

# Construction blitz on Elder Street landscaped bridge from May



Works Notification  
May 2026

**We're completing the M80 Ring Road Upgrade, which will provide a seamless connection to the new North East Link tunnels.**

From early May to June 2026, we'll be working 24/7 to build the first sections of the Elder Street landscaped bridge and open the permanent lanes on Greensborough Highway.

During this time, Elder Street will be closed at the intersection of Greensborough Highway to the Frensham Road roundabout.

When finished, the bridge will form a green gateway to Watsonia Station and local shops, while separating local traffic from the North East Link lanes below to help ease congestion.

## What you need to know

From **8 May**, Elder Street will be closed to through traffic. There will also be a reduced speed limit of 40km/h and lane closures at times in place along Greensborough Highway between Grimshaw Street and Watsonia Road.

Please follow signed detours, on road signage and directions from traffic controllers.

Once these works are complete in June, we'll ramp up construction of the Elder Street landscaped bridge and move traffic onto the new permanent Greensborough Highway lanes.

You'll see bridge construction activity continue at the Greensborough Highway and Elder Street intersection until late 2026. There will be a temporary U-turn arrangement in place for northbound traffic on Greensborough Highway to maintain access to Elder Street.

Elder Street will be left-in, left-out only until late 2026.

Access in and out of Elder Street will be maintained for locals, however there will be restricted movements at times.



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## Traffic changes

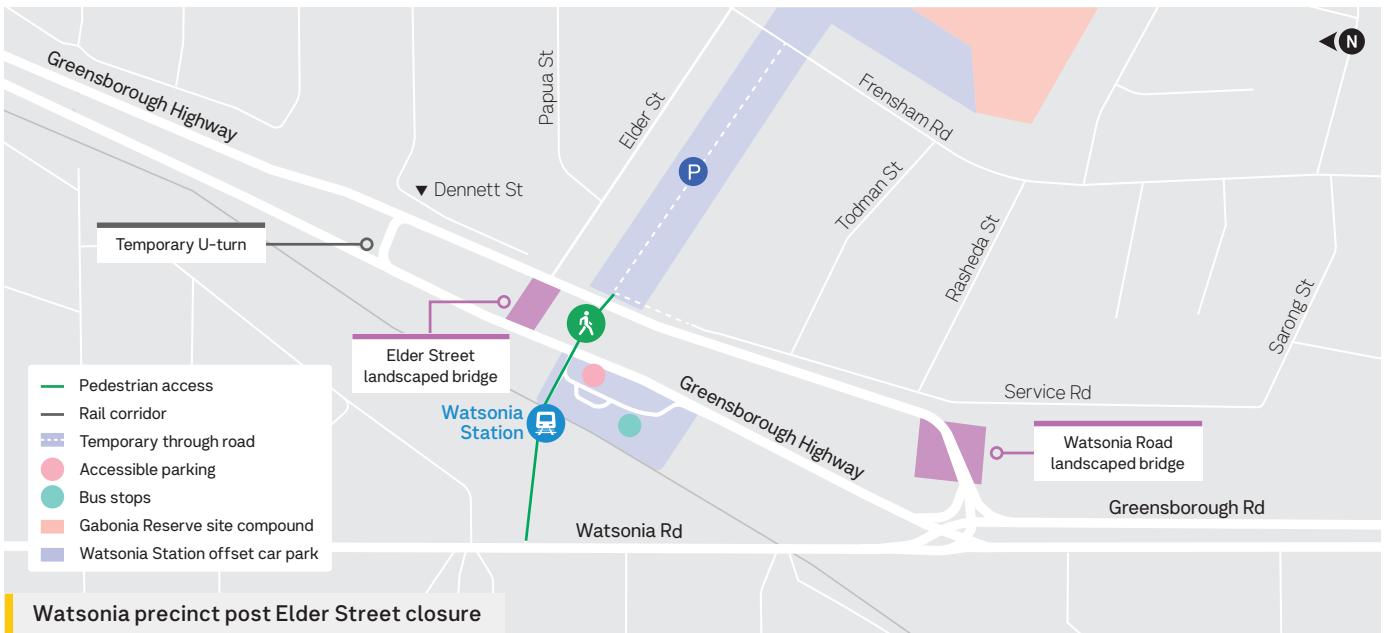
Some traffic delays are expected while we work, and there will be short-term lane closures at Watsonia Road and Greensborough Highway and changes to the pedestrian crossing to Watsonia Station from the Frensham Reserve car park. Access will be maintained to the Watsonia Road shops at all times.



Please plan ahead and allow extra travel time during these works.

For more details on planned disruptions, visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions) or scan the QR code.

Elder Street, Watsonia		
Impact	Date and time	Detours and changes
<b>Major works on the road to build the Elder Street landscaped bridge</b>		
24/7: Elder Street closed in both directions between Greensborough Highway and Frensham Road / Longmuir Road.	9pm, Friday 8 May to 5am Monday 1 June	Detour via Elder Street, Frensham Road, Yallambie Road to Greensborough Highway and via Delta Road to Grimshaw Street.  Delays of up to 10 minutes.  Some parking restrictions may be in place at times along Longmuir Road between Nell Street and Elder Street, and on Frensham Road between Elder Street and Yallambie Road, to maintain traffic flow.
Single lane operations Greensborough Highway for traffic switch to permanent northbound lanes.	9pm, Friday 8 May to 5am, Monday 11 May	Nightly single lane operation between Watsonia Road and Grimshaw Street.
Lane reductions Greensborough Highway southbound at Elder Street.	9pm, Friday 8 May to 5am, Monday 11 May	
Single lane operations Greensborough Highway for traffic switch to permanent southbound lanes.	9pm, Friday 29 April to 5am, Monday 1 June	Nightly single lane operation between Grimshaw Street and Watsonia Road.  Introduction of southbound traffic onto Watsonia Road landscaped bridge on a temporary road alignment to Greensborough Road.
<b>Bus route 514 detours</b>		
Bus Route 514 will operate direct between Watsonia Station and Greensborough Station via Greensborough Highway and Grimshaw Street.	9pm, Friday 8 May to 5am Wednesday 3 June	The 18 stops along McDowell Street, Delta Road and Elder Street will be serviced by a 12-seater accessible shuttle taxi from Watsonia Station to Elder Street via McDowell Street, Delta Road and Elder Street during timetable hours.  Shuttle taxis will terminate on Elder Street opposite Papua Street.
<b>Greensborough Highway U-turn</b>		
A U-turn will be introduced on Greensborough Highway approximately 100 metres north of Elder Street to maintain access to Elder Street during the bridge construction.	5am Wednesday 3 June until October	The U-turn will remain in operation until the completion of Elder Street landscaped bridge works in October 2026.
<b>Shared use path and footpath closures</b>		
Dennett Street shared use path closed to Elder Street.	9am, Friday 8 May to 5pm, Monday 18 May	Detour via Longmuir Road to Elder Street.



### Elder Street signalised U-turn

Building the Elder Street landscaped bridge will require temporary traffic arrangements to maintain local access. In mid-2026, right turns from Greensborough Road onto Elder Street will be replaced by a signalised U-turn. Here's how it will work:

#### Approach Elder Street

Travelling north on Greensborough Road, look for signage directing to the U-turn bay north of Elder Street.

#### Enter the U-turn Bay

Move into the designated turn lane as directed and enter the queue.

#### Complete the U-turn

When safe and the signals allow, make the U-turn to head south on Greensborough Road.

#### Turn into Elder Street

Continue south and make a left turn into Elder Street.

## When we'll be working

We'll be working both day and night to complete these tasks as efficiently as possible while minimising disruption to the community.

Where we need to undertake night works or activities near homes and businesses, we'll provide advance notice of where and when we'll be working.

Works are weather dependent. If we need to reschedule or extend our works, we'll keep you updated via our on-road signage or view disruptions.

## Managing construction impacts

We are committed to managing our works responsibly and in line with strict project requirements. This includes:

- keeping local residents and businesses informed when work is happening nearby
- using clear signage and traffic controls to guide drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians safely
- securing worksites with fencing, barriers, and safety measures
- monitoring and managing noise, dust, and vibration levels in real time
- minimising light spill with carefully directed lighting
- implementing environmental controls to prevent dust and water runoff
- containing workforce parking within designated worksites.



Watsonia landscaped bridge, view south

## What to expect

During these works, you may experience

- noise, light, dust, and occasional vibration during work hours, depending on the activity
- increased presence of workers, construction vehicles, and heavy machinery in the area, including on local roads and overnight activities at the Gabonia site compound
- deliveries of materials and equipment to and from the worksite, possibly occurring outside of regular hours.

## What we'll be doing

Key activities within our worksites include:

- removing and laying new asphalt, painting road lines, and installing new signs
- setting up temporary barriers, fencing and lighting to keep the work areas safe
- relocating footpaths, traffic lights, light poles and kerbs
- changing the entrance to Watsonia Station from Greensborough Highway
- drilling, pouring concrete and piling to build the new landscaped bridge
- excavating and levelling ground to realign the Elder Street / Dennett Street corner
- installing new drainage along the southern footpath on Elder Street.

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