



POINT COOK ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE INTERSECTION UPGRADE



SEPTEMBER 2024

We're upgrading the Point Cook Road and Central Avenue intersection to reduce travel times, improve safety and walking and cycling connections.

Overview

To cater for population growth and increase the efficiency of the intersection, the upgrade will:

- remove the existing roundabout and replace it with traffic lights
- add an outbound exit ramp to connect to the intersection
- add new lanes on Point Cook Road and Central Avenue near the intersection
- add pedestrian crossings and upgrade walking and cycling paths at the intersection.

Status

A business case has been completed which examined the intersection upgrade in detail to recommend a design and identify the best delivery approach.

Planning work completed to inform the business case included traffic modelling, social studies and environmental investigations. This helped us to understand environmental and social impacts, develop design options and confirm scope and costs of different options.

Options investigated included:

- upgrading the roundabout at Point Cook Road and Central Avenue
- removing the existing roundabout and replacing it with traffic lights
- upgrading Central Avenue between Point Cook Road and Skehan Boulevard
- adding new lanes on Point Cook Road and Central Avenue at the intersection
- improving walking and cycling infrastructure at the intersection.






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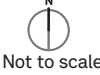
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-  New freeway exit ramp
-  Point Cook Road and Central Avenue Intersection Upgrade*
-  New traffic lights

* The upgrade area shown is for illustrative purposes and is subject to change



Next steps

Planning work is continuing, and key upcoming activities include:

- on-site investigations including identifying underground utilities, testing ground conditions and noise studies
- refining the project design and construction approach
- obtaining planning approvals
- engaging with utility providers
- appointing a construction partner.

Construction timelines will be known once our planning has progressed further.

Benefits

The upgrade aims to:

-  Cater for the growing population and increased vehicle movements
-  Reduce travel times and improve travel time reliability
-  Increase the safety and capacity of the intersection
-  Make walking and cycling a more attractive option.

Project timeline

-  **October 2022**
 - Intersection upgrade announced by the Victorian Government
-  **Early 2023**
 - Planning commenced
-  **March 2023**
 - Technical investigations commenced, to help us get a better understanding of the local area
 - Community and business consultation
-  **Mid 2024**
 - Business case complete
-  **2024**
 - Planning work continues

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