



# MICKLEHAM ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 1

SEPTEMBER 2023



**We're building extra lanes, upgrading key intersections and installing new traffic lights on Mickleham Road to reduce congestion and improve safety and travel times.**

## What's been happening

In August, we started water and sewer main relocation works along Mickleham and Somerton roads, continued relocating telecommunications services under Mickleham Road and protection of the jet fuel pipeline beneath Somerton Road.

## What we're doing and when

In September, we'll start:

- preparatory works to build the new and modified traffic signals at Lemonwood Drive, Greenvale Gardens Boulevard, Somerton Road and Aitken College

- building the shared walking and cycling path on the western side of Mickleham Road, between Somerton Road and Greenvale Gardens Boulevard
- removing the existing median and kerbs on Mickleham Road, near Lemonwood Drive.

We'll also continue:

- excavation and jet fuel pipeline protection works on Somerton Road
- relocating the water mains on Mickleham and Somerton roads
- relocating telecommunications services, earthworks, drainage and utility works along Mickleham and Somerton roads

- building the new northbound lanes on Mickleham Road between Somerton Road and Lemonwood Drive
- pavement works on the west side of Somerton Road.

Most of these works will take place between **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm, Saturdays**. At times we'll need to work outside of these hours to minimise impacts on traffic during the day. The progress of these works will depend on weather and ground conditions. If we need to work at night, we'll let you know ahead of time.



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## Temporary closure of Lemonwood Drive

From Tuesday 3 October until late November 2023, we're closing Lemonwood Drive at Mickleham Road so we can upgrade the intersection and continue building your new northbound lanes between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard.

During the closure, traffic will be detoured via Greenvale Gardens Boulevard and Blossom Drive. Please refer to the detour map below for more information.

While Lemonwood Drive is closed, we'll:

- remove the existing median and kerbs
- relocate and protect essential services including water and drainage

- install traffic signal conduits
- remove the existing road surface
- build the new shared walking and cycling path, kerbs, and road surface
- install new line marking.

Signed detours will be in place via Mickleham Road, Lemonwood Drive and Greenvale Gardens Boulevard.

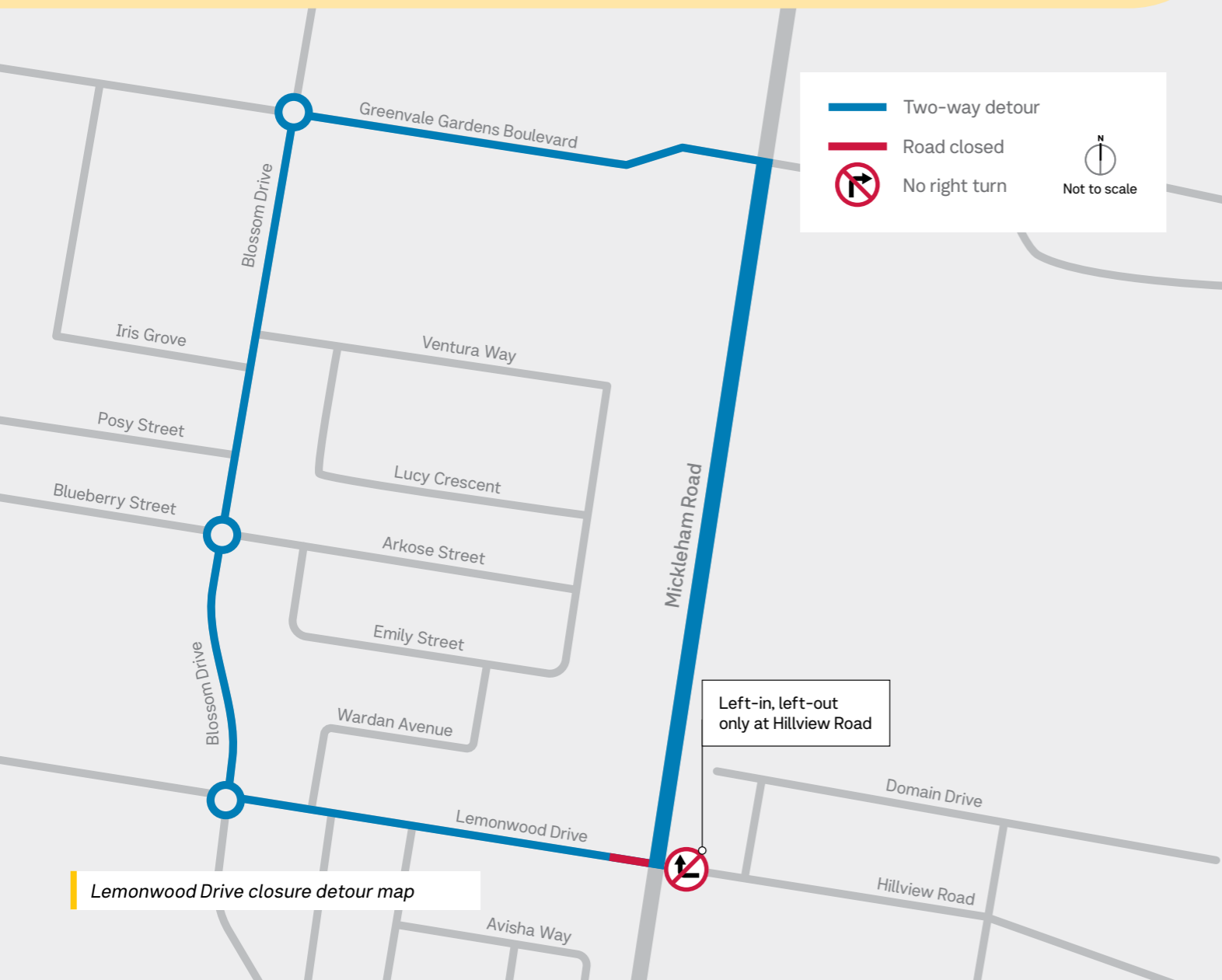
During this time, right turns in and out of Hillview Road will be temporarily restricted so we can safely complete these works and maintain traffic flow.

To travel north on Mickleham Road from Hillview Road, you'll need to turn left onto Mickleham Road and complete a U-turn at the Somerton Road roundabout.

To access Hillview Road when heading northbound on Mickleham Road, you'll need to:

- continue straight on Mickleham Road
- turn right onto Dellamore Boulevard
- do a U-turn at the roundabout
- turn left onto Mickleham Road, then left onto Hillview Road.

Up to 5 minutes of additional travel time is expected. We encourage you to plan ahead and allow extra time.



Lemonwood Drive closure detour map

## Changes to the temporary roundabout at Mickleham and Somerton roads

From mid-September, we'll be working extended hours to continue essential jet fuel pipeline protection works at the intersection of Mickleham and Somerton roads.

To prepare for these works, we'll reconfigure the roundabout towards the west of the intersection from 7pm, Thursday 14 September.

From Friday 15 September until Sunday 1 October, we'll reduce the intersection to one lane in all directions so we can safely continue the works.

These lane reductions will be in place during the school holiday period when traffic volumes are lower.

Works will take place from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Sunday, however some works may need to take place at night to minimise impacts on traffic during the day. We'll let you know ahead of time if you're likely to be directly affected.

Once these works are complete, the temporary roundabout will be returned to its original position at the centre of the intersection.

Jet fuel pipeline protection works will continue until late 2023. There'll be ongoing changes to this intersection until the project is complete. We'll continue to monitor the area as our works progress.

Throughout October, the roundabout at Mickleham and Somerton roads will be reduced to one lane for traffic traveling eastbound and westbound as water main relocation work takes place on Somerton Road.

## What to expect

### Traffic impacts

There are changed traffic conditions including reduced speed limits, lane closures and temporary traffic barriers, traffic lights and temporary line marking on Mickleham and Somerton roads while works take place.

Temporary footpath closures are also in place while we relocate services and build the new lanes on Mickleham Road.

Thank you for your patience while we complete these important works

### Construction impacts

Our construction activities may generate medium to high levels of noise, dust, and vibration at times. We'll be monitoring impacts to ensure they're kept to a minimum.



### Reduced speed limits through construction zones saves lives

The speed limit has been reduced to 40km/h between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard while we're working. Temporary speed reductions will be in place at all other times until the project is complete in 2025.

We've reduced the speed limit because even when we're not working, there are still risks when driving near a construction site.

Research shows that the fatality rate reduces considerably when speeds are reduced. These changes on Mickleham Road are all about getting you and our workers home safe.

# Careers in construction

We recently visited Aitken Secondary College to build awareness about careers in construction. The team shared their experiences with over 400 students from Years 10 to 12 on what it's like to work in the construction industry.

Students had the unique opportunity to hear from professionals of different backgrounds and participate in a Q&A panel discussion to learn more about their experiences in the industry.

Students also learnt about what roles are available in construction and the different career pathways to getting there.

If you'd like to learn more about the different careers in civil construction, and the pathways to these roles, you can contact us on **1800 105 105** and select option 5 to request a copy of our Careers in Construction brochure.

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