

MAJOR WORKS BEGIN

ISON ROAD OVERPASS

AUTUMN 2024

We're building the Ison Road Overpass in Werribee to provide a vital link from Wyndham West to the Princes Freeway, improve safety and ease congestion by directing traffic out of the Werribee Town Centre.

As part of the Ison Road Overpass we'll build:

- a new four-lane road
- a bridge over the rail line
- walking and cycling path along the overpass
- a dedicated cycling track underneath the overpass.

Project update

It's been a busy start to the year, with the start of major works to build the Ison Road Overpass.

The project team has made the most of our warmer months to build up the ground level to support the future four-lane overpass.

Approximately 30 truck and trailers are coming in and out of the site around 80 times a day. They are bringing in 3,000 cubic metres of soil to compact and create the base for the road to be built on.

With the ground level rising about eight metres since works began, the traffic lights on both Ison and

Bulban roads have changed to allow trucks to enter and exit the site via this intersection.

Earthworks will continue over the coming months in preparation for the structural elements of the overpass to be built.

Our piling works continue to create the foundation for the walls of the overpass to sit on. Eight bridge piles are completed, with a further 43 to be installed.

Image above: Work to build the new bridge over the Geelong-Melbourne railway line.



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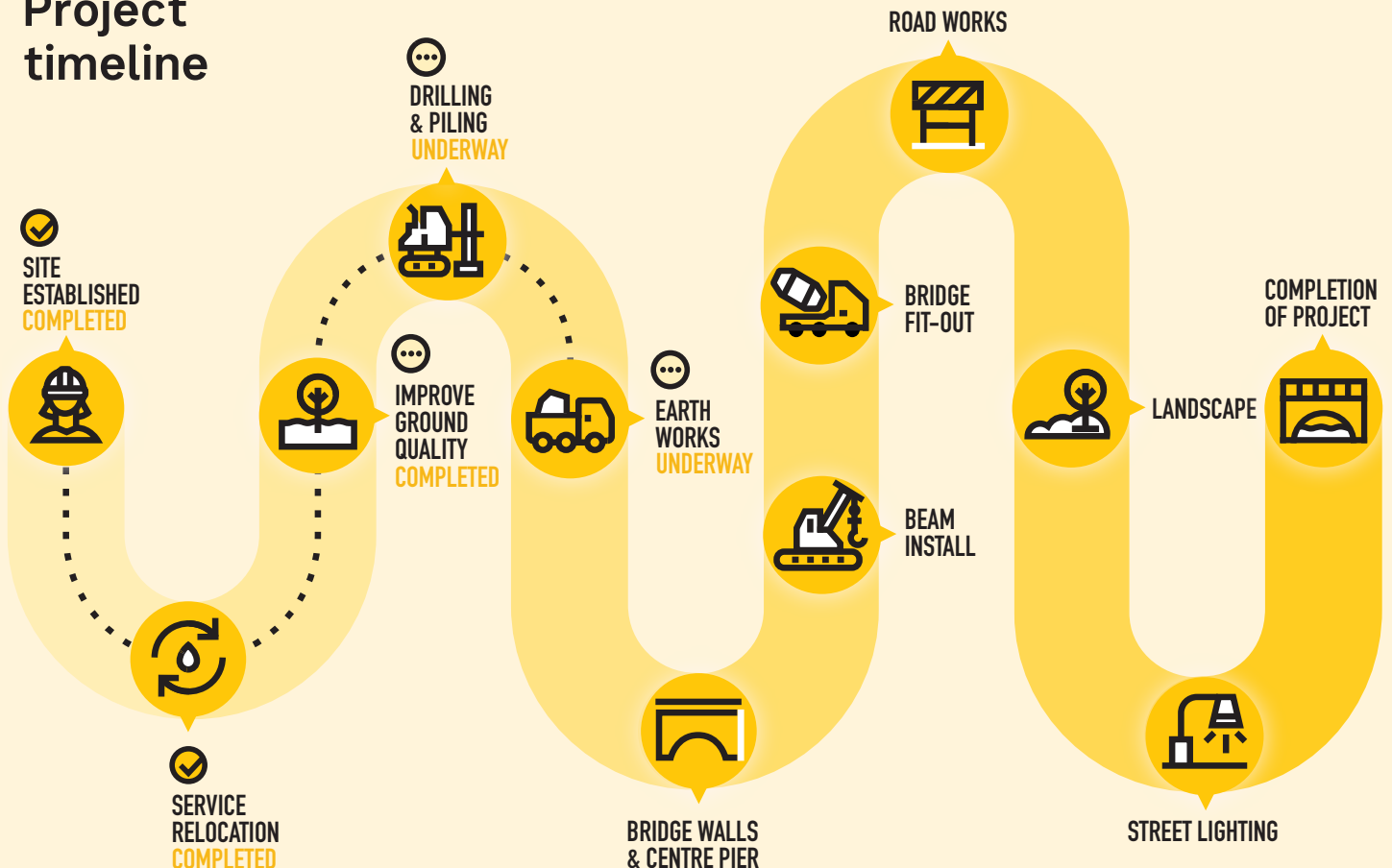
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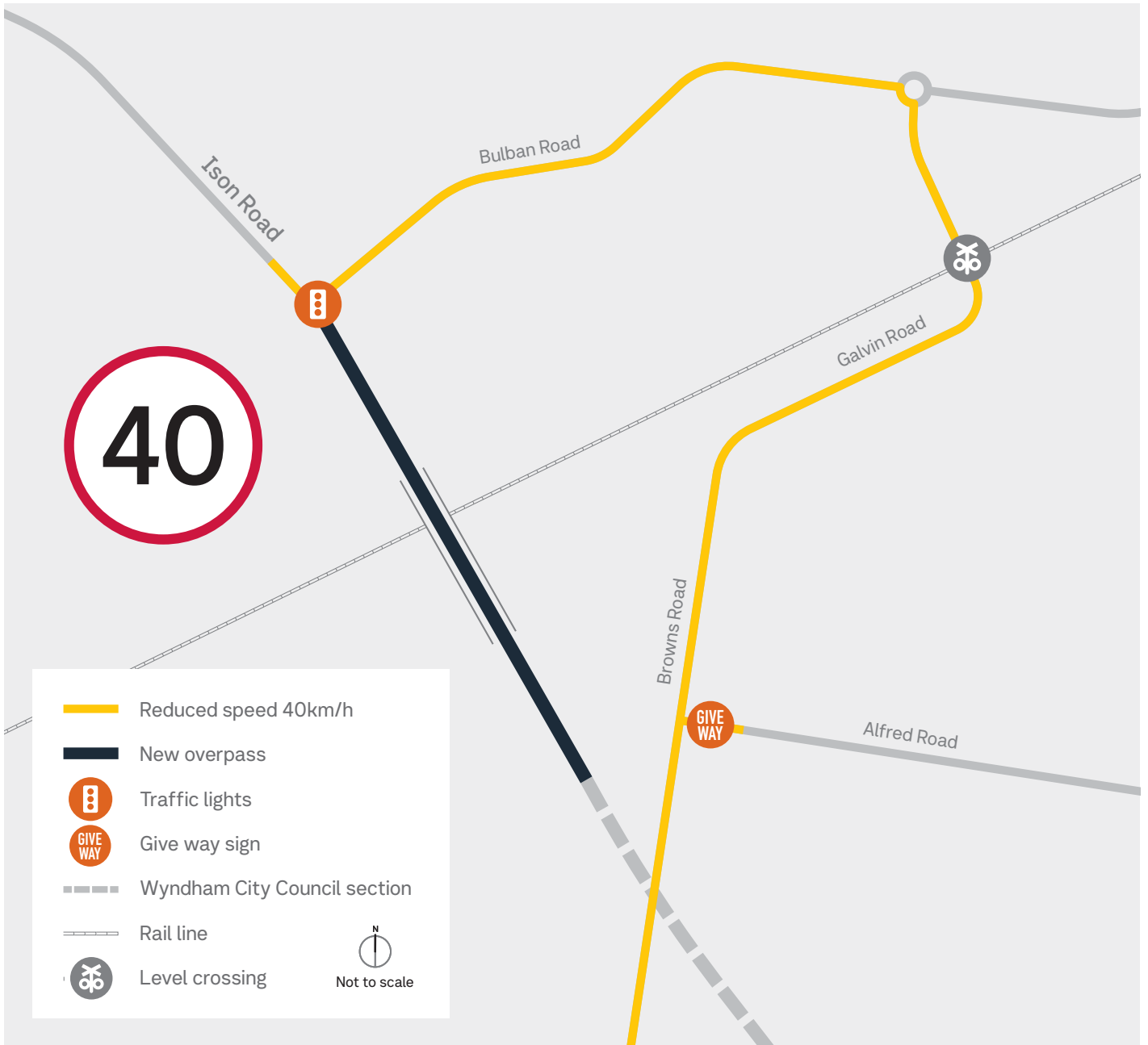
Since major works began in December we've:

- averaged 60 people on site each day working a total of 58,970 hours
- trucked in 180,000 cubic metres of material to raise the road surface, which is almost 14,000 truck loads!
- built approximately 1,000 steel-reinforced concrete piles up to 12 metres deep and nearly a metre in diameter as part of our ground improvement works.

Image left: Crushed rock being rolled and compacted on site.

Project timeline





Change in traffic conditions

Traffic conditions at the intersection of Ison and Bulban roads have changed.

The temporary lane markers have been adjusted and the traffic lights are fully operational to allow trucks to access the project site through the intersection of Ison and Bulban roads.

Rumble strips have also been installed on Alfred Road to encourage vehicles to slow down as they approach the intersection of Alfred and Browns roads.

The 40km/h speed limit will remain in place around our work area while we build the overpass, to keep you and our workers safe.

This includes sections on:

- Bulban Road
- Galvin Road
- Browns Road
- Alfred Road.

With three different points of access for trucks and vehicles entering or exiting the site, it's important to slow down and observe the traffic signs.

Connecting with the community



The project team have enjoyed getting out and meeting members of the Wyndham West community to talk about the project.

We witnessed local history as more than 130 year 7 students attended the first day of the new Walcom Ngarrwa Secondary College.

We also attended the Nganboo Borron School Community Open Day on 22 March to speak with parents, carers and staff about the project and the 40km/h speed limit during construction.

Celebrating International Women's Day on Ison Road

In March we celebrated International Women's Day with our team that includes women in a range of specialised and leadership roles from project management, engineering, and plant operation, to environmental management, communications, and site administration.

As a project team our focus is on providing a welcoming, inclusive environment for the diverse range of people working to build a vital link to the Princes Freeway for the Wyndham West community.



What's coming up?

Once the earth works and piling is complete on each side of the rail line, we'll start construction of the bridge piers and retaining walls.

These piers support the weight of the bridge. The retaining walls stop the soil that we have built up to meet the overpass from moving.

The walls will be made of reinforced concrete and steel, and lifted into position on each side of the rail line.

We'll also construct a central pier to provide an upright support to hold the centre of the beams, forming the bridge.

Image left: Earthworks on the northern side of the railway line.

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