



COMMUNITY UPDATE

**HEALESVILLE-KOO WEE RUP
ROAD UPGRADE**
NOVEMBER 2019

We're upgrading Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road to make it quicker, easier and safer to get you where you need to be.

The Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade is part of the South Eastern Roads Upgrade.

Project update

In September, we received proposals from three shortlisted bidders to deliver the South Eastern 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 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup 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 South Eastern Roads Upgrade from mid-to-late 2020.

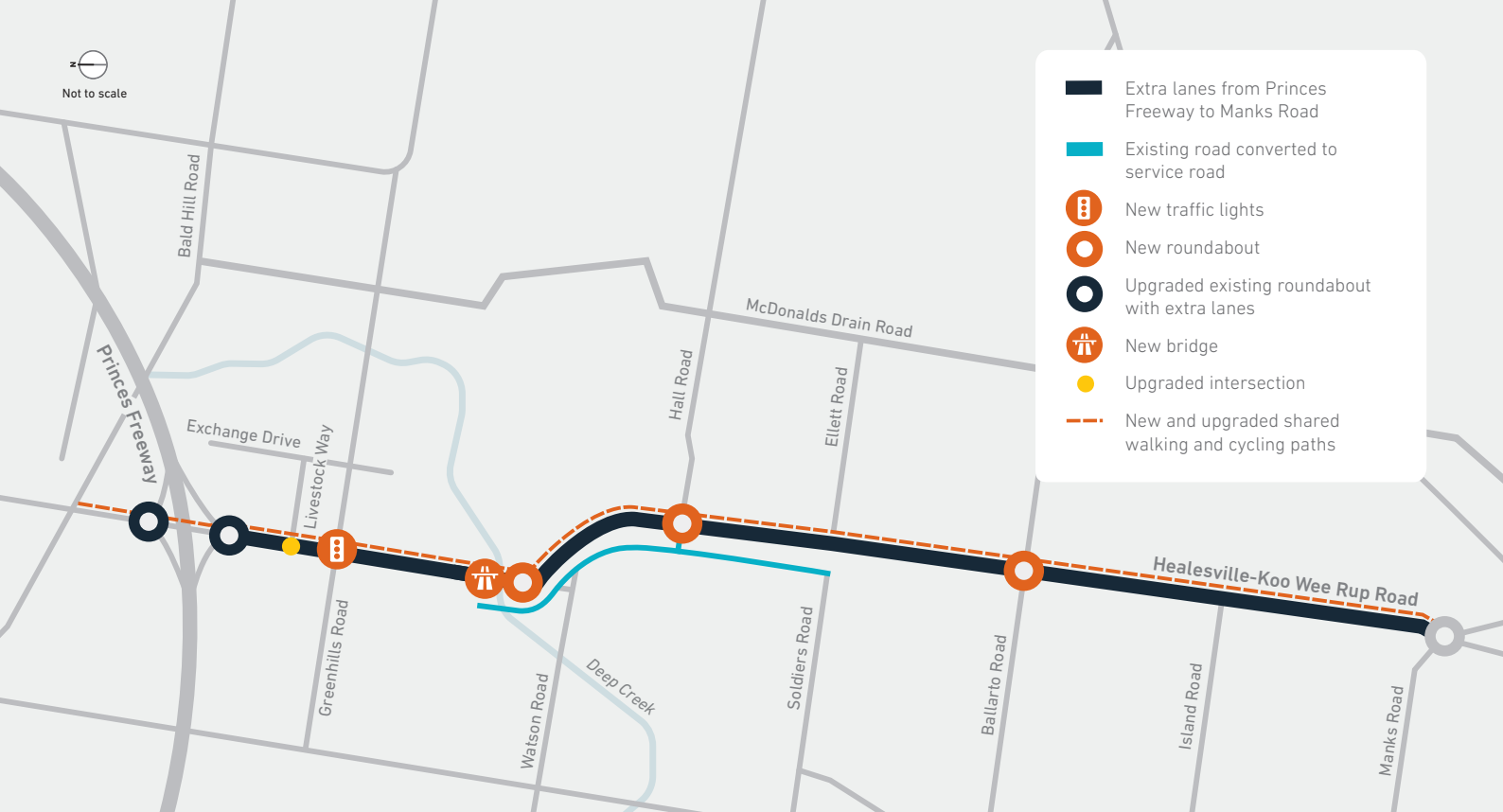
We'll know more about the exact timing of the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade early next year.

What we'll do

- add an extra lane in each direction between Princes Freeway and Manks Road
- install new roundabouts at Ballarto Road and Hall Road, as well as south of Deep Creek
- install new traffic lights at Greenhills Road
- widen the existing Princes Freeway ramp roundabouts
- build a new bridge over Deep Creek near the water recycling plant
- build a new shared walking and cycling path
- add safety barriers along the road.



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Project benefits

The upgrade will:

- improve traffic flow and travel times
- provide an upgraded alternative north-south route in the Pakenham South area
- lower the risk and severity of crashes by adding safety barriers.

Safety improvements

As part of the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade, we'll install safety barriers and build safer intersections. These changes will 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. Safe U-turns will be available at Hall Road, Ballarto Road and south of Deep Creek.

Speed limits

As part of the project, the speed limit on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road south of Deep Creek will return to 100km/hr.

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.

Environment

We're committed to minimising impacts on the local environment, while we build safer and more accessible roads for everyone. We'll always work to minimise the amount of trees that need to be removed. Where vegetation impacts cannot be avoided, we'll seek opportunities to offset these impacts and plant more trees in the area.

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 South Eastern Roads Upgrade
- **End of 2025**
Finish construction

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