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MICKLEHAM ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 1

DECEMBER 2024



We've built extra lanes, upgraded key intersections and installed new traffic lights on Mickleham Road to reduce congestion and improve safety and travel times.

What's been happening

Since our last update, we've:

- opened the new traffic signal intersection at Mickleham and Somerton roads
- opened new lanes on Mickleham Road, with two lanes in each direction between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard
- moved traffic onto new lanes on Somerton Road between Blossom and Fleetwood drives
- finished upgrading the intersection at Aitken College
- finished upgrading the intersection at Blossom Drive.

What we're doing and when

Over the coming weeks we'll:

- finish asphaltting works and apply new line marking on Mickleham and Somerton roads, and open all remaining lanes
- undertake minor finishing works at the intersection of Hillview and Mickleham roads
- continue works to activate street lighting on Somerton Road
- continue landscaping works along Mickleham and Somerton roads.

Image above: New lanes are now open on Mickleham Road.

Most works will take place from **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday** and **7am to 1pm, Saturdays** (as required). Asphaltting and line marking works need to take place at night, from **6pm to 5am, Sundays to Thursdays**.

We'll let you know ahead of time if you're likely to be affected.



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New traffic lights at the Mickleham and Somerton roads intersection

We've removed the roundabout at Mickleham and Somerton roads and replaced it with a new, safer intersection complete with traffic lights.

Installing the traffic lights has improved safety and helped reduce congestion in the area by better managing traffic flow. Traffic signals can also be adjusted remotely in real time, to ensure that traffic flow is maximised and in response to current traffic conditions.

The upgraded pedestrian crossings at the intersection will also make it safer and easier for you to move around the area.

Even though the intersection is now fully open to traffic, we'll need to continue doing some minor finishing works to ensure road users get the full benefit from the work that's been done.



New traffic lights at the Mickleham and Somerton roads intersection.

Blossom Drive intersection upgrade complete

Works to upgrade the intersection at Blossom Drive and Somerton Road are now complete, with Blossom Drive reopening in late October.

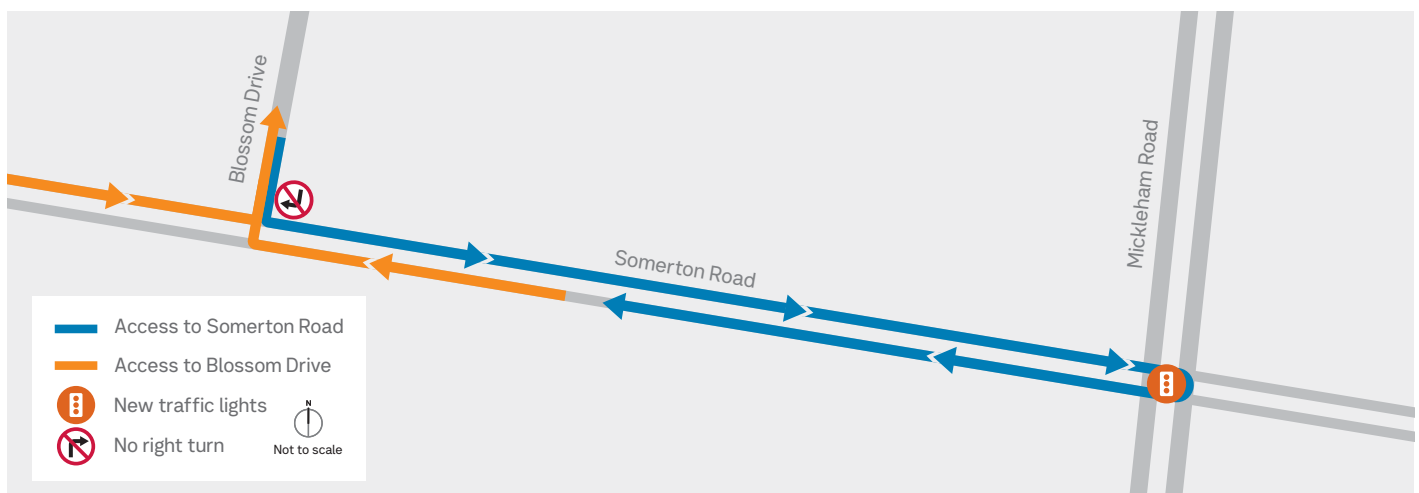
To improve safety for vehicles travelling along Somerton Road, or in and out of Blossom Drive, we've restricted right-hand turns from Blossom Drive onto Somerton Road.

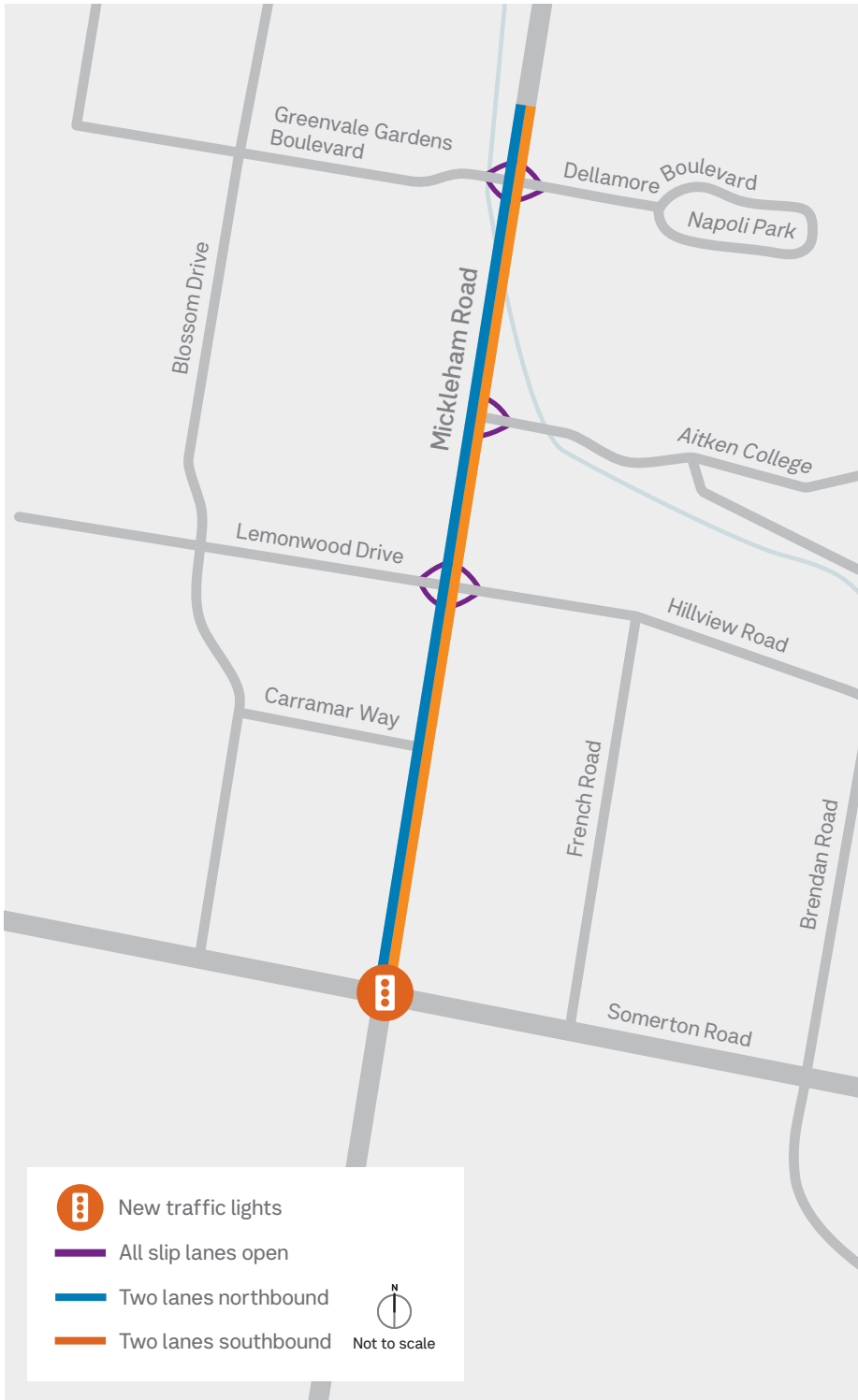
To travel west on Somerton Road from Blossom Drive, turn left onto Somerton Road, then do a U-turn at the traffic lights at Mickleham and Somerton roads, and head west on Somerton Road.

Right turns into Blossom Drive from Somerton Road are still permitted via a new, dedicated right-hand turn lane.

These changes have been made to improve safety and traffic flow in the area.

Please see the map below showing how to head west from Blossom Drive onto Somerton Road.





New lanes now open on Mickleham Road!

This month we achieved a major milestone, with new lanes on Mickleham Road opening to traffic for the first time since major works started in February 2023.

There are now two lanes in each direction between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard.

We'll continue asphaltting and line marking works in December, which means there will be occasional overnight works and lane closures as needed. We'll let you know ahead of time if you're likely to be affected.

By the end of the year, all new lanes on Mickleham Road will be open, with three lanes in each direction.

There will also be three lanes in each direction on Somerton Road between Blossom Drive and Fleetwood Drive.

We'd like to thank you for your patience during the upgrade of Mickleham Road. Once the upgrade is fully complete, you'll start to enjoy safer, more reliable and safer journeys.

Sowing seeds of sustainability

We recently distributed close to 800 'plantable postcards' to students at Mary Queen of Heaven Primary School and Aitken College, to help the students learn about sustainability and nurturing a tree, as well as providing a green boost in their backyards!

The postcards contain seeds of the Lemon Scented Tea Tree,

which students can plant and grow at home with their parents' or guardians' help.

The Mickleham Road Upgrade – Stage 1 project team chose this species for its fast growth rate, drought tolerance and preference for sunny locations.

Image: Mary Queen of Heaven Primary School principal Renae Gentile and school captains Neladi and Amelia with their plantable postcards.



CELEBRATE WITH US!

We're hosting a free event to say thank you for your patience while we upgraded Mickleham Road.

Join us for a free community event to thank you for your patience and support during our works.

Enjoy kids' activities, a petting zoo, face painting, roving entertainers, and more.

When: Saturday 7 December
10am to 1pm

Where: Strawflower Circuit
Playground, 71 Strawflower
Circuit, Greenvale

Look out for flyers about the big day. We look forward to seeing you! There's no need to RSVP, just turn up.



What to expect

Traffic impacts

There are changed traffic conditions, including reduced speed limits, lane closures, temporary traffic barriers, traffic lights and line marking on Mickleham and Somerton roads while works take place over the remainder of 2024. Temporary footpath closures and detours are also in place while we relocate services and finish building your new lanes.

Construction impacts

Our construction activities will generate medium to high levels of noise, dust, and vibration at times.

We're monitoring impacts to ensure they are kept to a minimum. We'll let you know ahead of time if you'll be directly impacted by our works.

Asphalting works

Due to recent wet weather, we're extending our final asphalting and line marking works until mid-December. These works will take place at night from **6pm to 5am, Sundays to Thursdays**, with lane or road closures in place from **7pm**.

We'll advise you ahead of time if you're likely to be impacted. We'll maintain local road access throughout these works.

In the event of wet weather, we'll reschedule works as required.

Contact us

If you would like to speak to a member of our project team, call **1800 105 105** and select **option 5**. You can also send us a message at contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au.

Holiday shutdown

We're taking a short break and pausing construction works from Friday 20 December 2024, returning on Wednesday 8 January 2025, to continue our finishing works.

When we return in the new year, there will be some lane closures, minor detours, and speed reductions in place at times while we finish guard rails and street lighting, shared walking and cycling paths, and landscaping.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for your continued patience.

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