



EPPING ROAD UPGRADE

WINTER 2024



We're upgrading Epping Road to help you get home safer and sooner.

What's been happening?





Since our last update, we've:

- started upgrading the intersections at Fletcher Street, Hayston Boulevard and Lehmanns Road, and asphaltting sections of the new southbound lanes
- finished relocating and protecting water mains between Lehmanns Road and Pine Park Drive, and between Hayston Boulevard and Findon Road

- finished relocating and protecting all underground gas services
- installed new power poles and power lines between Memorial Avenue and Hayston Boulevard and at the intersection of Epping Road and Craigieburn Road East
- continued relocating and protecting essential underground services including electricity, water and telecommunications.

Image: Progress at the intersection of Epping Road and Craigieburn Road East/Lehmanns Road.

Project timeline

-  **Jan 2023**
 - Major works start
-  **2023 to 2024**
 - Utility relocation works and building the new southbound lanes
-  **2024 to 2025**
 - Intersection upgrades and move traffic to the new southbound lanes
-  **2025**
 - Upgrades to northbound lanes and intersections
 - Project completion.



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What's coming up

We're making good progress on relocating and protecting electricity, water and telecommunications services located beneath Epping Road and local side roads, and these works will continue until late this year.

In the coming months, we'll also:

- start vital intersection upgrades at Pine Park Drive, Harvest Home Road and Park Street. These works involve building new turning lanes, installing new drainage, laying new asphalt and adding new traffic lights and public lighting

- continue building the new southbound lanes, which are expected to open to traffic in early 2025.

Once traffic is moved onto the new lanes, we'll turn our attention to upgrading the existing northbound lanes and remaining intersections.

Temporary closure of Hayston Boulevard

After completing a series of essential service relocation works, we're ready to start upgrading the intersection at Hayston Boulevard.

From **Thursday 8 August until late October 2024**, we'll temporarily close Hayston Boulevard at Epping Road, so we can safely upgrade the intersection.

During this time, we'll:

- upgrade existing lanes, kerbs and medians
- install new drainage and a new traffic island
- build new turning lanes in and out of Hayston Boulevard
- build sections of the new southbound lanes on Epping Road
- add new traffic signals and public lighting.

Epping Road will remain open in both directions and access to Hayston Boulevard will be maintained via Harvest Home Road and Fletcher Street.

Access to private properties and businesses will be maintained.

To prepare for the closure of Hayston Boulevard, traffic will be stopped frequently at the intersection of Epping Road and Lyndarum Drive, from **7am to 5pm on Thursday 8 August**. Delays of up to 15 minutes are expected during peak times.

We encourage you to plan your journey and allow extra time if travelling through the area.

Changes to Bus Route 356

Bus stops along Hayston Boulevard will be closed from **Thursday 8 August until late October**.

A temporary bus stop for Route 356 to Epping Station and Wollert East will be located on Lyndarum Drive, near Epping North Shopping Centre. There will be signage in place at these bus stops to direct you.

You can find more information on the map, and at ptv.vic.gov.au.

Service relocation works – what we've done so far

Since early 2023, we've been identifying, relocating and protecting essential underground utilities including gas, water, electricity, and telecommunications.

Before we can build your new road lanes, we need to move these utilities out of the way so we can avoid disrupting the services you rely on every day.

Moving these services is a complex process that involves careful planning and coordination with service providers and third parties such as Telstra, NBN, Yarra Valley Water, APA and many more.

We're relocating these services and building sections of the new southbound lanes while keeping traffic moving on Epping Road and High Street.



1.9KM
OF NEW GAS PIPES



1.5KM
OF NEW WATER MAINS



1.5KM
OF NEW UNDERGROUND
POWER CONNECTIONS



56KM
OF NEW TELECOM CABLES



Epping Road's OPEN FOR BUSINESS

While we're upgrading Hayston Boulevard at Epping Road, we'll maintain access to local businesses at the Epping North Shopping Centre and the surrounding areas.

Local shops are open for business as usual, and we encourage you to support local businesses by shopping in the area.



Working hours

Most of our works will take place between **7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays between 7am and 5pm**. Some works may need to occur at night to minimise impacts on traffic or utility services. If we need to work at night, we'll let you know ahead of time.

Traffic changes

There will be ongoing traffic changes while we build the Epping Road Upgrade.

Changes may include:

- delays and temporary holds in traffic on Epping Road and High Street
- road, lane and footpath closures and detours
- bike lane closures and detours
- temporary bus stop closures
- speed limit reductions
- temporary parking changes

We'll contact you ahead of time if we need to change the way you access your property.

Please observe on-road signage and the directions of our traffic controllers, so we can keep you and our workers safe.

Construction impacts

There will be some noise, dust and vibration while we work. Noise, dust and vibration may be generated from moving vehicles, machinery, digging trenches, rock breaking, piling, reversing beepers or generators used to power equipment.

We'll be monitoring to ensure these impacts are kept to a minimum, especially at night. If you're likely to be affected by these works, we'll be in touch with you before they start. You may experience temporary interruptions to your water, power or telecommunication services while we complete vital service relocation works. Your utility service provider will notify you ahead of any planned disruptions.

Stay informed

We'll carefully plan our work to minimise disruptions and provide you with advance notice of changes so you can plan your movements. We'll do this through regular emails, SMS, project updates, electronic message boards, and a 24-hour contact phone line.

If you have any questions about the project or our works, please contact us. Our team is available 24 hours a day. Sign up at **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads-subscribe** to receive email and SMS updates direct to your phone.

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