



COMMUNITY UPDATE

MAY 2021

HALLAM NORTH AND HEATHERTON ROAD UPGRADE

We're building extra lanes and upgrading intersections on Hallam North and Heatherton roads to make it quicker, easier and safer to get to where you need to be.

As part of the upgrade, we'll:

- add an extra lane in each direction between Heatherton Road and James Cook Drive
- add two through lanes and two right turn lanes in each direction at the Heatherton Road intersection
- install traffic lights at Thomas Mitchell Drive
- build new shared walking and cycling paths
- install safety barriers along the road.

What's happening on the project:

Over the coming months you will start seeing pre-construction activity ramping up on Hallam North and Heatherton Roads.

We'll be continuing utility services investigations so that the location of gas, water, electricity and telecoms services are clearly identified in our final design. We're also continuing with geotechnical investigations to help us understand ground conditions and inform the design for the widened roads, retaining walls, drainage and pedestrian and cycling path.

We've been meeting with businesses and residents to discuss the project design and get a better understanding of how the upgrade will impact community movements and access to properties. This consultation has been vital to ensuring the final design fully considers the needs of the local community.

Thank you for the time you have taken to contribute to the final design of the project.

Image: Artist impression of the Hallam North and Heatherton Road intersection.



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What's coming up?

From early May, we will be:

- continuing investigations to locate utilities services which need to be relocated
- identifying 'no go' zones and putting tree protection markings in place to protect sensitive trees and vegetation
- removing a small number of trees and vegetation from the western side of Hallam North Road, between Thomas Mitchell Drive and Heatherton Road
- removing and salvaging old fencing from along Hallam North and Heatherton Road
- installing temporary barriers to protect motorists and the community from the construction zones.

Changes to traffic conditions:

From late April, you'll see long-term changes to traffic conditions on Hallam North and Heatherton Roads.

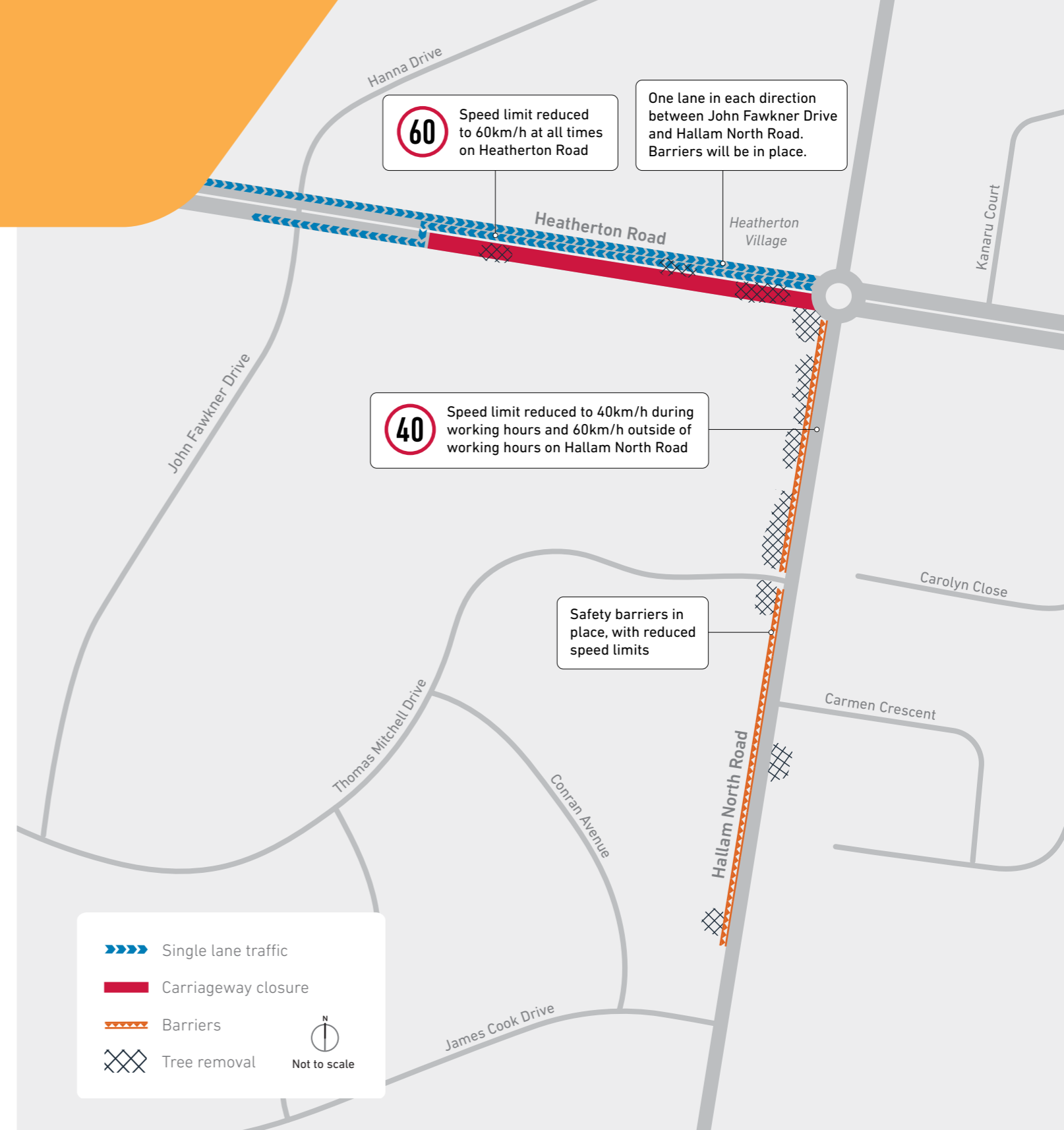
We will:

- lower the speed limit to 60km/hr on Heatherton Road (between John Fawkner Drive and Carolyn Close), and 40km/hr during working hours, and 60km/hr after 6pm on Hallam North Road (between James Cook Drive and Heatherton Road)
- introduce temporary lane closures during working hours
- build temporary lanes and paint line markings on the edges of Hallam North Road and Heatherton Road to ensure safe driving through our work zone

- place traffic barriers on the northbound lane of Hallam North Road (between James Cook Drive and Heatherton Road) and on the westbound lane of Heatherton Road (between Hallam North Road and John Fawkner Drive)
- install roadwork signage for the duration of the project.

Between 7am and 5pm on weekdays, we'll sometimes have lane closures in place to control traffic.

Please plan your journey ahead of time to avoid delays. Allow extra travel time, and take care when travelling through the work areas.



Leaving a green legacy

We will need to clear some trees and vegetation to make way for new traffic lanes, intersections and shared use paths.

Vegetation removal work will be carried out in stages to minimise impacts on wildlife and visual amenity.

We will also:

- undertake detailed, on-site inspections of trees and branch overhangs to retain as many trees and as much native habitat as possible
- inspect trees before and during removal to find and relocate wildlife
- identify 'no go' zones and tree protection markings to protect any vegetation not required to be removed for the project, especially sensitive native vegetation and wildlife.

We'll be re-using timber wherever we can. Branches and trunks with hollows will be used in our landscaping work to encourage wildlife habitat. We will maintain low levels of mulch on site, and provide mulch and logs to interested community groups.

Toward the end of construction, we'll be planting more than 500 new trees, together with seedlings native to the area. This will leave a green legacy you can enjoy for years to come.

Working hours

Most works will happen from **Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm**, and on **Saturdays between 7am and 1pm**.

There will be some night works in late April and May to install temporary pavement and traffic barriers. We will let nearby residents know when these works will happen.

During night works, we'll have lane closures in place to control traffic.

We plan our works to minimise disruptions and impacts to the community. We'll also keep you informed through regular email and SMS updates, electronic message boards on the roadside and updates in your letterbox.

You can stay informed by signing up to our SMS and email updates at roadprojects.vic.gov.au/subscribe. You can also contact us 24/7 by calling **1800 105 105**.

Meet the project team

This month, the project team will have drop-in community events in your local area. Project team members will be able to show you what the upgrade looks like and will be ready to answer your questions.

Drop-in event 1

Date: Thursday 29 April

Time: 11am to 2pm

Location: Heatherton Village, 51 Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills

Drop-in event 2

Date: Saturday 8 May

Time: 11am to 2pm

Location: Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre, cnr Heatherton Road and Matthew Flinders Avenue, Endeavour Hills



Looking south along Hallam North Road

Managing noise and vibration

Construction can be noisy, and heavy machinery can cause vibrations.

To minimise these impacts during works we will:

- schedule noisy activities during the day wherever we can
- provide advance notice to residents and businesses about works that have to happen out of hours
- ensure machinery is fitted with noise-reducing equipment
- monitor noise and vibration near residential and commercial properties.

Keeping COVID-safe

The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority. Works on the Hallam North and Heatherton Road Upgrade are progressing with strict COVID-safe plans in place.

For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

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The roundabout will be replaced with traffic lights as part of the upgrade

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