

**What you've
said**

**Pakenham Roads
Upgrade – Stage 1**

OCTOBER 2022

**Community and Business
Consultation Summary**

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PAKENHAM ROADS UPGRADE

The project will be delivered in three stages, with upgrades to the Princes Freeway being the first to get underway followed by upgrades to McGregor and Racecourse roads.

PROJECT BENEFITS



Reducing bottlenecks and improving traffic flow



Better connections to and from the Princes Freeway



Safer outcomes for all road users



More walking and cycling options

Consultation

Between 22 August and 18 September 2022, we asked for feedback to help inform our planning and shape the development of design options for Stage 1 of the upgrade.

Community members and local businesses told us how they currently use the Princes Freeway and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road in Pakenham, what their views are on access, efficiency, safety, and what's important in the local area.

We thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

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ONLINE SURVEYS COMPLETED

65K

REACHED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING



90%

OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS LIVE IN PAKENHAM

14K

VISITS TO THE ENGAGE VICTORIA WEB PAGE

140

140 COMMUNITY POP UP ATTENDEES

What we heard

These quotes highlight the common themes expressed by respondents.

“

I'M REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THIS WORK IS BEING PLANNED AND I HOPE IT GOES AHEAD.”

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There is an urgent need for the duplication of the outbound off ramp lane at McGregor Road. The single lane is causing dangerous traffic build up on freeway in afternoon peak.”

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The Bald Hill / Racecourse Road roundabout should be replaced with a set of traffic lights as it's dangerous and creates a rather large amount of traffic in peak periods.”

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It would be great to improve the area visually with some indigenous features. Good maintenance and cleanliness is important. Planting of native flora would be ideal.”

“

Many people, including myself, actively avoid McGregor and Racecourse roads during busier periods due to the congestion and delays.”

“

Make the area feel like a natural part of the environment not a scar on the earth. More greenery and trees.”

“

It's great to see there's work being done in Pakenham but would like to see the potholes being taken care of on our other roads.”

“

As much connection as possible between both sides of the freeway. With the commercial and residential growth on the southern side of the freeway, there must be access for pedestrians and cyclists.”

“

As the community grows, it will become more sensible to have multiple entry and exit points, reducing traffic congestion and wait times.”

Pakenham Roads Upgrade Stages

- Stage 1 Princes Freeway interchanges upgrade
- Stage 2 McGregor Road Upgrade
- Stage 3 Racecourse Road Upgrade

93% OF COMMUNITY RESPONDENTS SUPPORT THE UPGRADE

Key themes

Community survey

- 88% of respondents live in the area and 21% work in the area
- English is the preferred language of survey respondents (96%)
- most respondents drive through the area everyday (83%), most often in the afternoon between 2pm and 5pm (74%). Cars are the primary form of transport (94%) followed by bicycles (1%) and public transport (1%)
- 93% of respondents had concerns when travelling through the project area. Dangerous driver behaviour (15%), lack of walking/cycling/trail connections (14%), lack of public transport (13%), and congestion (12%) are the top concerns for respondents
- 66% of respondents agree that high impact, short term disruptions are preferable to low impact long term disruptions

- more than 50% of respondents suggested that native plants and vegetation be used in the project's landscaping
- when asked to rate the current walking and cycling paths and connections in the area, 44% of respondents found them to be poor while 38% found them to be at least fair
- when asked about what more they'd like to see with path and trail connections in the area, respondents identified walking paths (38%) to be the main point of focus.

Business survey

- 89% support the upgrade
- 95% believe the upgrades would improve their business operations
- 68% would prefer high impact, short term disruptions.

Interactive map and Q&A tool

- number of potholes in the area
- current and future levels of traffic and congestion in the area
- duplication of roads in the area including Racecourse, Bald Hill and McGregor roads
- level of noise during and post construction
- addition of new ramps and upgrade of existing ramps at the McGregor Road interchange
- levels of disruption during construction and how access and connectivity in the area will be affected.

What's next

Feedback is being used to inform the project's detailed designs as well as planning for how we build the upgrade.

Early works and investigations are currently being carried out. We'll reach out to the community again in 2023 for feedback regarding stages 2 and 3 of the upgrade.

More information

For more information visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/pakenham-roads.

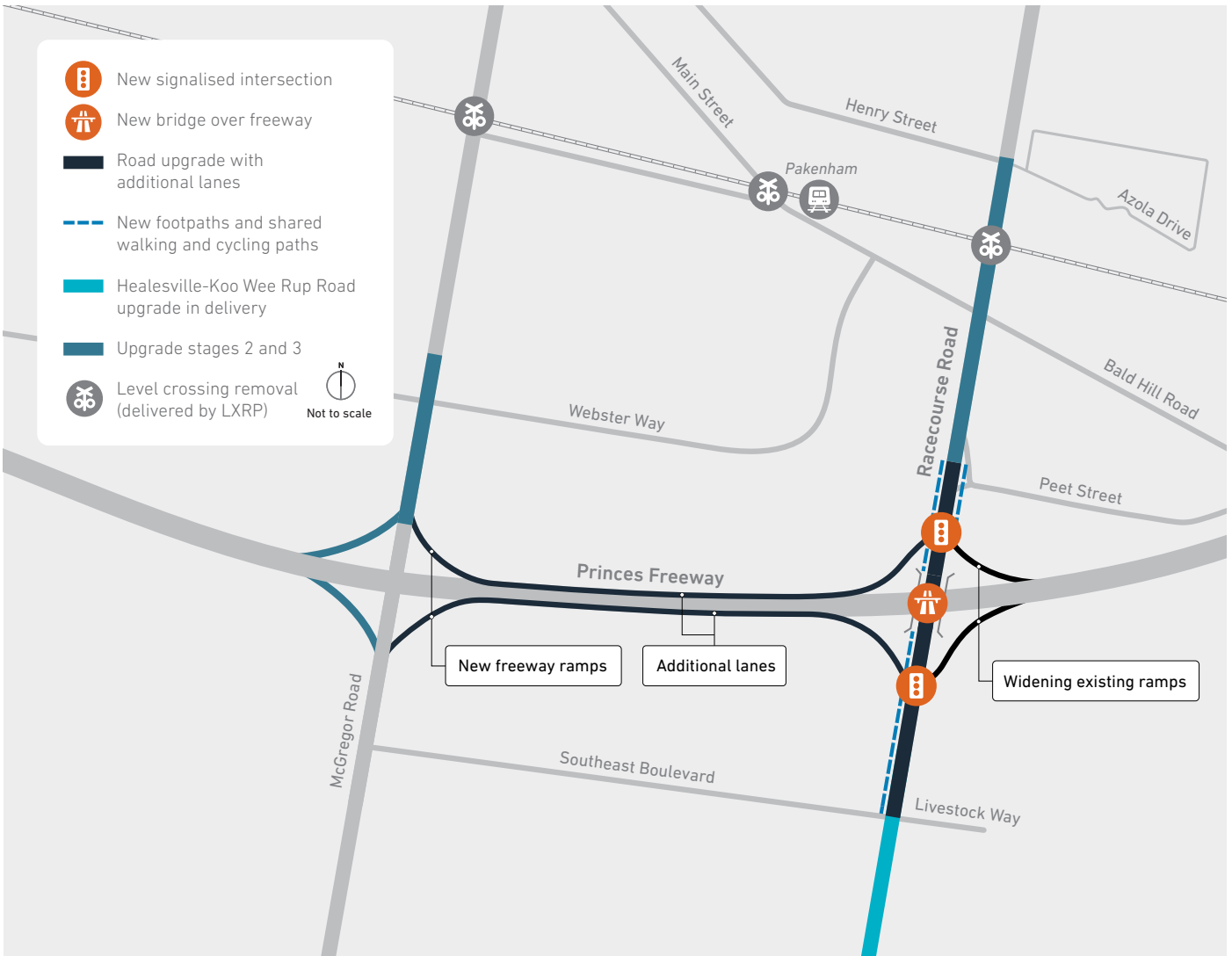
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Planning timeline

- Mar 2022**
 Funding committed to Pakenham Roads Upgrade
- Apr 2022 to Jan 2023**
 Planning and procurement
- Mid to late 2022**
 Site investigations and early works
- Early 2023**
 Contract awarded and works begin
- Mid-2025**
 Project completion



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