



Artist's impression of Doncaster Road interchange and Doncaster Park and Ride.

Doncaster Road interchange upgrades continue in 2026

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We're upgrading the Eastern Freeway with new express lanes, new traffic management technology and Melbourne's first dedicated busway.

We're building a new Doncaster Road interchange to slash travel times in Melbourne's east and upgrading Doncaster Park and Ride to improve connections to public transport and the Koonung Creek Trail, while also improving traffic flow.

The new Doncaster Road bridge will be wider to accommodate 10 lanes of traffic and higher to allow for the new Eastern Busway connecting Bulleen and Doncaster park and rides.



Steel formwork being installed near the new Doncaster Bridge

A smarter, faster Eastern Freeway



11 minute
faster trips along the Eastern Freeway



New busway
with park and rides at Bulleen and Doncaster



10km
shared paths



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Progress of the Doncaster Road interchange

Works are continuing in 2026 to build the new Doncaster Road interchange. We're building the new bridge and ramps in stages. The city side of the bridge is now complete and works are underway on the Ringwood side.

Stage 2 – Ringwood-side

The old Doncaster Road bridge was demolished in January, and traffic is now running on half of the new bridge.

To build the final section of the bridge, we'll complete earthworks to level out the site and start works to build the foundations of the new bridge.

These works will include piling and concrete reinforcement to build the bridge. In mid-2026, we'll install structural beams.

By late 2026, we'll complete asphaltting, traffic signal modifications, and line marking to allow the final traffic switch onto the completed new bridge.

The new Doncaster Road bridge will be widened to accommodate 10 lanes of traffic.

Construction timeline Doncaster Road interchange

Early 2026

- Earthworks to clear and level site
- Piling and foundation works
- Concrete formwork

Mid 2026

- Installation of structural beams
- Bridge floor installation and concrete works

Late 2026

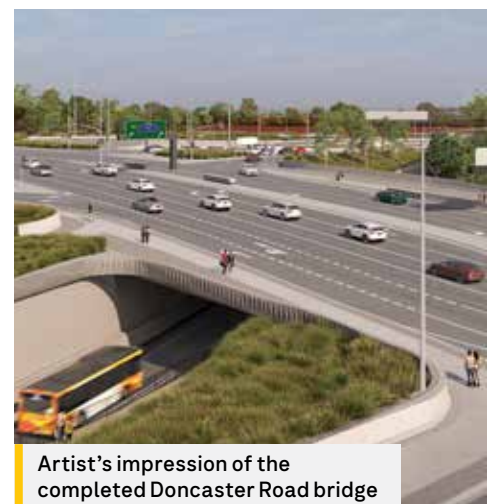
- Preparation works to switch traffic onto the final bridge including traffic signal upgrades, asphaltting and line markings



Construction progress of the Doncaster interchange



Demolition of the old Doncaster Road bridge



Artist's impression of the completed Doncaster Road bridge

Doncaster's new tower crane



90 metres high
and weighs 110 tonnes



Can lift 13 tonnes
equivalent to six cars
stacked together



Fully electric

The fully electric tower crane recently mobilised at the Doncaster Park and Ride worksite

Power to the crane

Not only is the tower crane big, but it's also big on sustainability!

Our new electric tower crane utilises a large battery known as an 'Enerainer' – energy in a container – rather than diesel generators that are commonly used with cranes this size.

From a sustainability point of view, it's a big win!



New crane's 'Enerainer' battery

Changes to the way you travel and managing construction impacts

To complete our works safely, at times, we'll need to close lanes, ramps and sections of the freeway, as well as carry out night works.

Delays are expected, please allow extra time for your journey.

All works are planned and managed in line with the project's Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs). Strict mitigations are in place to make sure construction noise is managed appropriately.

We manage impacts for nearby residents with a range of measures.

Please contact us if you'd like more information on how we can support you during construction.



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How we manage air quality and dust

We avoid generating dust as much as possible by:

- spraying work areas with water and eco-friendly liquids to stabilise surfaces, especially on hot and windy days
- using street sweepers
- reducing the speed of construction vehicles where possible
- monitoring air quality to ensure controls are in place.



Water carts provide dust control at worksites

Green concrete

We're working to lower our carbon footprint on the new Doncaster Park and Ride.

Calcine clay is being trialled to replace by-products from mining in the concrete, used for the new shared paths, making for a more sustainable product.

Artist's impression of Doncaster Park and Ride

Doncaster Park and Ride to take shape

We're building Melbourne's first dedicated Eastern busway to open in 2028. In 2026, we're building the busway under Doncaster Road and the multi-level car park with 435 parking spaces, lifts and stairs.

In 2026, locals will start to see the formation of the new Doncaster Park and Ride. Works are now underway to build the multi-level car park, and we expect the passenger buildings to start being built later in the year.

The upgraded Doncaster Park and Ride will provide an express connection to the Eastern Freeway under Doncaster Road, for faster, more reliable trips to and from the city.

This new transport precinct will also feature extra bus platforms for express and local bus services, and new passenger facilities including a ticket office, toilets and a covered waiting area.



Scan for more about the new Doncaster Park and Ride



Construction timeline

2026

- Tower crane installed
- Multi-level car park construction
- Permanent pavements for new bus bays
- Start of landscaping

Mid 2027

- Construction of facility building
- Ongoing landscaping

2028

- Doncaster Park and Ride and Eastern Busway open

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