

COMMUNITY UPDATE

**WESTERN ROADS
UPGRADE**

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Works continue across the Western Roads Upgrade

This important \$1.8 billion program comprises eight high-priority road upgrades across the west. We are also resurfacing 37 roads and strengthening seven structures, mostly bridges.

The Western Roads Upgrade is being delivered by Major Road Projects Victoria in partnership with Netflow.

Works underway

Over the coming months activity will increase across all sites as we start building new traffic lanes, upgrading intersections, and building new walking and cycling paths.

Spotlight on Dunnings Road

Throughout January, we worked around the clock to upgrade the Dunnings Road and Shaftsbury Boulevard roundabout. In the coming months we will install new footpaths and landscape the area.

We'll continue to build new lanes on Dunnings and Palmers Roads and start work on the new bridge over Skeleton Creek.

Dunnings Road and Shaftsbury Boulevard Roundabout Upgrade

- Existing pavement removed: 2825 square metres
- Concrete poured: 200 cubic metres
- Asphalt laid: 1530 tonnes
- Telecommunications, power and water services relocated
- Drainage installed: 1330m
- Kerb: 890m
- Crushed rock: 1600 tonnes
- Rock excavated: 400 cubic metres
- Working hours: 10,000.



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Interchange Upgrades

Work will shortly get underway on upgrading the Forsyth and Duncans Road Interchanges to the Princes Freeway. These upgrades will create more capacity on these busy interchanges, making it easier for you to enter and exit the Princes Freeway at Hoppers Crossing and Werribee. We will also build new walking and cycling paths and safe areas to cross the road.

To enable us to complete these important works, there will be some traffic changes along the freeway.



Duncans Road

New Dohertys Road Bridge over Princes Freeway

The new Dohertys Road bridge over the Princes Freeway at Laverton is taking shape.

Fifty six piles have been built to support the foundations for the new bridge, 30 concrete beams have been installed and concrete has been poured to create the new bridge deck.

The final stages of the new bridge will be completed over the next month.

This second bridge will increase road capacity and improve traffic flows on Dohertys Road.

Why do we work on bridges?

Over time bridges deteriorate and must be maintained to modern day standards. We maintain bridges to extend their life and ensure they're safe.

To maintain these bridges, we carry out inspections and where necessary we:

- repair or replace joints
- strengthen bridge decks
- improve or install drainage systems
- install new railings and barriers and
- install preventative measures such as corrosion protection.

Have you heard of Cathodic Protection?

Work is underway on Hyde Street Bridge over Stony Creek. As part of this work we'll install cathodic protection.

The cathodic protection system will protect the metal bridge supports from rusting and deteriorating. This type of system is commonly used to protect bridge piers, pipelines, and ship and boat hulls.

When salt seeps into concrete it slowly erodes the steel. By running an electric current to the steel supports within the concrete piers, we can protect the steel from rusting.

Other work on Hyde Street Bridge includes new bridge barriers and new footpaths.

Works on Hyde Street Bridge are scheduled to be completed in March 2019.



Queens Street Bridge, Altona

Pavement Rehabilitation

Since July 2018, we have upgraded 10 roads including:

- Geelong Road (Princes Highway West) – Footscray to Brooklyn
- Western Highway (Ballarat Road) Footscray to Caroline Springs – 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.

As part of our Initial Rehabilitation work we'll be upgrading 37 roads across the west.

The Western Roads Upgrade program will create more than 1200 jobs, including opportunities for trainees, cadets and apprentices.

We have successfully:



laid over 18,000 tonnes of asphalt.



treated over 190,000 square metres of road.

Calling entries for the Western Roads Upgrade program public art commission

McClelland Sculpture Park+Gallery, in conjunction with Major Road Projects Victoria and the Netflow consortium, invites proposals for the Western Roads Upgrade program public art commission.

Contemporary Australian artists – particularly those with a strong connection to the western suburbs through their work, life experience or background – are invited to develop an iconic and career-defining public artwork.

The iconic sculpture – which could be up to 15 metres high – will be located at a landscaped precinct at the new Duncans Road / Princes Freeway interchange currently under construction in Werribee.

For further information and to apply visit, mcclellandgallery.com



An active West

As part of the Western Roads Upgrade program, we'll build more than 50km of new bike and walking paths for you to enjoy.

We'll complete the walking and cycling connection from Palmers Road to Williams Landing train station. We'll also build a new path on Derrimut Road to get you to Tarneit Station safely.

We'll also build three new cycling and walking overpasses for Federation Trail. The new overpasses at Palmers and Sayers roads, Leakes Road and Dohertys Road will provide pedestrians and cyclists with a safe crossing over the widened roads.

Keeping the Western Roads Network safe

The Western Roads Upgrade program includes a maintenance contract that will continue for 20 years.

Each week we inspect the road network from Footscray to Werribee.

Since 1 July 2018, we have successfully:

- cleaned over 600 tonnes of debris from road drains
- swept more than 800 tonnes of debris from our roads
- fixed over 500 potholes
- replaced or fixed more than 1000 signs
- responded to a total of 87 emergency call outs.

Night and weekend works

Project works are generally undertaken from Monday to Saturday during the day but sometimes we also need to undertake works out of hours – both at night and on weekends. Where these works are expected to be noisy or affect access we will provide notice to adjacent residents and businesses. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during construction.

Learn more about the Western Roads Upgrade program and subscribe to our regular traffic email updates at roadprojects.vic.gov.au



Artist's impression: Duncan Road interchange

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