

COMMUNITY UPDATE

AUGUST 2021

NARRE WARREN-CRANBOURNE ROAD UPGRADE

We're improving how you travel through Cranbourne to make it easier and safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to get around.

We'll add an extra lane in each direction to improve traffic flow and travel times. We'll also upgrade intersections with new traffic lights, making it easier and safer to get to where you need to be.

Pedestrians and cyclists will benefit from new shared walking and cycling paths and safe crossing points at upgraded intersections.

Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Upgrade will reduce traffic on Cranbourne's High Street and improve how you travel through Cranbourne.

What does the project involve?

As part of the Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Upgrade, we'll:

- add an extra lane in each direction between Thompsons Road and South Gippsland Highway, including 600m of new lanes on Berwick-Cranbourne Road between Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road and Broad Oak Drive
- install traffic lights to replace the roundabouts at Thompsons Road and Berwick-Cranbourne Road
- install new traffic lights at the South Gippsland Highway intersection, Majestic Boulevard and Lyall Street

- install new traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing south of Hunt Club Boulevard
- upgrade intersections at Kingdom Drive, Linsell Boulevard and Rochester Parade
- build new shared walking and cycling paths
- install safety barriers along the road.

Image above: Artist's impression of Thompsons Road and Narre Warren Road intersection. Subject to change

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Service investigations will start from August

What's coming up?

From August, we'll commence early site investigations on the Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Upgrade. These works include conducting environmental investigations and locating underground utilities to inform the final design.

There may be some lane closures and minor delays while we undertake investigations, so please allow extra time.

We're getting on with the job

We will appoint a contractor to work through the detailed planning phase for the project in August 2021 and award a contract at the end of the year. We'll start construction in early 2022.

The planning phase involves:

- developing detailed designs to ensure we determine the safest, most efficient way to build the project with the least impact on road users and communities
- establishing environmental protection, safety and traffic management processes.

Acting on your feedback

In late 2018, we received over 180 responses about our proposed reference design for the Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Upgrade.

You told us how important it is to ensure the design:

- improves safety for road users
- considers heavy vehicle requirements
- improves safety for pedestrians
- reduces congestion in the area.

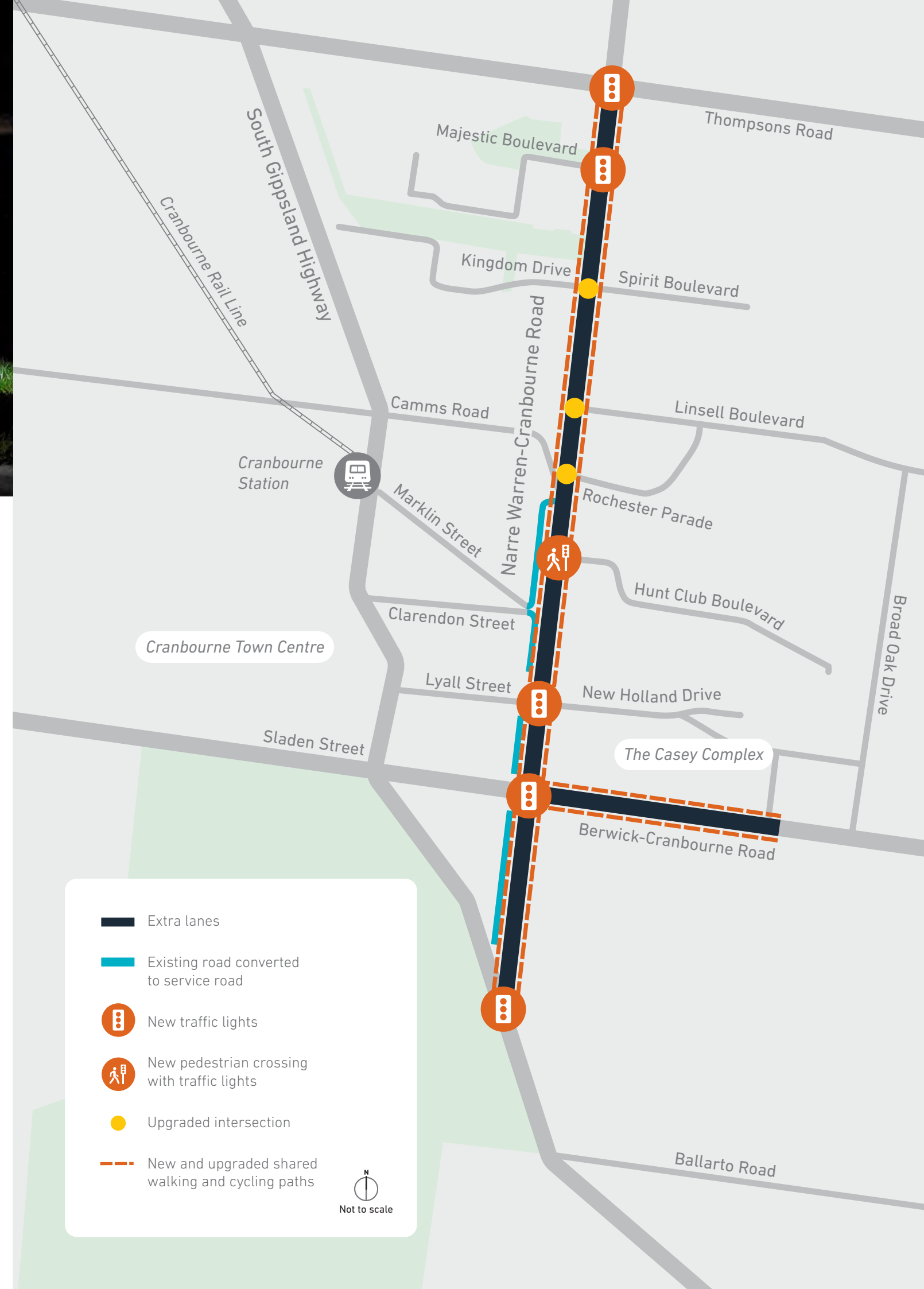
Based on this feedback, we made several changes to the project scope and reference design, including:

- adding a pedestrian crossing south of Hunt Club Boulevard, making it safer for pedestrians to cross Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road in this area
- adding bus priority lanes at New Holland Drive to support future public transport demands.

By adding extra lanes, walking and cycling paths, upgraded intersections and safety barriers, safety on Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road will be significantly improved for all road users.

Project timeline

- **Mid-2021**
 - Site investigations
- **August 2021**
 - Procurement phase starts
- **December 2021**
 - Contract award
- **Early 2022**
 - Early works underway
- **Mid-2022**
 - Major construction underway



Improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrians and cyclists will benefit from shared walking and cycling paths on both sides of Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, between South Gippsland Highway and Thompsons Road.

These will create safer connections between homes, schools and community facilities.

We'll be installing new traffic lights at:

- South Gippsland Highway
- Berwick-Cranbourne Road
- New Holland Drive
- south of Hunt Club Boulevard.

We'll also upgrade existing intersections, making it safer for pedestrians to cross these busy roads.

Opportunities for local businesses

As part of the Government's COVID-19 response, we're focused on creating opportunities for local businesses and jobseekers throughout construction.

If you're a local business looking to contribute to this project, please email contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au, quoting 'Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Upgrade' in the subject bar.

Keeping you informed

We'll continue to send you regular construction updates to let you know about upcoming works.

We'll also be holding community pop-up sessions in mid-2021 for you to meet the project team and learn about the upgrade.

You can sign up to receive email and SMS updates about our works and these sessions by filling out our online form at roadprojects.vic.gov.au/subscribe

Health and safety

Work is continuing safely on Victoria's Big Build, our biggest transport upgrade ever.

Construction on large-scale public infrastructure projects is critical and the health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority.

Strict COVIDsafe Plans are in place on all project sites across Victoria. For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Image below: Pedestrians crossing Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road towards Spirit Boulevard



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