What are we doing?
At the Queen Street bridge over Laverton Creek in Altona, we’re:
• upgrading the bridge to meet the modern traffic requirements
• upgrading the safety barriers to modern Australian standards
• monitoring and ensuring the existing corrosion protection is maintained.

What does this mean for you?
The upgrade will deliver:
• a stronger bridge, so it can carry more vehicles now and into the future
• increased safety on approach to, and on the bridge
• upgraded safety barriers.

When are we doing the work?
Work to improve the Queen Street bridge will begin mid-2019 and is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

What can you expect?
We’re carefully planning our work to minimise disruptions. We’ll work over the bridge behind safety barriers and under the bridge from pontoons. We will need to close the bike lane with detours in place via the Bay Creek Trail, approximately 800 metres south of Queen Street.

To complete the works, there will be occasions when we need to close lanes. Speed limits will also be in place to ensure the safety of the travelling public. It’s a good idea to plan ahead and add extra time to your journey during the works.

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Queen Street bridge
The facts

- The five-span bridge was constructed in 1969.
- 19,250 vehicles use the Queen Street bridge every day.
Works are well underway on the $1.8 billion Western Roads Upgrade to transform eight of the busiest roads across the west, repair and resurface 37 roads and strengthen seven structures, mostly bridges. The Western Roads Upgrade is being delivered by Major Road Projects Victoria in partnership with Netflow.

The project has many benefits for growing communities in the western suburbs. It will:

• make it quicker, easier and safer for all road users
• provide local businesses with opportunities for growth by improving priority truck routes
• improve access to local jobs, shops, schools, freight hubs and recreational spaces
• improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians with more than 50kms of walking and cycling paths, including three new overpasses along the Federation Trail.

You’ll also notice smoother surfaces and a more comfortable commute. With some works, there’ll be little noticeable difference, but you can be assured that we’ll have improved the safety and longevity of the roads and bridges you rely on every day.

Melbourne’s population continues to grow more than any other capital city, with 60% of that growth happening in our outer suburbs. This upgrade will prepare your local area for its growing population and increased demands on our road network.

What are we doing?

Duplication and widening works on eight key arterial roads

Duplication and widening works will result in 12 new lanes and 59 upgraded intersections. We are also building new walking and cycling paths, bus lanes and landscaping new areas. This work is due to be completed in 2021.

Rehabilitation and maintenance

Resurfacing or rehabilitation of an initial 37 key roads. This aspect of the project also involves the ongoing maintenance of 260kms of roads in Melbourne’s western suburbs for the next 20 years.

Strengthening bridges

Strengthening six bridges to ensure they can carry heavy loads into the future as well as upgrading safety barriers. Some bridges will have cathodic protection installed, maintained and monitored.