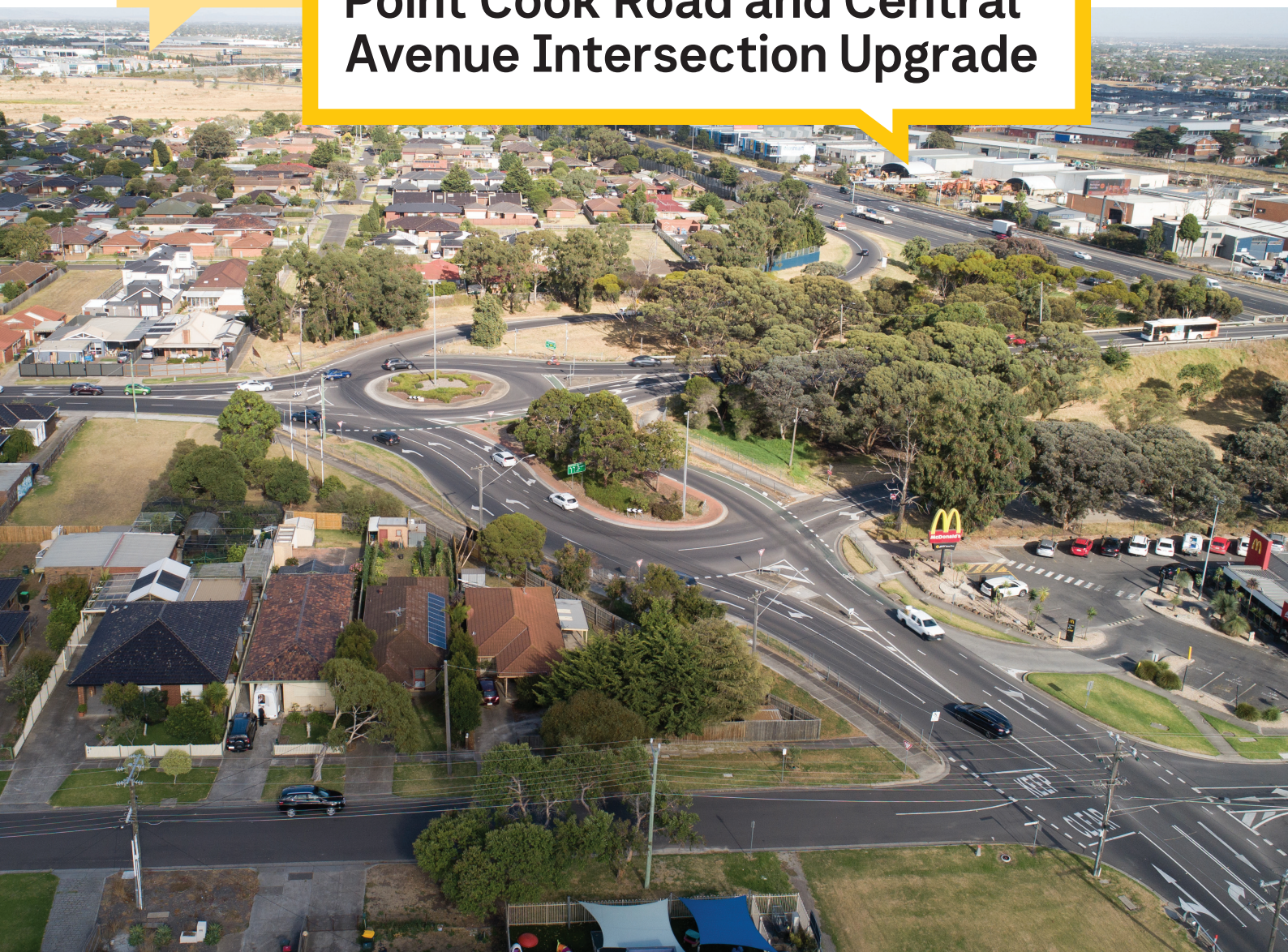


**What you've
said**

Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade



DECEMBER 2023

Community and Business Consultation Summary

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We're progressing planning for the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade.

We're also investigating a potential upgrade to Central Avenue, between Point Cook Road and Skehan Boulevard, as well as options to improve walking and cycling in the area.

As part of our planning, we're investigating solutions to reduce travel times, improve safety and cater for population growth and increased vehicle movements.

Consultation

From 13 March to 2 April 2023, we asked for community and local business feedback to help inform planning and shape the development of project options for the upgrade.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback via our surveys, interactive map, in meetings or at our pop-up information sessions.

6,049

UNIQUE VISITS TO THE ENGAGE VICTORIA WEB PAGE

120

MAP PINS PLACED ON THE INTERACTIVE MAP

02

COMMUNITY POP-UP INFORMATION SESSIONS HELD

796

ONLINE SURVEYS COMPLETED

104,877

REACHED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

289

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPOKEN WITH AT POP-UPS

What you've said

Feedback has provided important local insights, helped us to understand how people currently use the intersection as well as views on safety, traffic flow and what we should consider in our planning. We also heard how local businesses operate and use the intersection.

The following quotes, from our interactive map and surveys, highlight common themes expressed by respondents.

Current intersection is a major impediment to walking and cycling access to Aircraft station as it cannot directly and safely be crossed

The current route is extremely unreliable, as early as 7:30 AM, the roundabout has minimal traffic flow



Key themes

95% of community respondents support the intersection upgrade.

Community survey

88% of respondents rate the current traffic flow on Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection as poor or very poor, **10%** as fair and **2%** as good or very good.

88% of respondents have concerns with the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue roundabout. When asked what concerns they have (multiple choice) the top responses were traffic flow (**88%**), safety (**76%**), road user behaviour (**62%**), difficulty crossing the road as a pedestrian (**57%**) and variability in travel time (**58%**).

74% of respondents would support the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue roundabout being potentially converted to traffic lights.

67% of community respondents rated safety at the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue intersection as unsafe or very unsafe, **24%** as neither safe or unsafe and **9%** as safe or very safe.

90% of respondents rate the current walking and cycling paths and connections in the area as poor or very poor, **7%** as fair and **3%** as good or very good.

88% of respondents feel unsafe or very unsafe when walking or cycling around the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection, **7%** neither safe or unsafe, and **5%** safe or very safe.

When asked what we should consider in our planning for walking and cycling improvements at the intersection (multiple choice) respondents said road crossing points (**73%**), greater separation from vehicles (**66%**), install new walking and cycling paths (**60%**), widen existing footpaths (**44%**) and improved lighting (**31%**).

89% of respondents prefer “High impact, short term disruptions” such as a road or intersection closure over a weekend or several weeks, whereas **11%** prefer “Low impact, long term disruptions” ie lane closures and speed reductions over a number of months.

When asked what we should prioritise in our planning to minimise potential construction impacts (multiple choice) **52%** of respondents said replanting of shrubs and trees along the roadside, **36%** said minimising traffic noise, **35%** said visual amenity of the local area, **30%** said minimising impacts to local fauna and **24%** said minimising vegetation removal.

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The traffic at this intersection causes bank up on Point Cook Road and the traffic moving from Central Ave towards Point Cook also slows the flow. It can take me 30-40 min when I leave my home off Sneydes Road to get to my workplace in Altona Meadows. This is unreasonable.

The intersection is massively over capacity and generally a massive choke point that drastically increases my travel time and has been over its capacity for a number of years. It desperately needs to be expanded to greatly improve traffic flow.

Business survey

100% of business respondents support the intersection upgrade

80% of respondents have concerns regarding the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection. When asked what concerns they have (multiple choice) the top responses were traffic flow (91%), difficulty crossing the road as a pedestrian (83%), variability in travel time (75%), safety (67%), cyclist interaction with vehicles (58%), road user behaviour (unsafe speeds, failure to give way, etc.) (50%), delays to public transport (50%), poor road lighting (41%), poor road signage (33%) and roundabout design/layout (size, shape, visibility) (33%).

93% of respondents think a Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade will have a positive impact long term on their business and its operations.

80% of respondents would support the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue roundabout being potentially converted to traffic lights, while 20% said they would not support the installation of traffic lights.

100% of respondents prefer “high impact, short term disruptions” such as a road or intersection closure over a weekend or several weeks, to “Low impact, long term disruptions” ie lane closures and speed reductions over a number of months.



Interactive map, social media and pop-up community session feedback

- Strong support expressed for the intersection upgrade, with people expressing the need for the upgrade as a priority.
- Strong sentiment for improved pedestrian and cycling crossing points and connections.
- Support for the addition of extra lanes on Central Avenue.
- Requests to build a dedicated pedestrian and cycling bridge across the freeway where the former exit ramp is to improve the connection to Aviation Road shops and Aircraft Station (outside the scope of the intersection upgrade).
- Requests to address congestion issues experienced on the surrounding road network, including for more lanes to be added along Point Cook Road and to improve Princes Freeway access (outside the scope of the intersection upgrade).
- Consideration should be given to dedicated bus lanes on Point Cook Road to ease congestion.

Planning timeline



Next steps

Feedback is being used to inform our planning and shape the development of design options. We will continue to provide the community with updates and information as planning progresses.

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