BIG BUILD ROADS

What you said

Donnybrook Road Upgrades – Stages 1 and 2



Artist's impression – subject to change. Upgraded Donnybrook Road and Mitchell Street intersection looking west.

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Community Consultation Summary

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DONNYBROOK ROAD UPGRADES –
STAGES 1 AND 2

PRE-CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY

We're upgrading Donnybrook Road between the Hume Freeway and Dwyer Street, relieving key bottlenecks and easing congestion.

As part of these upgrades, we'll:

- remove the existing roundabout and install traffic lights at the Donnybrook Road and Mitchell Street intersection
- build new bridges over Kalkallo Creek and the Hume Freeway to provide extra lanes on Donnybrook Road between Dwyer Street and the freeway
- add an extra right-turn lane to the Hume Freeway outbound exit ramp
- build a walking and cycling path on the northern side of Donnybrook Road between Polaris Road and Dwyer Street.



Artist's impression – subject to change. Upgraded Hume Freeway outbound entry and exit ramp intersection looking south.

Community consultation

Local community feedback is helping shape planning for the Donnybrook Road Upgrades – Stages 1 and 2.

From 31 August to 27 September 2026, community members shared their views through Engage Victoria, providing valuable local insights to help inform planning for the project.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and share feedback.

242 SURVEY SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

142,000 PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

14,000 FLYERS DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS

100+ PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR COMMUNITY POP-UPS

Community feedback

More than 70% of survey respondents support a shorter but more disruptive project construction timeline for the Donnybrook Road Upgrades – Stages 1 and 2, with over 160 people sharing their views during consultation.

Community members highlighted the need to:

- Extend the duplication of Donnybrook Road beyond Dwyer Street
- Increase the number of westbound lanes on Donnybrook Road at the Mitchell Street and freeway ramps intersection
- Keep traffic moving and maintain access to businesses and residential areas during construction
- Ensure the upgrade considers the safety of cyclists
- Deliver the project as soon as possible, while making sure future improvements are planned for

The feedback received through consultation is helping us better understand local priorities and inform ongoing planning for the project.

What you said

Community members shared strong support for starting the upgrade as soon as possible, as well as a desire to expand the project scope to further reduce congestion and improve traffic flow locally.

We also heard support for the new bridge over the freeway in addition to improved walking and cycling connections.

> This is an urgent requirement and is desperately needed."

> This is a great start. I just wish the project boundary could be extended to Cloverton Boulevard. It's only a short distance beyond the current boundary, but extending it would make a massive difference and could really help reduce traffic congestion during peak hours."

> This existing bluestone bridge is a wonderful piece of heritage infrastructure; it also crosses the Kalkallo Creek, which may contain the endangered Growling Grass Frog."

> Work needs to happen fast since it's affecting the daily lives of so many people."



Project team speaking to community members at a pop-up information session at Kalkallo Town Centre.

Face-to-face engagement

Community members took the opportunity to find out more about the Donnybrook Road Upgrades – Stages 1 and 2 across three pop-up information sessions attended by more than 100 people at Merrifield City, Shared Cup Cafe and Kallo Town Centre between 3 and 19 September 2026.

The sessions gave community members the chance to check out the concept designs, view the project boundary, ask questions and share feedback directly with the project team.

Feedback highlighted strong support for improving traffic flow through extra lanes, enhancing road user safety through separated lanes, and addressing congestion along Donnybrook Road outside of the project area.

Community members also emphasised the importance of seeing the project delivered as soon as possible, as well as maintaining access to homes and businesses and minimising road closures throughout construction.

Attendees shared concerns about traffic queuing on the outbound exit ramp to Donnybrook Road, and positive feedback about a new lane on the ramp, the upgrade of the Mitchell Street intersection with traffic lights and providing new walking and cycling connections as part of the project.

Project team members also met with landowners, businesses and community organisations closest to the project corridor to gather local insights and better understand issues important to the community.

Next steps

Community feedback will continue to inform pre-construction and design refinement for the project.

Site investigations and planning are continuing, as the upgrade moves towards construction in mid-2027. More detailed construction timelines will be confirmed once planning and approvals are further progressed.

PROJECT TIMELINE

2024
Planning work commenced

March 2025
Funding announced for Stage 1

June to July 2025
Consultation for business case and planning

Late 2025
Initial planning work complete

May 2026
Funding announced for Stage 2

October 2026
Pre-construction planning and design work continues

Mid-2027
Construction commences



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