PLENTY ROAD UPGRADE
STAGE 2

MANAGING TRAFFIC

We’re upgrading Plenty Road to get you home safer and sooner

We’ll add a lane in each direction and upgrade 12 intersections between Bush Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road.

Plenty Road is currently operating at or near capacity, which leads to long delays and motorists choosing to drive other routes.

Widening the road from 4 to 6 lanes between Bush Boulevard and Riverdale Boulevard and from 2 to 4 lanes between Riverdale Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road will boost capacity and reduce travel time. Upgrading 12 intersections will improve travel flow and reduce congestion.

Traffic Management

Over 52,000 vehicles use Plenty Road between McKimmies Road and Bush Boulevard every day, with an average of 35,000 continuing their journey between Bush Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road.

The project has been carefully planned to minimise traffic impacts as construction will be delivered in stages along Plenty Road.

To ensure the safety of pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and workers during the project, various forms of traffic management will be in place.

This includes:
- electronic message signs alerting road users to traffic conditions
- reduced speed limits
- temporary road, lane and footpath closures
- temporary detours
- road barriers and fencing around the construction zone
- temporary traffic signals and traffic controllers
- temporary bus-stop relocations
- changes to pedestrian and cyclist access.
Minimising traffic impacts
Traffic management will vary depending on the location and complexity of the construction activity. We'll develop specific traffic management plans to minimise traffic impacts on the local community and road users.

We'll schedule road-impacting activities outside of peak times and work to minimise the duration of temporary road and lane closures.

We'll continue to work closely with local residents, businesses and stakeholders to discuss proposed traffic changes and identify appropriate strategies to help reduce these impacts.

The wider community will be notified in advance of major traffic changes such as detours, road closures and alterations to cyclist and pedestrian routes.

Traffic changes
To complete our work safely, we'll make temporary changes to speed limits and close lanes as required. Make sure you slow down and follow traffic controllers’ instructions and reduced speed limits.

We'll always keep one lane open in each direction and electronic signage will let you know of any closures to intersections ahead of time.

Detours will be in place for pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic controllers will be able to assist if required.

Pedestrians and cyclists
Temporary fencing, road barriers and signage will be used to define the construction zone to ensure that drivers, cyclists and pedestrians can safely navigate around works.

Access routes will change as the works progress, but we'll always make sure there is safe access as you walk and cycle around the area.

Night works
Some night works will be required during construction to minimise traffic disruption during peak times.

If night work is required and you live close to the works, we'll notify you prior to work starting.

To minimise disruptions, we will:
• prioritise works that are close to residents, earlier in the evening and aim to finish these as early as possible
• rotate the location of night works to reduce the likelihood of the project disturbing the same area over consecutive nights
• where technically possible, fit smart alarms to vehicles that are quieter than standard reversing alarms.

Communicating traffic changes
We'll provide you with advanced notice about any traffic changes in various ways, including:
• electronic message signage
• letters, emails and face to face visits
• our website roadprojects.vic.gov.au and bigbuild.vic.gov.au
• our social media channels
• advertisements in local newspapers and on local radio.

Traffic conditions will progressively change, and we ask you to be alert, patient and pay close attention to road signage. Where possible, plan your journey in advance and allow extra travel time.

Access to homes and businesses
You'll always have access to homes and businesses. Businesses will operate as normal so please continue to shop local and support Plenty Road traders.