

M80 Ring Road Completion works underway

Construction Update
July 2024



Earthworks at the M80 Ring Road interchange

We're completing the M80 Ring Road in Greensborough, including a seamless connection to North East Link.

We're rolling out traffic barriers, building temporary fencing and setting up site compounds to establish safe work zones.

To keep traffic moving during the day on Greensborough Highway and the M80 Ring Road, some works have needed to take place at night.

Once these work sites are established, we'll be able to undertake most works during the day helping to minimise impacts to locals and keep traffic moving.

As part of these works we have:

- opened 500 car spaces at Frensham Reserve, with a new walking and cycling path connection to Watsonia Station
- repurposed Watsonia Station car park to create space to enable major works to start
- installed traffic barriers along the M80 Ring Road, Greensborough Bypass and Greensborough Highway
- removed the centre median on Greensborough Highway between Grimshaw Street and Watsonia Road to create space for traffic changes
- undertaken works along the Hurstbridge Line to prepare to extend the rail tunnel
- established site compounds at AK Lines Reserve and Gabonia Avenue Reserve.



14km
of new lanes on the
M80 Ring Road



10km
of new and
upgraded walking
and cycling paths



8 new
and upgraded
bridges, underpasses
and crossings



4000+
trees planted



19,000
cars and trucks
off Greensborough
Highway a day

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Upgrading the Hurstbridge Line

The completed M80 Ring Road will be built over the Hurstbridge Line between Grimshaw Street and Elder Street in Watsonia.

To enable these works, the existing rail tunnel needs to be extended. In preparation for the tunnel extension, we've upgraded almost five kilometres of rail tracks and signalling between Macleod and Greensborough stations. These changes will help improve the safety and reliability of Hurstbridge Line services.

Works to build the extended rail tunnel and other upgrades on the Hurstbridge Line will be ongoing as part of major construction to complete the M80 Ring Road including new lanes, smart technology and a seamless connection to North East Link.

Some activities can only be carried out when trains are not running and power to the train line is turned off for the safety of workers.

To allow these critical works to continue, there will be planned disruptions with buses replacing trains on sections of the Hurstbridge Line at various times.

Plan your journey by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** before you travel.

When we'll be working

Monday to Friday	7am to 6pm
Sunday to Friday	6pm to 7am
Weekend works	6pm Friday to 7am Monday

We'll carry out most of our works during the day, although some extended hours and night works will be required, particularly when working near live traffic.

There are strict controls in place to manage construction impacts when working at night.

If you ever have concerns about construction impacts, call us straight away on **1800 105 105**.

Getting ready for major works

To make space to build the Watsonia Road landscaped bridge and connection to the North East Link tunnels, we're moving the Watsonia Road intersection and realigning Greensborough Highway closer to the former Watsonia Station car park.

Crews will remove existing kerbs, lighting and asphalt, and build new temporary road pavement. We'll also prepare to move underground utility services such as sewerage, water, gas and telecommunications.

To reduce impacts to the community, we've already started works behind traffic barriers in the former Watsonia Station car park. Since early June, we've been removing existing infrastructure and installing new conduits, pipes, pits and groundwater wells for utility services.

From mid July until early September, works will happen over weeknights and weekends on Greensborough Highway and Watsonia Road. Reduced speeds, and lane and road closures will be in place at times, with detours in place.

From late August 2024, you will be able to access Greensborough Road businesses between Devonshire Road and Richards Avenue from the northbound lanes.

The temporary realignment will be in place until mid-2026. We'll make further changes to the intersection as construction progresses.

Local traffic changes

Weekend blitz

From **9pm Friday 23 to 5am Monday 26 August**, Watsonia Road will be closed between Devonshire Road and Greensborough Highway.

During this time, Greensborough Highway will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Elder Street and Powley Parade.

Delays of up to 20 minutes are expected so we encourage you to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

Lane and road closures

There will also be road closures, lane closures and reduced speeds at times on:

- Greensborough Highway, between Elder Street and Powley Parade
- Watsonia Road, between Devonshire Road and Greensborough Highway.

Traffic conditions will be changing, so please follow all signage and directions from traffic controllers.



Renewing the train line in Macleod, Watsonia and Greensborough



For more information about upcoming disruptions in your area, head to bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions or scan the QR code.

Shop local

The community will still be able to shop local and support businesses during construction.

We're working with local traders on how best to support them and keep customers coming through the doors.

To find out what Watsonia has to offer and support your local businesses, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au and search 'Watsonia traders directory', or scan the QR code:



Support your local traders



Recycled plastic drainage pipes

Keeping you up to date

Our community engagement team is out speaking with local people about work in the area and how we can provide support during construction.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak with us, please call **1800 105 105** or visit us at:

Watsonia Hub
17 Watsonia Road, Watsonia
Open 10am to 5pm weekdays

Safeguarding utility services

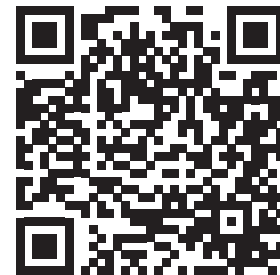
Before major construction can begin in some locations, we need to relocate underground and overhead utility services such as power, water and drainage.

Moving these services will provide the necessary space to complete the M80 Ring Road and protect essential infrastructure during construction.

We're coordinating with utility service providers to minimise planned disruptions, however, these may be required at times with advance notice provided to affected properties.

Works are now underway on local roads, paths and grassed areas. You may notice temporary closures and access changes while we're in the area.

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