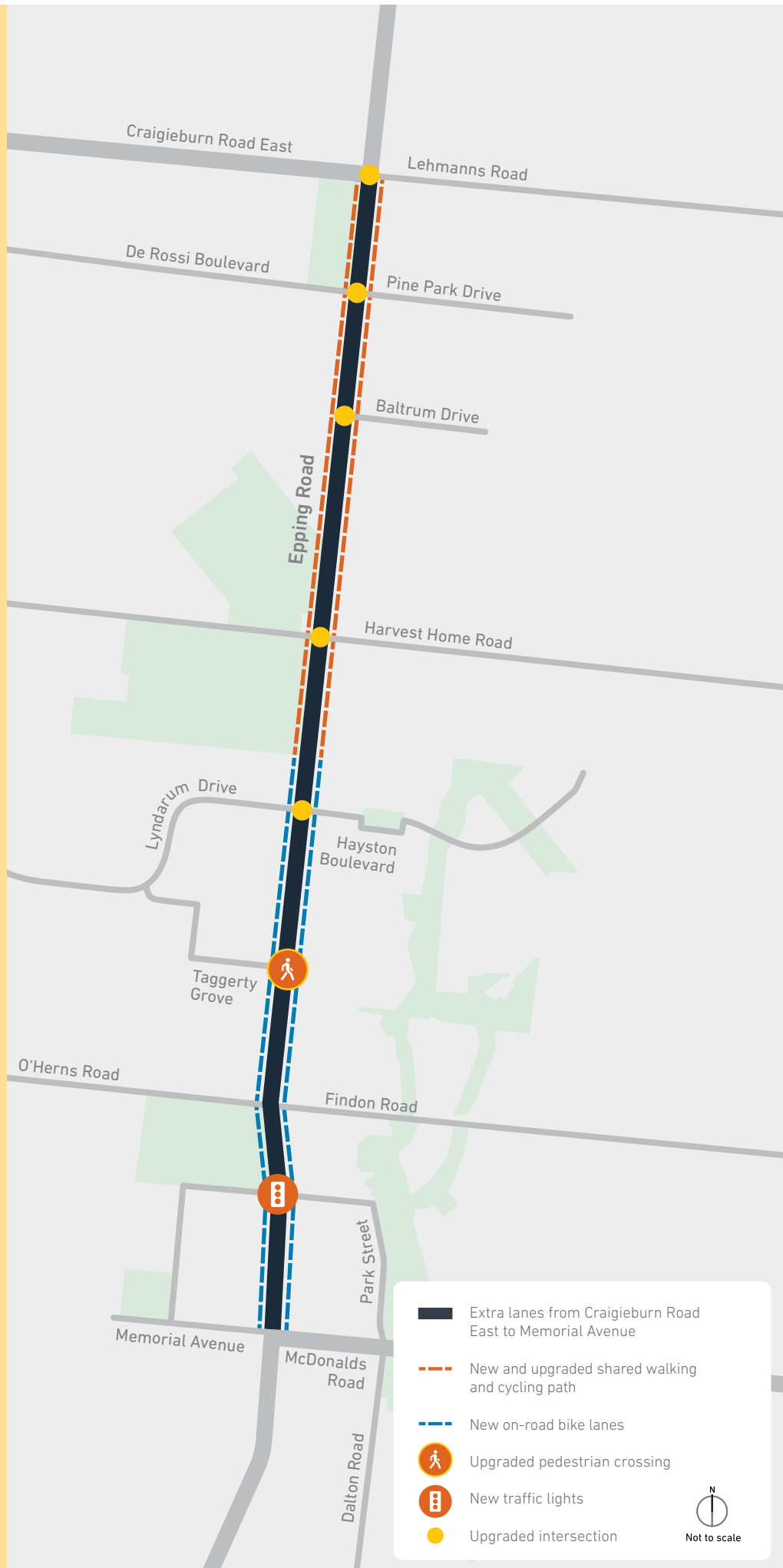
## Improved connectivity

New and improved walking and cycling facilities will create better connections to local schools, shopping centres and other services.



## Safer journeys

New traffic signals and safety barriers will lower the risk and severity of crashes.







## Early works have begun on the Epping Road Upgrade.

We're undertaking site investigations which will give us a better understanding of ground conditions in the area and help us identify the location of underground services such as power, telecommunications, gas, water and wastewater before we start major construction.

We've started works to relocate the existing Telstra exchange, using new technology to reduce its overall footprint. Commissioning of the new exchange is expected to be complete later this year.

*Image above: Early works underway on Epping Road.*

We'll also need to carefully remove sections of the old dry stone walls along Epping Road and on other nearby roads. For more information on how we're doing this, please read the article about dry stone walls in this update.

Early works are taking place on Epping Road and on nearby side roads but as most of these works will be largely carried out beside the road, you won't notice a great deal of construction activity until early next year. So we can complete these early works safely, at times we may need to:

- temporarily reduce speeds on Epping Road and side roads to 40km/h
- have lane closures in place from 9.30am to 3pm

You should expect minor delays of up to 5 minutes and some low-level noise and vibration.

We may also need to work at night so we can install safety barriers which will reduce impacts on traffic during the daytime.

**We're carefully planning our work to minimise disruption and will let you know ahead of time if you'll be affected.**





Historic dry stone walls along Epping Road.

## Dry Stone wall removal and relocation

So that we can build extra lanes, better walking and cycling connections and upgrade key intersections as part of the upgrade, we need to remove sections of the historic dry stone walls on Epping Road and nearby roads.

The dry stone walls hold distinct historical significance to the area, which is why we've worked closely with the City of Whittlesea to look at ways in which we can retain, rebuild or repurpose any sections of wall that need to be removed, demonstrating that while we're building for the future, we're also extremely mindful of the need to preserve our past.

From September until the end of 2022, we'll carefully remove sections of dry stone wall along Epping Road, De Rossi Boulevard, Harvest Home Road, Craigieburn Road East, Lehmanns Road and Hayston Boulevard and move them

to a secure facility, where they'll be carefully stored until we're able to reuse or rebuild the walls.

Our priority is to avoid impacting dry stone walls where possible. Walls that need to be removed will be reconstructed nearby, or in parklands within the Council of Whittlesea. We'll also look at options to donate any surplus dry stone for use in other projects across Victoria.

Works will take place from **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday** between Hayston Boulevard and Craigieburn Road East.

For more information on what we're doing to preserve local heritage, please visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/mrpv/epping-road-upgrade](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/mrpv/epping-road-upgrade)

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