

# **SOUTH ROAD UPGRADE**

NOVEMBER 2021

### **Utility services**

We're upgrading five key intersections along South Road to reduce bottlenecks, improve traffic flow and make your journey safer and more reliable.

Before we start work we'll need to move or take measures to protect some essential utility services such as water, power, oil and telecommunications.

### Moving utility services

Utility services are located above and below ground. Many of these services run along and across South Road, providing essential services to thousands of homes and businesses across Melbourne's south east.

Moving these services is a complex process and involves careful planning and working in partnership with service providers, whose availability can be impacted by unplanned events such as storms, fires and floods.

We're working with United Energy, Multinet Gas, Viva Energy Australia and South East Water to ensure this work is completed with minimal impact to services and the community.

You may not always see these works happening, as much of it will take place underground, behind traffic barriers or at night to minimise impacts on traffic and ensure the safety of our workers, motorists, and the community.

#### What to expect

To keep traffic flowing on South Road, we'll mostly work at night when there are fewer vehicles on the road.

While we work, we'll use a range of measures to keep you and our workers safe, including:

- safety barriers, fencing and road signs to guide road users through changed traffic conditions
- temporarily closing lanes, roads and footpaths and detouring motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- reducing speed limits.

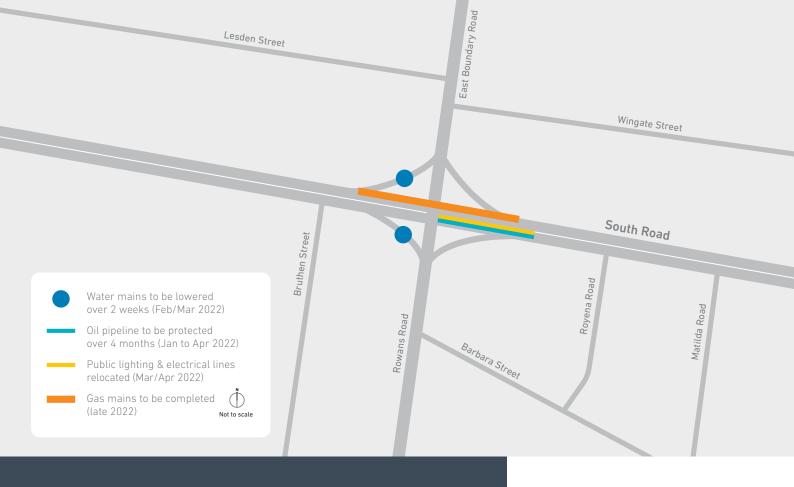
Where possible, plan your journey in advance and allow extra travel time. Or if possible, seek an alternative route.











## East Boundary Road

As part of the South Road Upgrade, we're adding an extra right turn lane from South Road northbound into East Boundary Road.

We're also realigning the left-turn slip lanes on each leg of the intersection to improve visibility and safety.

Of the five intersections we're upgrading, East Boundary Road has the most services to be moved. In addition to moving, gas power, and water services, we'll also need to undertake extensive work to protect a critical underground oil pipeline.

The pipeline carries more than 150,000 barrels of crude oil each day from Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula to oil refineries in Altona and Geelong. The pipeline travels through Moorabbin on its journey, running up the centre of South Road.

To build the upgrade at East Boundary Road, we'll need protect the pipeline so it can withstand the weight of the additional vehicles that will travel through the intersection as a result of the additional right turn lane being constructed.

Utility relocation and protection works will start in early 2022 and will take several months to complete.



### Stay informed

To receive regular updates, including in relation to traffic changes, subscribe to receive email and SMS alerts by visiting: roadprojects.vic.gov.au/ projects/south-road-upgrade.

You can also find information about changes to traffic conditions by visiting roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/southroad-upgrade and at bigbuild.vic.gov.au.

We'll let residents and businesses know well in advance of any works near them, and do our best to keep noise, vibration and other disruptions to a minimum.

Utility companies will be in touch with their customers if they are likely to any disruptions to service delivery.

### Health and safety

Works on the South Road Upgrade are progressing with COVID-safe plans in place to protect our workers and the community. For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

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