



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

JULY 2021

HEALESVILLE-KOO WEE RUP ROAD UPGRADE

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

## This vital upgrade will deliver:

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

## The upgrade will:

- lower the risk and severity of accidents
- improve traffic flow and travel times
- provide an upgraded alternative north-south route in the Pakenham South area
- introduce a major new link to the south east walking and cycling network
- create local jobs and supply opportunities for local businesses.

*Image above: More than 4,200 heavy vehicles rely on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road every day.*

## Project timeline

- **June to September 2021**
  - Procurement underway
  - Service investigations commence
- **Late 2021**
  - Contract expected to be awarded
  - Early works commence
  - Ground improvement and earthworks underway
- **2022**
  - Major construction commences

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# What we've been doing

We're working hard to get the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade underway as fast as possible.

Since late June, we've been working with our contractors to:

- develop detailed designs
- determine the safest, most efficient way to deliver the project with the least impact to road users and communities
- agree on the environmental protection, safety and traffic management processes.

We expect to award contracts to deliver the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade later this year.

## What's coming up?

Over the coming months, you'll see work crews, trucks and traffic management in place across the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade project area.

These crews will be:

- locating utilities services
- understanding ground conditions and other geotechnical information
- undertaking survey works.

Information found during these investigations will be used to inform the final design and construction methodology.

These investigations will continue throughout 2021. While these take place, we may need to undertake night works, introduce lane closures and speed limit reductions in works areas.

We'll keep you informed about our works if they are likely to have traffic impacts. Please allow extra time, follow all signage and traffic control measures, and travel safely through area.

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## 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@bigbuild.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au), quoting 'Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade' in the subject bar.

### What will the project look like?

Use the QR code to go straight to the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade interactive map, or go to <https://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/healesville-koo-wee-rup-road-upgrade>



Image above: Service investigations will soon get underway across the project area.



Artist's impression of the new roundabout connecting Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and Ballarto Road.



# Acting on your feedback

In late 2018, we heard from more than 220 community members and received over 180 responses about our proposed reference design for Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade.

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

- improves safety for road users
- improves traffic flow
- minimises congestion
- allows safe, easy access to local side roads
- provides better walking and cycling facilities
- protects and enhances habitat for bandicoots and other fauna in the area.

You told us safety for road users is the most important focus for the community. It's the most important focus for us too.

By adding extra lanes and new roundabouts, upgrading intersections, building new bridges and installing safety barriers, safety on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road will be significantly improved for road users.

You'll experience better journey times, making it easier and safer for you to get where you need to be.

## Working with the community

In coming months, we'll be in your local area to talk about the design and construction program.

We'll also work with directly affected property owners, businesses and community members throughout the design and construction process to minimise construction-related impacts.

Please contact us on **1800 105 105** or email [contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au) if you would like to speak to someone about the project.

## Stay informed

We'll send out regular updates throughout the design and construction process to help keep you informed about progress and works that affect you.

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## Keeping COVID-safe

The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority. Works on our projects are progressing with strict COVID-safe plans in place.

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