

**What you've  
said**

**Mickleham Road  
Upgrade - Stage 2**

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**Community and Business  
Consultation Summary**

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# We're planning for the potential Mickleham Road Upgrade – Stage 2, between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.

As part of our planning, we're investigating solutions to:

- enhance the benefits that will result from the Mickleham Road Upgrade – Stage 1, between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard and the Craigieburn Road Upgrade, between Hume Highway and Mickleham Road (both currently in construction)
- improve road safety
- reduce conflict points at key intersections along the road
- reduce congestion and improve travel times
- increase road capacity, catering for population growth and increased vehicle movements
- make it easier and safer to walk and cycle in the area.

## Consultation

From 24 April to 14 May 2023, we asked for community and local business feedback to help inform planning and shape the development of design options for the potential upgrade.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback via our surveys, interactive map, in meetings or at our pop-up information sessions.

4,661

UNIQUE VISITS TO THE ENGAGE VICTORIA WEB PAGE

37

MAP PINS PLACED ON THE INTERACTIVE MAP

02

COMMUNITY POP-UP INFORMATION SESSIONS HELD

355

SURVEYS COMPLETED

112,529

REACHED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

140

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPOKEN WITH AT POP-UPS

## What you've said

Feedback has provided important local insights, helped us understand how people currently use the road as well as their views on safety, traffic flow and what we should consider in our planning. We also heard how businesses operate and use the road.

**“This upgrade will be an absolute necessity once the section between Somerton and Dellamore is completed.”**



## Key themes

95% of community respondents support the potential Mickleham Road Upgrade – Stage 2.

## Community survey

83% of community respondents rate the current traffic flow on Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road as very poor or poor, 14% as fair and 3% as good or very good.

99% of community respondents said they would support additional lanes being added to Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.

77% of community respondents currently have concerns with Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.

When asked what concerns they have (multiple choice) respondents said traffic flow (18%), bottlenecks at key locations (15%), safety (13%), poor lighting (13%), variability in travel time (11%), road user behaviour (9%), lack of or inadequate walking and cycling paths (9%), and difficulty crossing the road as a pedestrian (5%).

56% of community respondents said they felt very unsafe or unsafe when using Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road, 34% said they felt neither safe or unsafe and 10% said they felt safe or very safe.

90% of community respondents rate the current walking and cycling facilities along Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road as very poor or poor, 5% as fair and 5% as very good or good.

93% of community respondents said they felt unsafe when walking or cycling along Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.

When asked what we should consider in our planning for walking and cycling improvements (multiple choice) respondents said building walking and cycling path(s) which are separate from vehicles (32%), improve lighting (26%), connect to existing paths (22%), and improve road crossing points (20%).

When asked what should be considered in our planning from a visual landscaping, environmental and noise perspective (multiple choice), respondents said replanting of shrubs and trees along the roadside (26%), planting local native flora (19%), minimising impacts to local fauna (15%), minimising noise (15%), minimising vegetation removal (12%), recognition of cultural heritage (10%) and other (3%).

88% of respondents prefer “high impact, short term disruptions” such as a road or intersection closure over a weekend or several weeks, whereas 12% prefer “low impact, long term disruptions” ie lane closures and speed reductions over a number of months.



The upgrade is well overdue. I use the road daily to drive from Greenvale towards the city. I also use the footpaths available for recreational walking and cycling however the current infrastructure is not suitable or safe - with footpaths not connecting between estates and requiring walking alongside/ on the road in some parts.

Mickleham Road is still a gazetted truck route but it's not fit for purpose given the amount of traffic and growth of population. It desperately needs to be widened, with paths, bike lanes etc. Traffic lights in appropriate places.

## Business survey

### 100% of business respondents support the potential Mickleham Road Upgrade - Stage 2

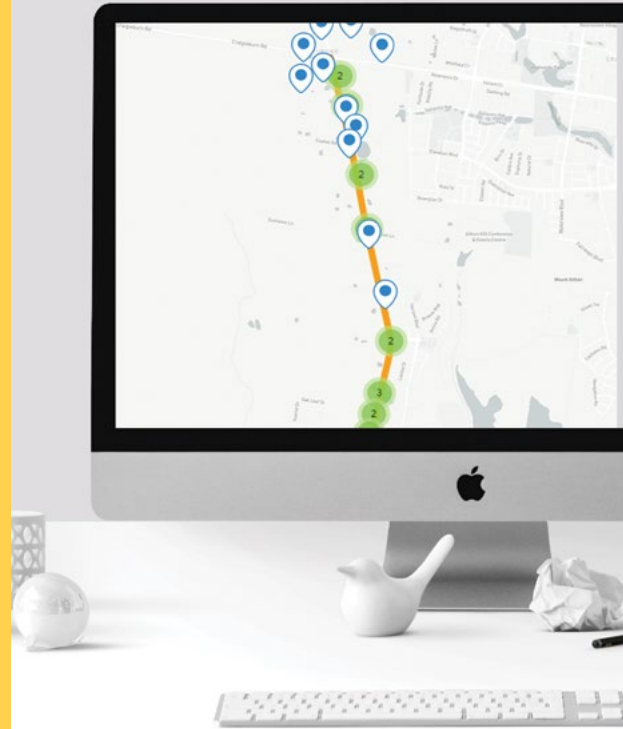
When asked how satisfied their business is with the current traffic conditions on Mickleham Road, between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road, **75%** of respondents said they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied and **25%** were satisfied.

**75%** of respondents think a potential Mickleham Road Upgrade between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road will have a positive impact long term on their business and its operation.

**75%** of respondents have concerns regarding Mickleham Road between Dellamore Boulevard and Craigieburn Road.

When asked what concerns they have (multiple choice) **54%** of respondents cited road user behaviour, safety, traffic flow and variability in travel time as key issues, **21%** of respondents cited difficulty crossing the road as a pedestrian and lack of walking and cycling paths, **14%** said bottlenecks at key locations, and **11%** said they had concerns with poor lighting and signage.

**100%** of respondents prefer “high impact, short term disruptions” such as a road or intersection closure over a weekend or several weeks to “low impact, long term disruptions” ie lane closures and speed reductions over a number of months.



## Interactive map, social media and pop-up community session feedback

Key themes captured included:

- strong support for the upgrade and the addition of extra lanes to increase capacity
- desire for other roadworks in the area to be completed prior to the Mickleham Road Upgrade - Stage 2 commencing
- desire for connection from Elevation Boulevard to Mickleham Road, to accommodate better access to Elevation Secondary College (outside the scope of the potential road upgrade)
- suggestion that a separate shared path should be built to allow cyclists to commute between Greenvale and Craigieburn and connect residential estates to local schools
- support for Mickleham Road to be upgraded to Donnybrook Road, beyond Craigieburn Road (outside the scope of the potential road upgrade)
- requests for additional road lighting to be installed as part of the potential upgrade.

## Planning timeline



## Next steps

Feedback is being used to inform our planning and the development of potential design options.

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

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