

COMMUNITY UPDATE

JUNE 2021

CHILDS ROAD UPGRADE

We're upgrading Childs Road to improve safety, traffic flow and local walking and cycling connections.

Major construction on the Childs Road Upgrade started in April and is progressing well, with a new signalised intersection at Bowman Drive taking shape.

Over the last couple of months, we've removed traffic islands along Childs Road at Beaumont Crescent and Hawkes Drive intersections, as well as the Bowman Drive roundabout.

The upgrade is being delivered by ACE Contractors in partnership with Major Roads Projects Victoria.

Image above: Two new westbound lanes are well underway

Latest highlights

Since works started, we have:

- finished site investigations
- set up our main site office
- installed temporary fencing and traffic barriers along Childs Road
- removed traffic islands and kerbs on Childs Road between Beaumont Crescent and Hawkes Drive and replaced these with a temporary road surface
- started utility service relocations
- used large machinery to prepare the ground for the new road
- removed the roundabout at Bowman Drive
- tree and vegetation removal.

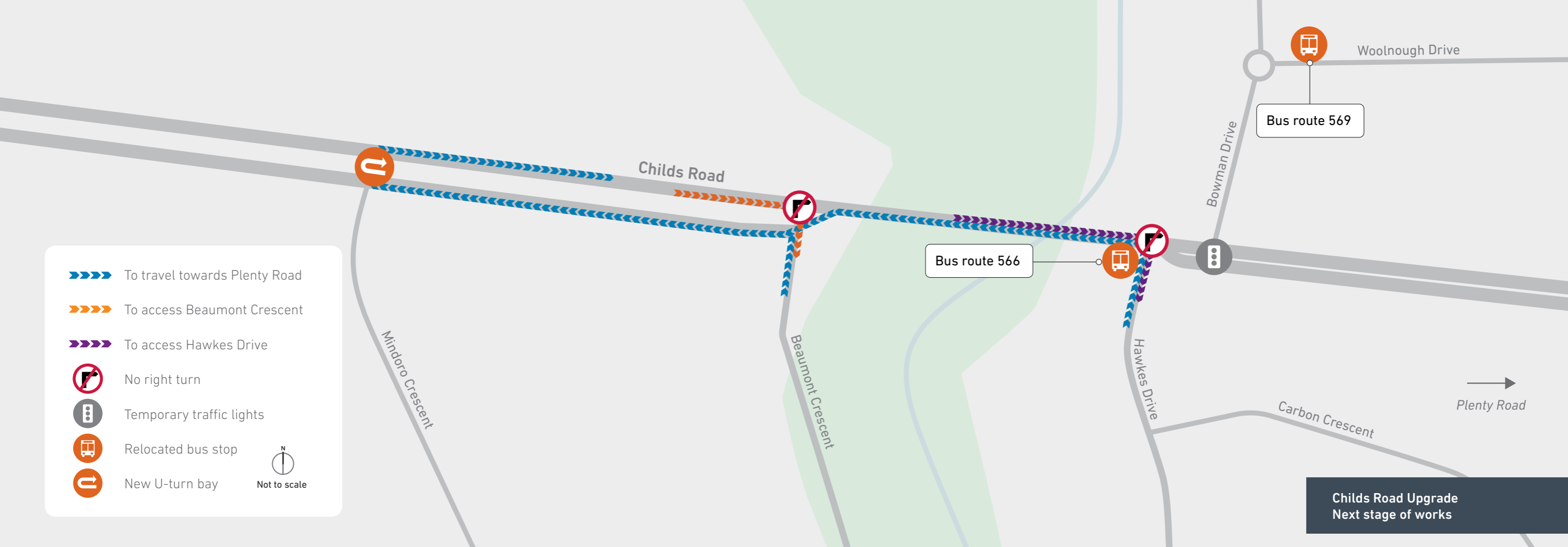
Works coming up

The next stage of works on the Childs Road Upgrade will run from late June to October and include:

- adding temporary traffic lights to prepare for the new Bowman Drive intersection
- building new lanes on the southern side of Childs Road
- begin building foundations for the new bridge over Darebin Creek
- starting to build the new Darebin Creek Trail connection under the bridges
- setting up a small work site near Darebin Creek to support construction of the new bridge.

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What you can expect

Hawkes Drive access changes

In April, we permanently removed the right turn out of Hawkes Drive onto Childs Road.

To turn right from Hawkes Drive onto Childs Road you'll turn left onto Childs Road and make a U-turn at Mindoro Crescent.

You can still temporarily turn right from Childs Road directly into Hawkes Drive until later this year.

Beaumont Crescent access changes

This month, we'll reopen the right turn into Beaumont Crescent from Childs Road.

The right turn out of Beaumont Crescent onto Childs Road will remain closed.

To turn right from Beaumont Crescent onto Childs Road you'll turn left onto Childs Road and make a U-turn at Mindoro Crescent.

New pedestrian crossing

We have opened a new crossing at the Darebin Creek path, south of the bridge. A small section of the path will be closed until late 2022 to safely build a new bridge over Darebin Creek.

You can now cross the intersection at Hawkes Drive, Childs Road and Bowman Drive.

Changes to Darebin Creek walking and cycling path

To support construction of the new bridge, a temporary site office will be located on the Darebin Creek path, south of the bridge. A small section of the path will be closed until late 2022 to safely build a new bridge over Darebin Creek.

During this time, access to the path will be via Hawkes Drive and Moneghetti Way.

We'll also close a small section of the Hendersons Road Drain Trail while we build a retaining wall for the new walking and cycling path.

During this time, access to the path will be via Bowman Drive and Patmore Court.

Bus stops

The bus stop on the southern side of Childs road near Hawkes Drive will be closed until February 2022.

Bus route 566 will be moved to the existing stop at Mindoro Crescent and bus route 569 will be moved to the existing stop at Woolnough Drive during this time.

The bus stop on the northern side of Childs Road will remain open.

We'll plan ahead and keep you informed of our works through regular emails, text messages, project updates, electronic message boards, and a 24-hour contact phone line.

This will help you plan your journeys during construction.

Working hours

Work will be carried out between **7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.**

On weekdays we'll generally work on the road **between 9.30am and 3pm** to avoid the busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

Noise and vibration

There will be some noise and vibration during construction. Noise and vibration may be generated from bridge works, moving vehicles and machinery fitted with reversing beepers, rock breaking, or generators used to power equipment.

We'll minimise our impacts during works where possible. Noise and vibration monitoring will also be carried out.

Traffic changes

To complete these works safely, we'll have traffic control in place.

While we build the new westbound lanes, we'll keep one lane open in each direction along Childs Road.

During this time, the speed limit will be 60km/h. Please pay close attention to road signs and traffic controllers' instructions.

Access changes

We'll maintain access to homes and businesses along Childs Road at all times and provide advance notice to residents about any short-term impacts.

Detours, signage and traffic controllers will be in place to ensure all road users and pedestrians are able to safely navigate around our work areas.

Respecting and managing the environment

Minimising the impact of on vegetation has been an important consideration in the design and construction of this project.

After careful investigation, we've been able to minimise and avoid significant vegetation removal. However, some trees will need to be removed.

We'll protect trees and other sensitive vegetation with 'no-go zones' and have qualified fauna and flora handlers on call. We also have a dedicated environment manager for the project.

Service relocations

We'll need to relocate services such as gas, electricity, water, sewerage and communications including NBN, Optus and Telstra before as part of the upgrade. Your utility provider will let you know of any planned disruptions ahead of time.

Project milestones

- Project announcement
- Reference design
- Initial public consultation
- Design refinement
- Site investigations
- Site setup and early works
- Major construction
- Bridge construction
- Project completion

View our interactive map

Visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/childs-road-upgrade to view the Childs Road Upgrade interactive map and see what's changing in your area.

Callout for local talent

Melbourne-based construction company ACE Contractors is delivering the Childs Road Upgrade, and we want more locals to get involved!

If you're a local business, supplier, cadet or trainee who has something to offer during this vital road upgrade – don't miss out on your chance to get involved. Register your interest at www.acecon.com.au

Keeping you informed

For more information on the project, please visit our website. We'll continue to send you regular construction updates to let you know about upcoming works. We encourage you visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/contact to sign up for email or sms updates, or text 'CHILDS' to **0499 073 07**.

If you have any concerns during these works, please don't hesitate to contact us on **1800 105 105** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) and select **option 5** to speak to a member of our team.



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