

COMMUNITY UPDATE

MAY 2021

FITZSIMONS LANE UPGRADE

Construction has kicked-off

We've started works on the Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade to improve traffic flow and safety for the 60,000 people who drive through the area daily.

Fitzsimons Lane is one of only five Yarra River crossing points in the area, with neighbouring crossings 6 to 8kms away.

The upgrade will be crucial for those who heavily rely on the crossing to connect them to their homes, workplaces and schools.

Image: Artists impression of Fitzsimons Lane and Porter Street intersection. Subject to change.

Project benefits

The Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade balances a variety of needs for all road users.



Better traffic flow

We're adding more lanes and upgrading intersections to ease traffic congestion



Safer roads

We're adding safety features to lower the risk and severity of crashes

Project milestones

- Project announcement
- Reference design released
- Initial public consultation
- Design refinement in response to community feedback
- Site investigations
- Site set up and early works
- Utility protection and relocation
- Staged construction
- Project completion

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Construction snapshot

Main Road

Night works at Main Road roundabout

We're starting work to upgrade the roundabout at the intersection of Main Road and Fitzsimons Lane to traffic lights.

From mid-May until late June we'll work at night between **8pm and 6am, Sunday night to Friday morning.**

Works will include:

- removing centre medians, the roundabout and kerbs
- adding temporary barriers, traffic lights and street lighting
- asphaltting and line marking
- changes in pedestrian and cyclist access from Jayson Avenue to Hohnes Road from late May.

Porter Street

Night works at Porter Street roundabout

We're starting work to upgrade the roundabout at the intersection of Fitzsimons Lane, Porter Street and Williamsons Road to traffic lights.

From mid-May until late June, we'll work at night between **8pm and 6am, Sunday night to Friday morning.**

Works will include:

- relocating the River Peel structure
- relocating the Williamsons Road/Porter Street bus stop (city bound routes 282 and 905) to a new temporary site 150 metres further west
- adding temporary barriers, traffic lights and street lighting
- asphaltting and line marking.

Winter construction blitz

In late June, we're planning a 24/7 works blitz. During the blitz:

- we'll work along Porter Street near the Templestowe Reserve 24/7 for 2 weeks to relocate underground services and drainage
- similar work will happen at the northern end of Hawtin Street
- access to Porter Street will be closed for 4 weeks
- only emergency services and buses will be allowed to enter Porter Street from the roundabout
- traffic controllers will manage drivers coming from the Warrandyte direction.

Leane Drive

Works to upgrade Leane Drive are continuing. During May works will include:

- lane closures and speed reductions while we prepare for asphaltting.

Later this year, the new traffic lights will be built. This work will include:

- installing kerbs, drainage, traffic light infrastructure and constructing driveways
- night works to complete asphaltting and line markings. One lane of traffic will be open during these works.

Foote Street

Bus stop relocations

In June we'll need to temporarily relocate or close five bus stops near the Foote Street and Williamsons Road intersection.

The nearest bus stops will be clearly sign posted and more information can be found on roadprojects.vic.gov.au/fitz or ptv.vic.gov.au

Partnership with Rotary Club of Eltham

In addition to the plantings we will do in and around the project, we also have an exciting new local partnership to plant even more.

Primary school students and their families will play a key role in the "Make your Mark – Plant a Tree" program, which will align with National Tree Day on Friday 30 July for schools, and Sunday 1 August for the wider community. It will involve 5000 local primary school students taking home a native species of tree to plant and nurture.

Secondary school students will also be involved in the program, with a propagation project to produce a new supply of native trees and plants. These plants will be planted in the local area, with students encouraged to nurture and enjoy the trees for many years to come.

The program also focuses on bee conservation and how choosing the right trees and plants for your garden can help reverse our declining bee population.



Primary and secondary schools helping nurture native trees



"Make your Mark – Plant a Tree" program, will align with National Tree Day on Friday 30 July



5,000 local primary and secondary students will take home a native species to plant and nurture



Trees and vegetation will be planted locally for the students and the broader community to enjoy

Image below: Rotary Club representatives Frank Lynch and Sally Squires.



Did you know?

We're planting six trees for every one tree removed.

Image above: locally collected seeds to be prepared for propagation.

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Residents and business affected by any upcoming works will be contacted directly by our project team.

We'll monitor noise and dust levels at all times to minimise impacts as much as possible.

Where to get information on disruptions

Visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au to subscribe to email updates or sms the word **FITZ** to **0499 073 073**.

Visit ptv.vic.gov.au for changes to bus stops.



Seed collection

We've collected thousands of seeds from local Red Gum, Iron Bark and Yellow Box trees and have been preparing them for propagation.

The seeds will be grown at local nurseries and looked after until they are ready for planting in the local area. Watch this space.

Timber reuse initiatives

We're working with a number of local parks to provide them with timber to be re-used as park benches, habitat logs and mulch for gardens.

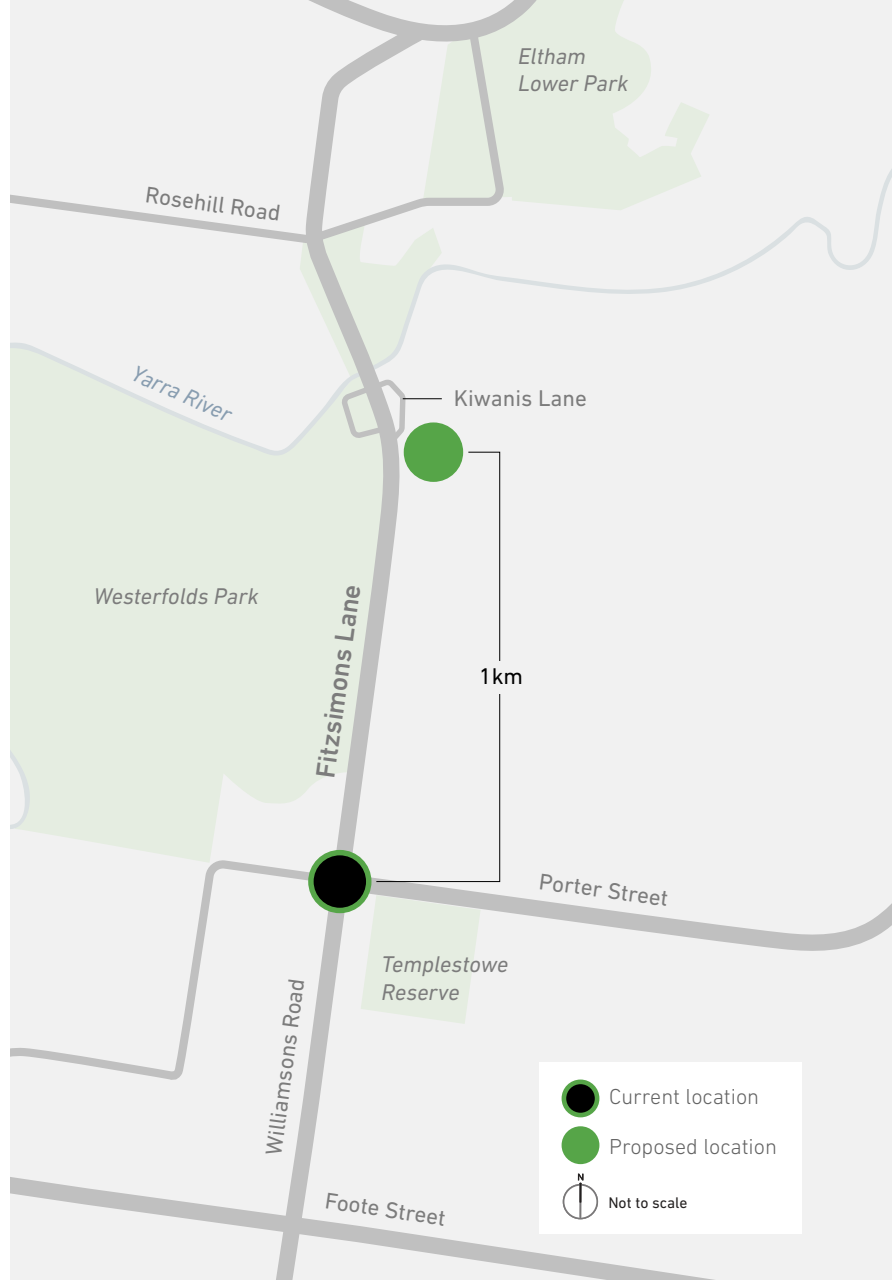
More information will be shared on these exciting initiatives as the project progresses.

The River Peel is on the move!

The River Peel sculpture is moving from the intersection of Porter Street and Fitzsimons Lane, to one kilometre north near the Yarra River.

The sculpture will be carefully dismantled and moved to a new home near the river.

We're building new footings for the sculpture before it is reassembled into its new position. We expect the sculpture will be in its new home by mid-year.



Got a question?

Pop in for a coffee with our project team at the Bolton Street Deli Cafe.

When: Thursday 3 June between 10am and 1pm
Where: 120 Bolton Street, Eltham

Colin, who has been the owner of the cafe for the past 13 years, has a wide range of delicious organic and gluten free products available.

Keep an eye out for more local traders who we'll be showcasing throughout the project.



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