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Werribee Main Road – Princes Freeway Interchange Upgrade

Community and Business Consultation Summary

WERRIBEE MAIN ROAD – PRINCES FREEWAY INTERCHANGE UPGRADE

We're planning for a potential future upgrade to the Werribee Main Road and Princes Freeway Interchange in Werribee.

As part of our planning we're investigating solutions to reduce congestion, improve safety and travel times, and increase connectivity. Planning work also includes traffic modelling, environmental investigations and social studies.

Potential upgrades being considered include improvements to:



Intersections



Entry and exit ramps to the Princes Freeway



Walking and cycling infrastructure

CONSULTATION

From **16 March to 4 April 2022** we asked for feedback on a potential future upgrade to the Werribee Main Road and Princes Freeway Interchange.

Community members and local businesses told us how people are currently using the interchange, as well as thoughts on access, efficiency and safety, potential improvements to the interchange that we should consider and what's important in the area.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback via our surveys, interactive map, Q&A tool and our pop-up information sessions.

414

Community surveys completed

84,500

People reached by social media advertising

94%

Of community respondents support the potential future interchange upgrade

64

Pins placed on the interactive map

2,190

Views of the Engage Victoria web page

70

Face-to-face interactions at the pop-up Community Information Sessions held at Pacific Werribee

INTERACTIVE MAP

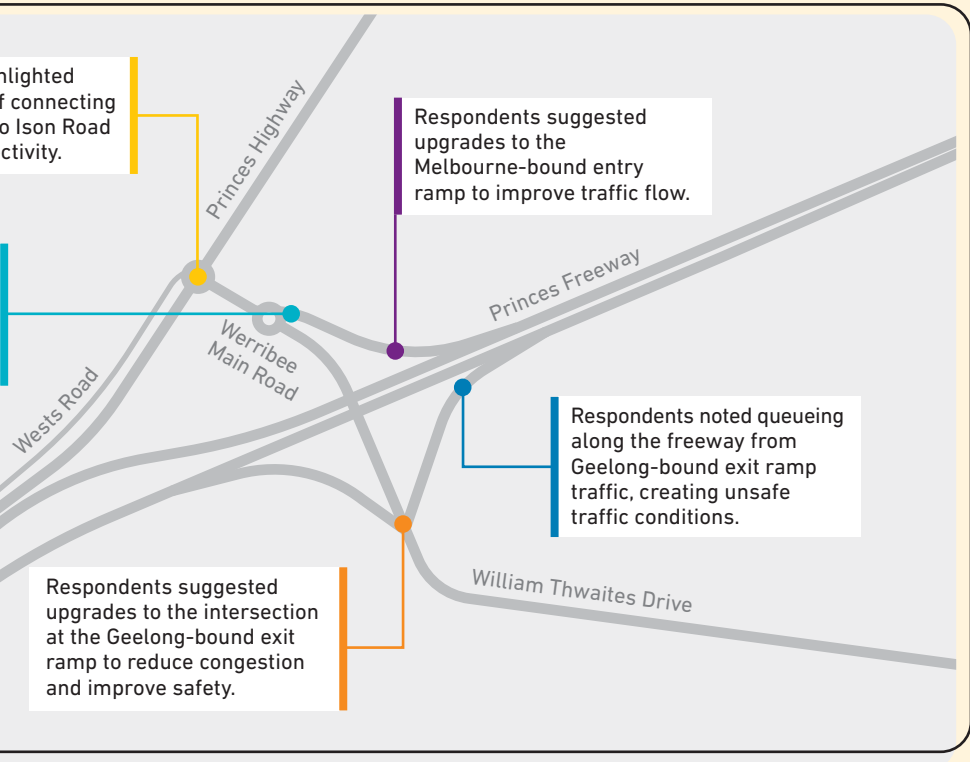
Respondents highlighted the importance of connecting the interchange to Ison Road to improve connectivity.

Respondents suggested upgrades to walking and cycling infrastructure in the area to help make walking and cycling a more attractive option.

Respondents suggested upgrades to the Melbourne-bound entry ramp to improve traffic flow.

Respondents noted queuing along the freeway from Geelong-bound exit ramp traffic, creating unsafe traffic conditions.

Respondents suggested upgrades to the intersection at the Geelong-bound exit ramp to reduce congestion and improve safety.



WHAT WE HEARD

These quotes, from survey and interactive map feedback, highlight common themes expressed by respondents.

"We have a lot of residents and our roads are so congested. The travel time to the freeway or out of Werribee is very frustrating."

"Inadequate and lack of bike paths. There is a good opportunity to invest and improve this infrastructure."

"Taking right turns from the [Princes Freeway Geelong-bound] exit is not safe due to oncoming traffic. Having a traffic signal at the junction would be much safer."

"Double lanes are required for the Melbourne-bound entry ramp to the Princes Freeway."

"There should be some consideration on how the [Wests Road and Princes Highway] intersection will facilitate cyclists and pedestrians."

"The interchange needs to be upgraded ASAP, as during peak hours the traffic is so congested. It's a serious danger to other cars Geelong-bound on the freeway."

"This will hopefully improve the Princes Freeway on ramp to Werribee Main Road. There are times where the intersection can cause a backlog back onto the freeway. This is extremely unsettling particularly with trucks and buses driving past while cars are stationary on the shoulder of the road."

"At peak times traffic is stopped on the Princes Freeway in the left lane waiting to exit onto Werribee Main Road, Geelong-bound freeway traffic has to come to a complete stop."

KEY THEMES

COMMUNITY SURVEY

- **77%** of respondents noted concerns with the interchange. Of these:
 - **30%** are concerned about congestion
 - **22%** are concerned about safety
 - **24%** are concerned about difficulties entering or exiting the freeway.
- **74%** rated traffic flow as poor or very poor, **20%** rated traffic flow as fair and **6%** rated traffic flow as good or very good.
- **60%** felt unsafe or very unsafe when using the interchange, **27%** felt neither safe nor unsafe, and **13%** felt safe or very safe when using the interchange.
- **74%** did not cycle in the area, with respondents noting the current lack of suitable cycling infrastructure.
- **24%** are concerned about difficulties navigating the area, lack of signage and difficulties accessing businesses at the interchange.

95%
SUPPORT THE
POTENTIAL FUTURE
INTERCHANGE UPGRADE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

We ran pop-up Community Information Sessions at Pacific Werribee on Wednesday 30 March and Saturday 2 April, where we received approximately 70 pieces of feedback. Feedback highlighted:



Concerns regarding general traffic congestion in the area



Concerns regarding connectivity of the local road network



Desire for improvements to the surrounding local road network.

WHAT'S NEXT

Feedback is being considered in our planning and is helping shape the development of potential design options.

We'll continue to provide the community with updates and information as planning progresses.

PLANNING TIMELINE

Current

- Technical investigations to better understand the area
- Develop a Business Case

16 March to 4 April 2022

- Community and business engagement

2023

- Business Case draft complete

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/mrpv/werribee-main-road-and-princes-freeway-interchange-upgrade

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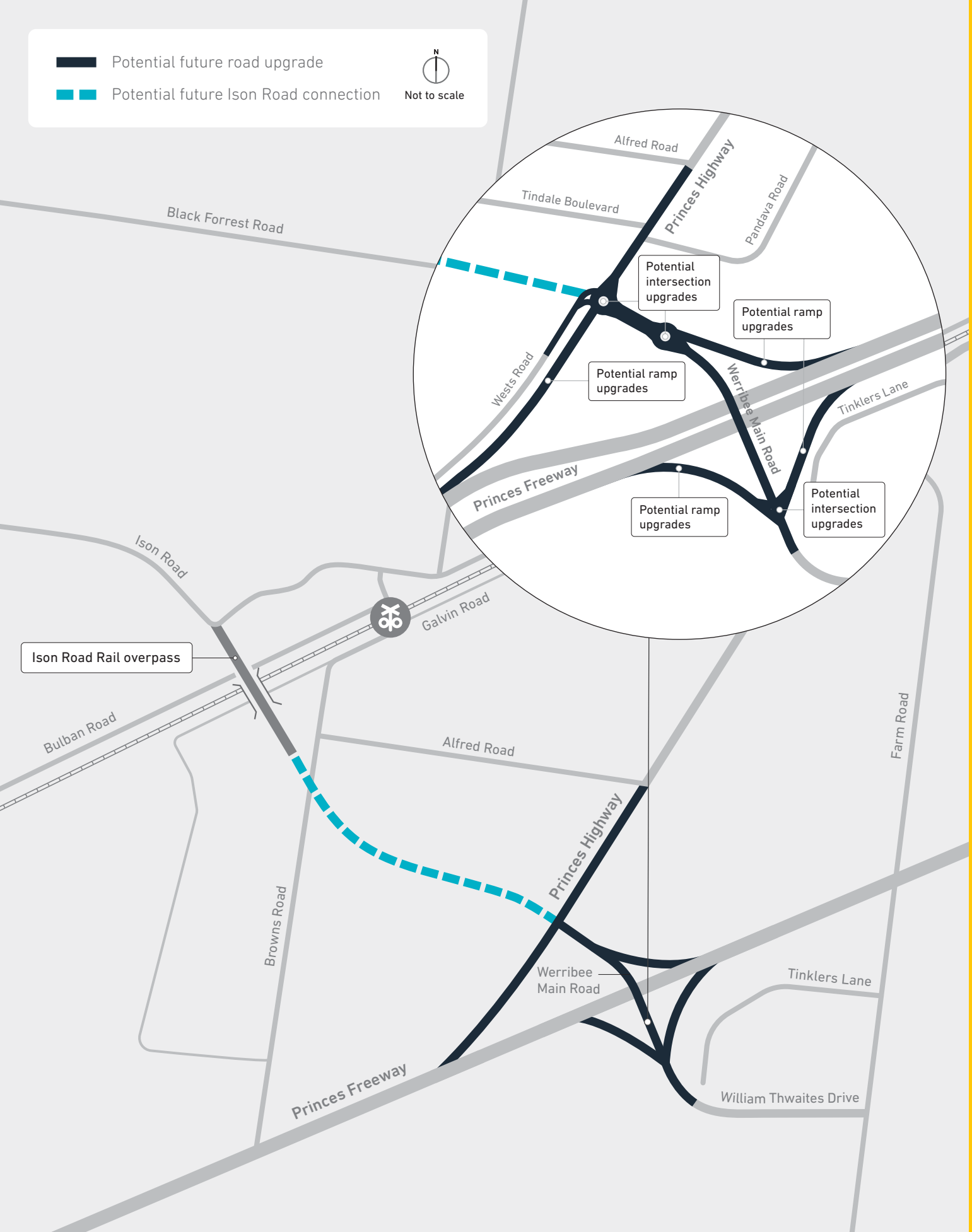


Potential future road upgrade

Potential future Ison Road connection



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