

WORKS STARTING SOON

BALLAN ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

SPRING 2025



We've finalised the design for the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade.

More than 30,000 vehicles travel through the roundabout at Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads every day, making it one of the busiest and most congested intersections in Wyndham Vale.

Community and business feedback in early 2023 told us that 94% of community respondents and 91% of business respondents support an upgrade. The top response for community concerns for the current intersection were traffic congestion and road user and pedestrian safety.

The upgrade will help reduce congestion and make travel times more reliable on Ballan Road between Manor Lakes and Werribee.

Works to upgrade the intersection will start soon.

As part of the upgrade, we'll:

- replace the roundabout at Ballan Road, Greens Road and McGrath Road north with traffic lights and add extra lanes through the intersection
- install traffic lights at Ballan and McGrath Road south near the 7-Eleven to make it easier to turn right towards Werribee

- add a priority bus lane on Ballan Road towards Manor Lakes to make your bus commute more reliable
- install pedestrian crossings and shared walking and cycling paths to make it safer to access schools, shops and services.

The upgrade will make it easier and more reliable to travel through the intersection, especially during busy times.

Drivers using Ballan Road can save up to five minutes during peak periods and will benefit from significant safety improvements, once the project is complete.



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What we've been doing

Over the past few months, we've worked with our construction partner, Symal, to shape the project's design.

We've considered feedback from our April 2025 community engagement pop-ups, as well as input from local businesses, public transport operators, Wyndham City Council and the Department of Transport and Planning.

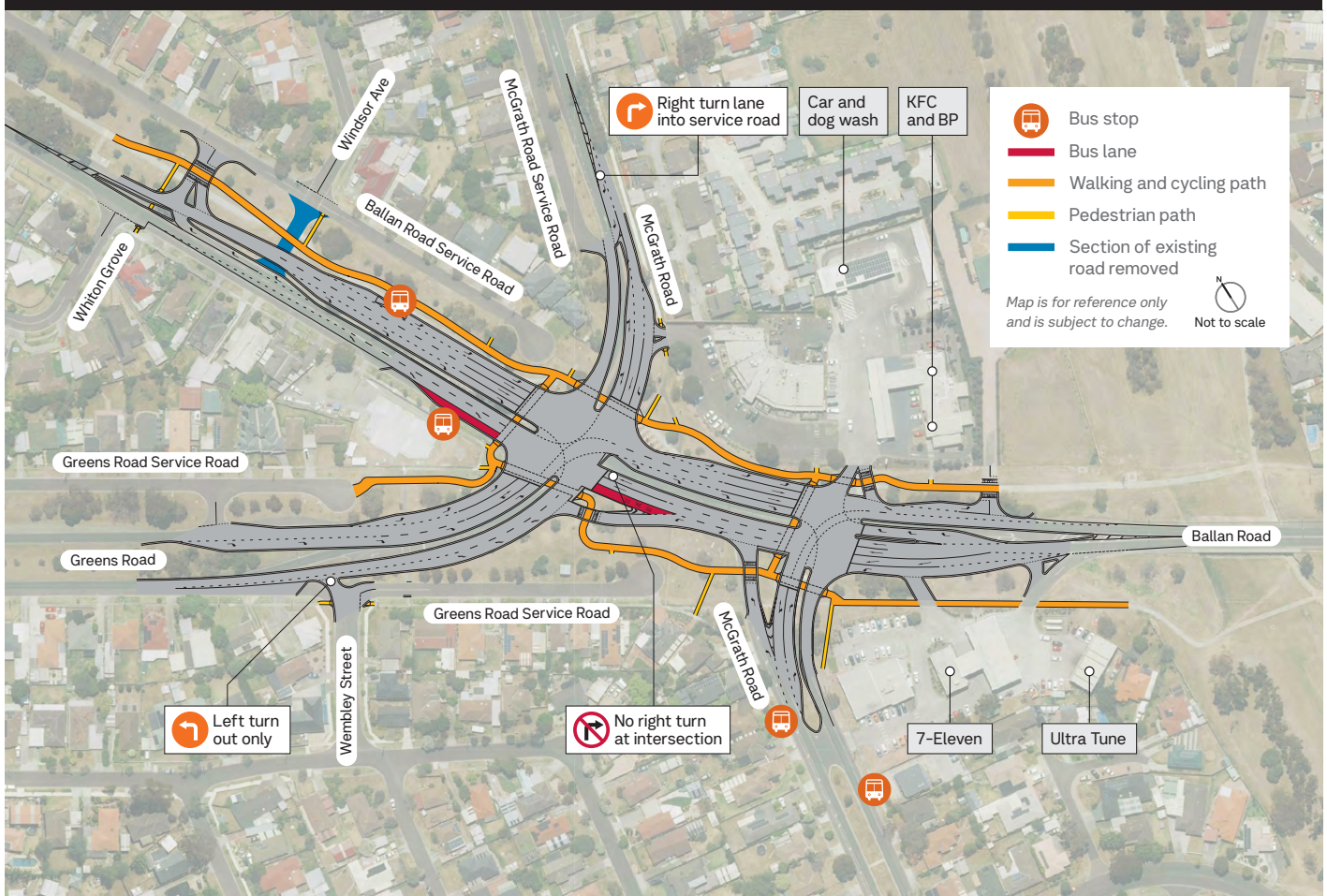
Your feedback helped us refine the design to better reflect community needs.

Cars waiting to travel through the Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads roundabout



Project design

We've finalised the project design. Explore the key features on the map below.





We've awarded the contract to build the upgrade to Symal. Together, we're now finalising construction staging and timing, with work to start in late 2025.

Permanent changes to the way you travel

To relieve the traffic congestion at the Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads intersection, we'll need to make some changes to the way you travel around the area (see map to the left).

No right turn at Ballan Road to McGrath Road

At the end of the upgrade, you won't be able to turn right from Ballan Road into McGrath Road to travel towards Heaths Road.

Instead, you'll be able to:

- Turn left onto Greens Road and make a U-turn, or
- Continue on Ballan Road and turn right at Bolton Road.

We understand this change may be inconvenient for some in the community. It's designed to support more consistent journeys for all road users along Ballan Road.

We've considered a range of design options, and as the priority is keeping traffic flowing smoothly through the intersection, this approach offers the best balance between safety, access and efficiency.

No left turn at Greens Road to Wembley Street

To create more capacity at the intersection, we'll add an extra lane on Greens Road at the intersection.

This change means there won't be enough space to keep the existing left turn entry into Wembley Street. Instead, you'll need to continue along Greens Road to use Honour Avenue and Valewood Drive to access Wembley Street and the service road. However, you'll still be able to turn left out of Wembley Street onto Greens Road.

Access changes at medical and auto precinct

Once the project is complete, drivers won't be able to turn right into or out of Wyndham Vale Health Care, 7-Eleven or Ultra Tune directly from Ballan Road.

Instead, you'll use the new traffic lights at McGrath Road to:

- Turn right towards Werribee when exiting these businesses
- Enter these businesses if you're coming from Wyndham Vale

This change is happening because we're building a centre median along Ballan Road to separate traffic travelling in each direction. Centre medians help make roads safer by reducing risky right turns and preventing head-on crashes.

Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/ballanroadupgrade to learn more about the permanent access changes coming as part of the project.



Project timeline

- ✓ **Early 2023**
Start of project planning
- ✓ **March/April 2023**
Business case community and business engagement
- ✓ **March 2024**
Business case complete
- ✓ **January 2025**
Start of procurement process and detailed design
- ✓ **April 2025**
Community pop-up and business feedback on draft design
- ✓ **September 2025**
Detailed design complete
- ✓ **October 2025**
Construction contract awarded
- **November 2025**
Work site compound installed at Greens Road
- **Late 2025**
Utility relocations and start of early works
- **Early 2026**
Start of major works
- **Mid-2027**
Project complete

Next steps

One of the biggest parts of upgrading our roads is relocating utility services like power, water, gas and telecommunications.

There are many services around the Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads intersection.

While it might look quiet on the surface, significant work will be happening underground. In fact, we need to move around 40 kilometres of telecommunications infrastructure to make way for new lanes and shared walking and cycling paths.

During November, we'll begin setting up the site compound on the reserve between McGrath Road (south) and Wembley Street. This will involve vegetation removal, and we'll replant in the area once construction is complete.

Also in 2025, we'll prepare the site for major construction, which is expected to begin in early 2026. Preparation works will include installing barriers, realigning the intersection to keep traffic moving during construction, line marking, and getting ready to relocate services.

We'll be back in touch before major works and impacts begin, so you'll know what to expect and when.

Investing in Melbourne's west

The Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade is just one of several projects we're delivering in Melbourne's west.

In Werribee, construction is underway on the Ison Road project to provide a vital new link to the Princes Freeway, while planning continues to upgrade the Princes Freeway and Werribee Main Road interchange.

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