Major road work is now complete on the first stage of the Plenty Road Upgrade

All lanes are now open on stage one of the Plenty Road Upgrade between McKimmies Road and Bush Boulevard. These new lanes are improving traffic flow for the 52,000 drivers travelling on this section of road every day. Widening this key arterial route from four to six lanes will help you get home sooner and safer.

We've also upgraded intersections and turned on new traffic and pedestrian signals at Rivergum and Mayfield Drives, making it safer for all road users.

Thank you for your patience as we worked to provide a safer and more efficient route for Melbourne’s rapidly growing northern suburbs.

Above: New lanes on Plenty Road

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Leaving a green print
We’ve completed landscaping on the first stage of the project with Spotted Gums, English Oak, English Elm, Yellow Box and Flax Lilies among the 19,000 new trees, plants and groundcover planted.
These plantings tie in with the character of Plenty Road and existing reserves, featuring a well-blended mix of native and non-indigenous plants.

Supporting local businesses
Businesses on Plenty Road remain open during our works and we’re committed to supporting these traders where we can. We encourage you to shop local, support the local economy and help your local community thrive as we move onto the second stage of the Plenty Road Upgrade.

Improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists
A shared path extending from McKimmies Road to Bush Boulevard was recently opened, giving both cyclists and pedestrians the opportunity to travel on a dedicated wider path, away from road traffic.
For cyclists who like to ride at a faster pace, we’ve also built an on-road cycling lane in each direction.
The shared path and on-road cycling lanes will be extended to Bridge Inn Road as part of the second stage of the Plenty Road Upgrade.

Improving road safety
We’ve installed over 10,000 metres of safety barriers which will prevent vehicles from leaving the road, and potentially hitting unforgiving roadside objects or rolling over.

We’re getting on with Stage 2
The next stage of works on Plenty Road between Bush Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road will be delivered by our construction partner Decmil, who also delivered stage 1 of the project.
This upgrade is a vital next step for this important road corridor. When completed it will make the journey from Mernda to Mill Park safer and quicker for the 35,000 people who rely on it every day.
The next stage of the project includes:
• Adding a lane in each direction between Bush Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road
• Upgrading cycling and walking paths
• Upgrading 12 intersections including Bridge Inn Road, Waterview Drive and Francesca Drive

Early works are progressing and we are on track to start major road work from mid-September, weather permitting.
Currently we are installing road barriers in the centre median, putting up temporary signage and establishing our site office on McDonalds Road in Epping.
To complete our work safely, changes to speed limits and lane closures will be in place. Look out for temporary walking and cycling detours.
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Recognising cultural heritage

The Plenty Road Upgrade recently came together for an induction to local cultural heritage from Elder Allan Wandin, from the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

The group were educated about the indigenous history of the local area including Mill Park, South Morang and Mernda and were also shown examples of real-life indigenous artefacts to look out for during construction.

Community information sessions

Come and talk to us about the next stage of the Plenty Road Upgrade. We will have our engineers on hand to answer questions. Drop-in anytime, no RSVP required.

Saturday 14 September

Time: 10am to 4pm
Location: Diamond Creek Fair, Marrangook Oval on Main Road

Wednesday 18 September

Time: 6pm to 8pm
Location: Commercial Hotel, 820 Plenty Road, South Morang

Works timeline

- **March 2018**
  Construction works commenced (stage 1)

- **April 2019**
  Contract awarded to Decmil (stage 2)

- **June 2019**
  Major road work complete (stage 1)

- **August 2019**
  Early works commenced (stage 2)

- **September 2019**
  Major construction anticipated to commence (stage 2)

- **Mid 2021**
  Construction anticipated to be complete (stage 2)