

**What you've
said**

Mt Alexander Road Intersection Upgrades



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Community Consultation Summary

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We're planning for long-term upgrades to two major intersections in Essendon:

- Mt Alexander Road and Napier, Fletcher, and Russell streets
- Mt Alexander, Bulla, Keilor, and Lincoln roads.

As part of our planning, we're exploring options to:

- improve safety for road users
- make it easier for all road users to move through the area
- improve active and public transport connections.

Community consultation

From 24 March to 13 April 2025, we asked for community feedback to help inform our planning. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

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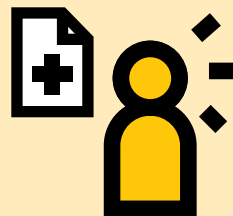
COMMUNITY SURVEYS
COMPLETED

147

COMMENT PINS DROPPED
ON OUR INTERACTIVE MAP

130

PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR
COMMUNITY POP-UP EVENTS



272,236

PEOPLE REACHED BY OUR SOCIAL
MEDIA ADVERTISING

What you've said

Feedback has provided important local insights that has helped us to understand community views on safety, traffic flow and what we should consider in our planning.

People do not know when to go around the roundabout and will pull out in front of trams or not follow the correct signals and almost hit oncoming traffic frequently.

"The roundabout is so unsafe for the amount of traffic that travels through it and confusing for drivers who are not familiar with the area.

Drivers don't seem to see traffic light and go through red light. See it on a daily basis. Trams zoom through roundabout dinging their bell. Don't stop for a car or a person.

Community survey

Mt Alexander, Bulla, Keilor, and Lincoln roads intersection

71% of respondents reported feeling either unsafe or very unsafe the last time they travelled through the intersection, **17%** said they felt neither safe or unsafe and **12%** said they felt safe or very safe.

When asked if they had ever deliberately chosen an alternate route to avoid travelling through the intersection, **69%** of respondents said yes, while **31%** said no.

When asked what improvements they would most like to see included as part of the intersection upgrade, **23%** said replace the roundabout with traffic lights, **16%** said improvements to the existing roundabout, **16%** said safer pedestrian/cycling access, **15%** said improved road signage, **13%** said clearer line marking, **7%** said better access to public transport, **6%** said new speed limits and **4%** said other.

37% of respondents said they were supportive or very supportive if certain movements were banned to make the intersection work better, while **35%** said they were unsupportive or very unsupportive and **28%** said they were neither supportive or unsupportive.

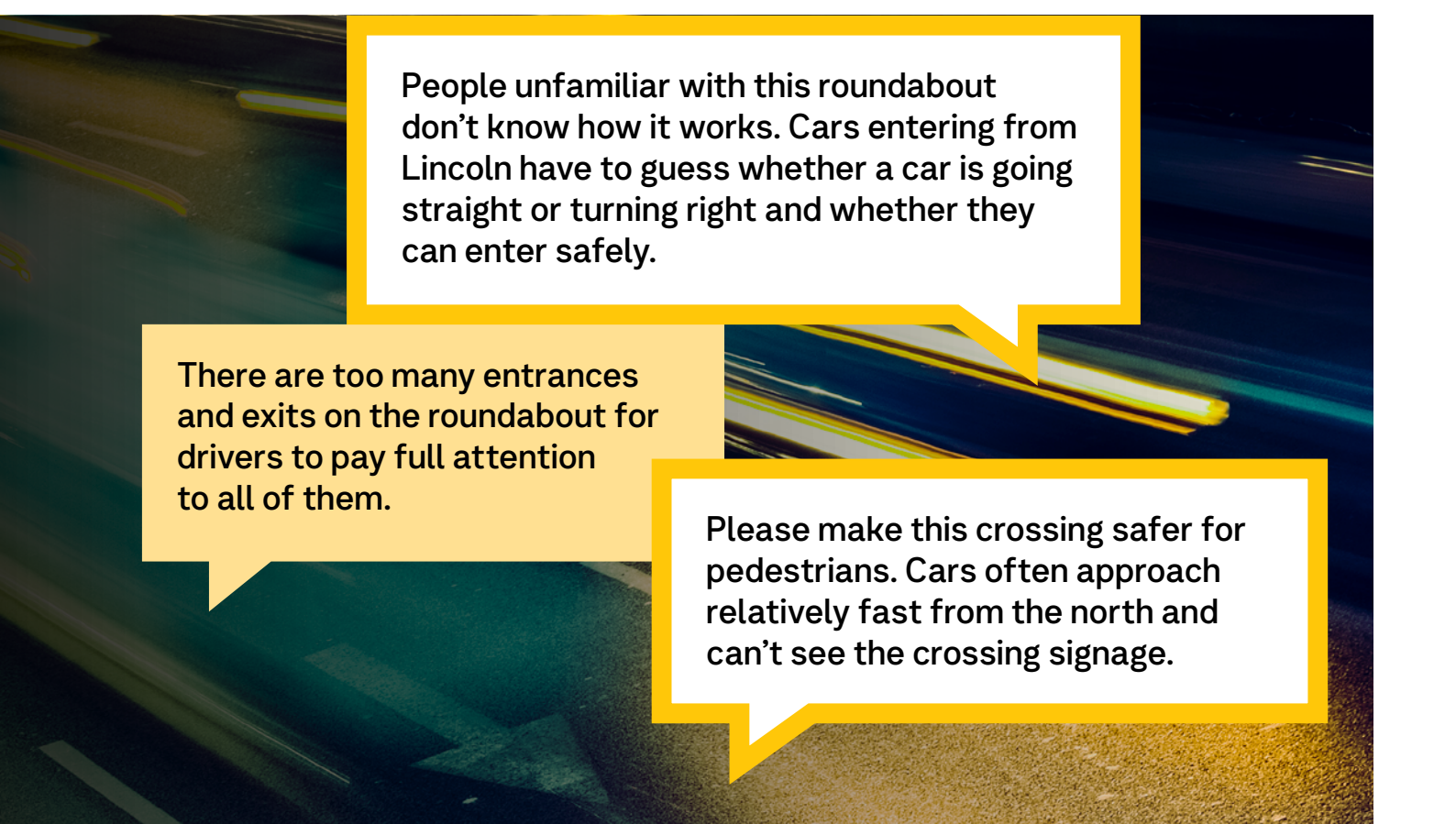
Mt Alexander Road and Napier, Fletcher, and Russell streets intersection

60% of respondents said they felt unsafe or very unsafe the last time they travelled through the intersection, **24%** said they felt neither safe or unsafe and **16%** said they felt safe or very safe.

When asked if they had ever deliberately chosen an alternate route to avoid travelling through the intersection, **54%** of respondents said yes, while **46%** said no.

When asked what improvements they would most like to see included as part of the intersection upgrade, **20%** said replace the roundabout with traffic lights, **18%** said safer pedestrian/cycling access, **17%** said improvements to the existing roundabout, **14%** said improved road signage, **13%** said clearer line marking, **9%** said better access to public transport, **6%** said new speed limits and **3%** said other.

36% of respondents said they were supportive or very supportive if certain movements were banned to make the intersection work better, while **35%** said they were unsupportive or very unsupportive and **29%** said they were neither supportive or unsupportive.



People unfamiliar with this roundabout don't know how it works. Cars entering from Lincoln have to guess whether a car is going straight or turning right and whether they can enter safely.

There are too many entrances and exits on the roundabout for drivers to pay full attention to all of them.

Please make this crossing safer for pedestrians. Cars often approach relatively fast from the north and can't see the crossing signage.



Interactive map and social media feedback

- The existing roundabouts divide opinion—some community members believe they work well when motorists obey road rules and follow signage, while others want them replaced with traffic lights.
- Many find the pedestrian crossings confusing and dangerous, emphasising the need for safety improvements.
- Safety is of concern, with near misses involving vehicles, trams, and pedestrians reported.
- Suggestions for improvement include pedestrian overpasses, tram underpasses, clearer signage, improved lane markings, reduced speed limits and introducing keep clear line markings.
- Poor driver behaviour is a concern, with calls for increased road rule enforcement and driver education.
- Rat-running through the petro station is of concern, with suggestions made to restrict vehicle access to reduce this from occurring.
- Need to install continuous bike lanes which are clearly marked.
- Traffic calming measures should be introduced to reduce vehicle speed.
- There is a need to improve visibility at the intersections.
- Tram stops should be relocated to the centre of roundabouts, to improve safety.
- Need to close some access points to the intersection, suggestions included Lincoln Street and Carnarvon Road.

Face to face engagement

130 people attended our community information sessions held on 29 March at the corner of Mt Alexander Road and Lincoln Road and on 3 April at Woodlands Park House.

Key feedback provided included:

- Create formal bike lanes through the Mt Alexander Road and Napier, Fletcher, and Russell streets roundabout.
- Upgrade the northern roundabout to work like the Elizabeth St/Flemington Rd/Peel St roundabout.
- Reduce the speed limit along Bulla and Mt Alexander roads.
- Upgrade/replace existing pedestrian crossings with traffic lights.
- Improve visibility for vehicles entering or exiting the roundabout at Lincoln Road.
- Install warning signs for trams crossing from Mt Alexander Road into Keilor Road.
- Ban certain vehicle movements, such as closing access points, removing U-turns, or removing right turns - to help make the intersections work better.

Next steps

Community feedback will help shape our planning for the long-term Mt Alexander Road Intersection Upgrades.

This project is currently in the planning phase and our work will be used to inform government decisions on funding for future upgrades. We expect our initial planning work will be complete in late 2025.

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