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CRAIGIEBURN ROAD UPGRADE

SUMMER 2024

New lanes open

To cap off a massive year of road building on Craigieburn Road in 2023, in December crews worked to open the promised extra lanes between Mickleham Road and Highlander Drive.

The new eastbound lanes were completed and final layers of asphalt laid in both directions, reopening in final alignment in time for the holidays.

The Craigieburn Road intersection with Highlander Drive and Vantage Boulevard was also fully completed and asphalted as part of this section of the upgrade, and reopened with new traffic signals and pedestrian crossings.

Completion of this section, which links up to the earlier-completed

Mickleham Road intersection, improves travelling times and safety for thousands of Craigieburn residents and motorists.

The Craigieburn Road Upgrade is well on track for completion in 2025, as scheduled.

See inside for what we're delivering next.

Image above: Craigieburn Road from Vantage Boulevard (left) and Highlander Drive (right), looking west to Mickleham Road



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Highlander Drive to Aitken Boulevard

New Year works are already underway behind barriers between Highlander Drive and Aitken Boulevard, and will continue until the end of February/early March as we deliver the next section of the project.

We'll finish the crossing over Aitken Creek and continue works along the main road towards Aitken Boulevard.

That will join up with the work we've been doing at Waterview Boulevard, and we'll keep working past Craigieburn Junction and into Aitken Boulevard.

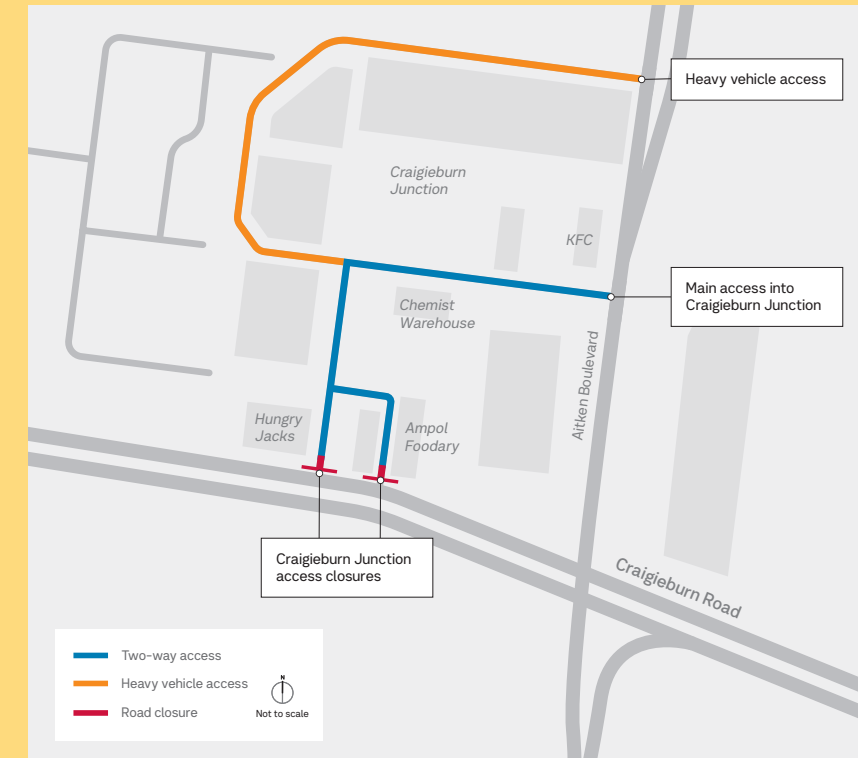
By late February/early March, the barriers will be down around Craigieburn Junction, Waterview Boulevard will reopen with traffic signals and more lanes will be opened in their final alignment in both directions, making it much easier to get around. Final asphaltting will be completed at night, later in the year.



Clearing the way at Craigieburn Junction

To complete the Highlander Drive to Aitken Boulevard section of Craigieburn Road, the Craigieburn Road entrance to the Junction

is closed from 30 January until 29 February while the roadway, drainage and services are completed there. All shops, businesses and food services remain open, with access from Aitken Boulevard.



Aitken Boulevard nearing completion

At the end of 2023, 500 tonnes of new asphalt and built underground signal cabling were laid in Aitken Boulevard as part of the upgrade of traffic and pedestrian lights at the intersection.

Traffic was switched onto the newly upgraded southbound carriageway, allowing motorists to drive on new dedicated Aitken Boulevard lanes for left and right turns onto Craigieburn Road, with a through-lane heading north.

This successfully increased the road capacity on Aitken Boulevard and delivered a new pedestrian crossing on the eastern side of the intersection to make it easier for pedestrians to get to Craigieburn Central.

Finishing works on Aitken Boulevard and the intersection tie-in to Craigieburn Road will be completed in time for the opening of the Highlander Drive to Aitken Boulevard section of the project at the end of February/early March.

The Aitken Boulevard eastbound access lanes onto Craigieburn Road will open once the next section of Craigieburn Road eastbound is completed.

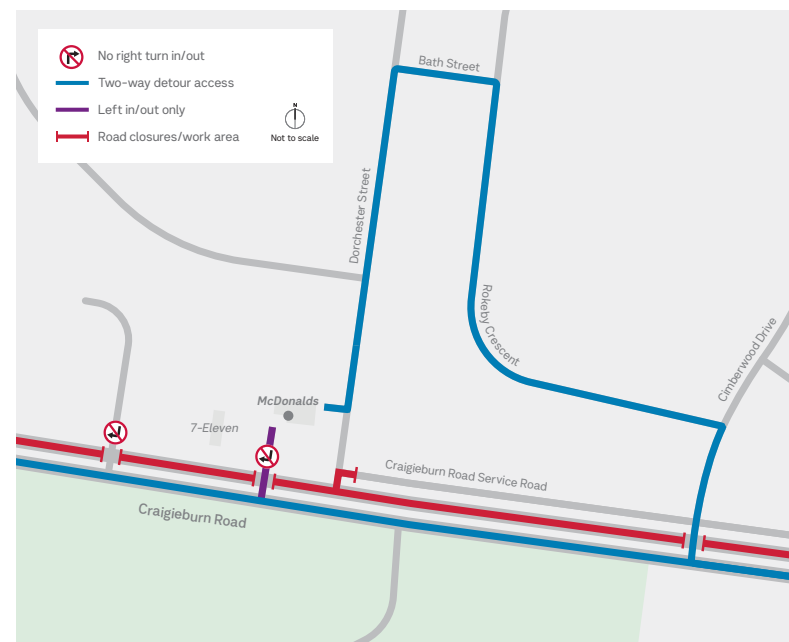
Works resume outside DS Aitken Reserve

Following the successful removal of the last power poles near DS Aitken Reserve, drainage and road works will recommence between Dorchester Street and Hanson Road, from 4 February.

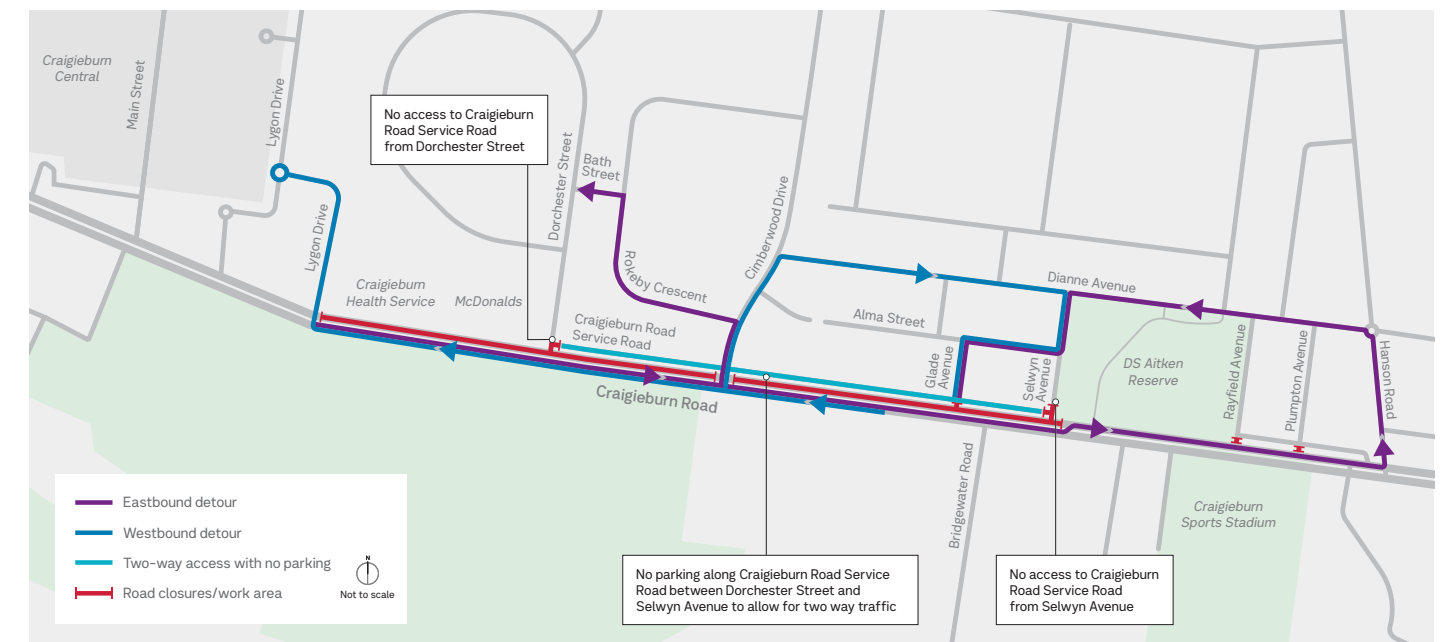
These works will be carried out behind barriers and traffic will temporarily return to the southern lanes (one lane in each direction) to make room for a safe work zone.

Access will be maintained to the shops, businesses and food services at the Dorchester Street intersection.

Dorchester Street and Selwyn Avenue will be closed at Craigieburn Road during these works.



Access to McDonalds during works



Works between Dorchester Street and Hanson Road from 4 February

2023 achievements (delivered)

- ✓ Mickleham/Craigieburn Road major intersection
- ✓ Hume Highway intersection widening and access improvement
- ✓ Craigieburn Road between Hume Highway and Hanson Road realignment, new lanes and roundabout replacement with traffic signals
- ✓ Craigieburn Road between Hanson and Bridgewater roads, extra lanes, shared use path, new driveways and entrances for emergency and community services, improved drainage, traffic signals and asphaltting
- ✓ Two lanes opened in both directions on Craigieburn Road between Selwyn Avenue and the Hume Highway
- ✓ Two lanes opened in both directions on Craigieburn Road between Mickleham Road and Highlander Drive



One million hours worked

Workers on the Craigieburn Road Upgrade have clocked up a whopping one million hours worked. With Craigieburn Road's new lanes quickly taking shape, we want to say thank you to everyone who is working to deliver the biggest road transformation the suburb's ever seen.



Utility works completed

The last power pole came down over Craigieburn Road on 28 November, marking the end of an ambitious power undergrounding programme. The project removed 58 overhead power poles and replaced another 26. Works saw nearly 4km of new power conduit and 7km of new cabling installed.

Project People

One of the most visible faces of the Craigieburn Road Upgrade is Caitlin Purcell, Fulton Hogan's personable and hard-working Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Senior Advisor.

Local resident Caitlin's been with the project since the beginning. Chances are if you've had an issue or needed information about the project, you're one of the several thousand people Caitlin has helped.



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