



COMMUNITY UPDATE

CHILDS ROAD UPGRADE
NOVEMBER 2019

We're upgrading Childs Road to make it quicker, easier and safer to get you where you need to be.

The Childs Road Upgrade is part of the Northern Roads Upgrade.

Project update

In September, we received proposals from three shortlisted bidders to deliver the Northern Roads Upgrade. We expect a contractor to be on board in early 2020.

We'll work with our contractor to develop the detailed design and planned construction of the Childs Road Upgrade.

We'll keep you informed as the project progresses via:

- letters
- door knocks
- information sessions
- our website
- local community events.

We expect to start construction on the Northern Roads Upgrade from mid-to-late 2020.

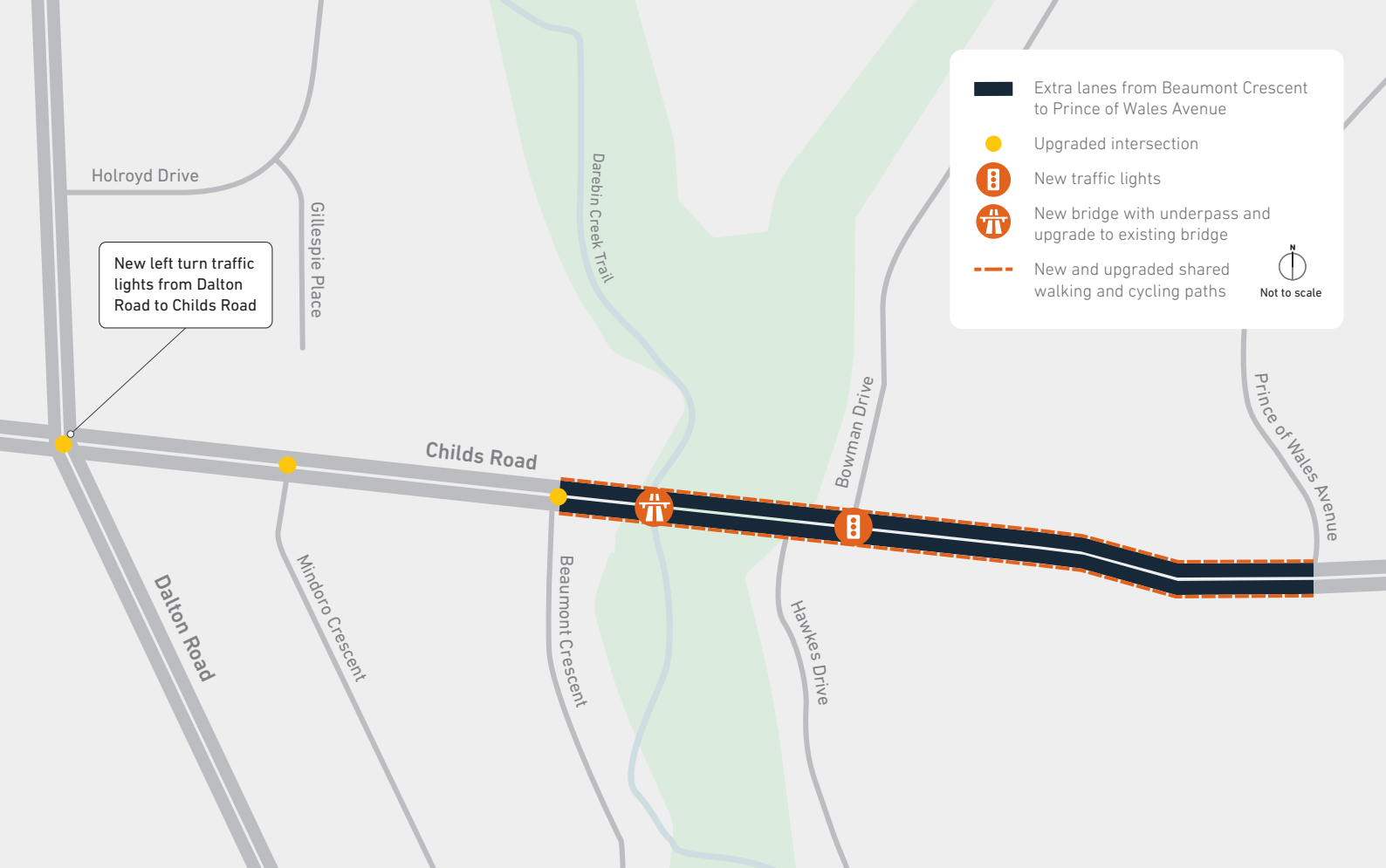
We'll know more about the exact timing of the Childs Road Upgrade early next year.

What we'll do

- add an extra lane in each direction between Beaumont Crescent and Prince of Wales Avenue
- upgrade the roundabout with traffic lights at Bowman Drive
- build a new bridge over Darebin Creek and upgrade the existing bridge
- build new shared walking and cycling paths
- install safety barriers along the road.



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Project benefits

The Childs Road upgrade will:

- improve traffic flow and travel times
- provide an alternative route for east-west travel that avoids the South Morang and Epping town centres
- make it easier and safer for you to walk or cycle around your local area
- lower the risk and severity of crashes by adding safety barriers.

Safety improvements

As part of the Childs Road Upgrade, we'll install safety barriers to improve safety for all road users by reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes. This will also mean a number of right turns will be removed and some drivers may need to make a small detour to reach their destination, with U-turn opportunities provided at intersections.

Construction impacts

We're committed to minimising impacts to the local community and all road users during construction. We'll keep you informed and provide advance notice of scheduled disruptions.

Given the number of transport projects underway across Victoria, we'll maintain a coordinated approach with other projects to minimise disruptions.

Proposed timeline

- **Early 2018**
Project announcement
- **From 2018**
Public consultation
- **Late 2019**
Evaluate tender submissions
- **Early 2020**
Award contract
- **Mid-2020**
Develop detailed design
- **Mid-to-late 2020**
Start construction on Northern Roads Upgrade
- **End of 2025**
Finish construction

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