Works are progressing well across the Western Roads Upgrade.

Construction has started on all eight high-priority road upgrades and we have completed over half of the program of works to repave a further 37 roads.

Works also include strengthening seven structures and upgrading 57 intersections, building three overpass bridges for the Federation Trail and building more than 50 km of new shared user paths.

The Western Roads Upgrade is a $1.8 billion investment in roads in Melbourne’s west, being delivered by Major Road Projects Victoria in partnership with Netflow.

**Federation trail underway**

Cyclists and pedestrians are set to benefit from major works beginning on the first of three overpass bridges for the Federation Trail, as part of the $1.8b Western Roads Upgrade.

The Dohertys Road bridge will be a contemporary structure constructed from coloured steel and concrete.

Community access to the Federation Trail will be maintained during construction, with some detours in place. Work is expected to finish on this first overpass in mid-2020.

General maintenance activities for the Federation Trail, including pavement improvements and rubbish and graffiti removal, will be covered over the next 20 years as part of the Western Roads Upgrade maintenance program.

This program also includes more than 260 kms of arterial roads from Footscray to Werribee.

### Federation Trail Bridge construction requirements

- **Dohertys Road**
  - general dimensions: 140 metres x 4 metres
  - fill required: 30,000 cubic metres
  - piles for the new bridge and barriers: 28
  - volume of concrete needed: 650 cubic metres
  - tonnes of steel reinforcement: 300 tonnes
We recently worked overnight to install beams to widen the Skeleton Creek Bridge on Leakes Road. Skeleton Creek Bridge at Truganina bridge construction requirements:

- general dimensions: 44 metres x 15.5 metres
- fill required: 21,250 cubic metres
- piles for the new bridge and barriers: 37
- volume of concrete needed: 1500 cubic metres
- tonnes of steel reinforcement: 270 tonnes

A better Skeleton Creek Bridge is taking shape, following a complex operation across two projects to widen the bridge.

As part of the upgrade of Dunnings and Palmers Roads in Point Cook, we are widening Skeleton Creek Bridge to three lanes in both directions. The extra traffic lanes and bus lanes will improve travel times and ease bottlenecks on nearby roads.

Dry Creek Bridge at Tarneit

We’ve also been doing some heavy lifting on Derrimut Road as well. As part of our Derrimut Road Upgrade, we recently lifted and placed 8 beams on the new bridge over Dry Creek. Each beam is 15 metres long and weighs 25 tonnes.

Come visit us at Scienceworks these school holidays

We are partnering with Scienceworks to explain the science of bridge engineering to a new generation of potential engineers! Kids will get a fun hands-on experience to learn about building bridges. Visitors will also learn about the Western Roads Upgrade and hear from our engineers.

The Scienceworks school holiday program runs from Saturday 21 September to Sunday 6 October.

Visit museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks/ to find out more
Pavement rehabilitation – getting the job done

Increased traffic puts extra pressure on the roads we use every day. Resurfacing the roads keeps them in good condition for both safety and comfort.

In just over 12 months, we have completed resurfacing 20 of 37 key roads across the west including:
- Geelong Road (Princes Hwy West) – Footscray to Brooklyn
- Ballarat Road – Footscray to Cairnlea
- Moore Street – Footscray
- Buckley Street – Seddon
- Sunshine Road (Wright Street) – Footscray West to Sunshine
- Hyde Street – Yarraville
- Douglas Parade – Newport
- North Road – Newport
- McDonald Road – Brooklyn
- Market Road – Sunshine
- Anderson Road – Sunshine
- Williamstown Road (Melbourne Road) – Williamstown to Kingsville
- Blackshaws Road – Newport
- Paramount Road (Ashley Street) – Sunshine
- Little Boundary Road – Brooklyn
- Fairbairn Road – Sunshine West
- Dohertys Road – Truganina
- Duncans Road – Werribee South
- Point Cook Road – Point Cook
- Fitzgerald Road – Altona North to Sunshine West

We have successfully:
- worked on 379,000 sqm of road, which equals over 108 kms of road
- laid 36,400 tonnes of asphalt.

Work ramps up on bridges

We have finished strengthening Hyde Street bridge, including installing corrosion protection and upgrading the barriers.

During September, we’ll start work on the Ballarat Road bridges.

We’ll restrengthen the bridges and upgrade safety barriers while still maintaining the existing art-deco style of Lynch’s Bridge.

Work on the Kororoit Creek Road bridge, over Cherry Creek drain, will also start in October.

There will be some lane closures while we complete work on the Ballarat Road bridges and the Kororoit Creek Road bridge.

Mapping our progress

From Footscray to Werribee, we’ve got you covered. See the proposed designs and latest progress of the Western Roads Upgrade at our new interactive map. Visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/westernroads to access the map.

Keep up to date and plan your journey

For the latest traffic updates, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au. For enquiries, call us on 1800 105 105 or email contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au.

For more information about the Western Roads Upgrade and to subscribe to email updates: roadprojects.vic.gov.au/westernroadsupgrade