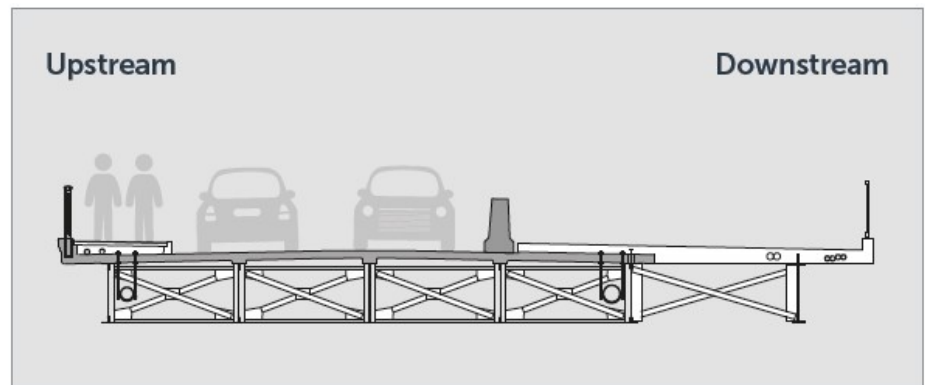


Warrandyte Bridge Upgrade

Mid-January 2018 – September 2018

We're making improvements to the Warrandyte Bridge that will ease daily traffic flow and make it safer for the community.



Stage one of construction.

What we're doing

The improvements we're making with VEC Civil Engineering Pty Ltd (VEC) to Warrandyte Bridge include:

- added lane for traffic travelling from North Warrandyte to Warrandyte across the Yarra River
- new footpaths including a new shared path on the west side of the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists
- wider Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road and Research-Warrandyte Road intersection with new traffic lights
- a new left-turn slip lane on Yarra Street.

These upgrades will improve traffic flow and ease delays across the bridge.

What's happening now?

In February, we'll be continuing with bridge strengthening and preparation works.

The works you'll see in February include:

- setting up scaffolding under the bridge
- piling on both ends of the bridge, which involves boring and then concreting to create foundations to support the new widened sections of the bridge
- removal of vegetation on the north side of the bridge
- drilling works to prepare for the installation of a cantilever beam which will be used to hold a permanent pedestrian footpath on the west side of the bridge
- other works on the supports of the bridge at both ends to prepare for bridge widening works.

What to be aware of

- During works there may be temporary traffic delays around the area of works and increased travel times in the area
- Two lanes of traffic will continue to flow as per the current site set up
- The drilling and piling works may result in some vibrations and medium to high level noise close to the area
- Traffic controllers and signage will enable safe travel through the area of works.

When we're working

Works during the day will generally be from:

- 7am – 6pm, Monday to Friday
- 7am – 2:30pm, Saturdays

The bridge will remain open with two lanes of traffic continuing to flow during bridge works.

We will need to perform some of the works outside peak periods to minimise disruption to peak traffic flow and ensure the safety of the community and our work crews.

Upcoming Works

There will be two full weekend bridge closures running from 2-4 March and 23 – 26 March.

These closure are taking place on weekends to minimise impacts on the community

During weekend closures:

- The bridge will be closed from late Friday evening and re-open early Monday morning
- Support beams will be installed on the bridge
- There will be traffic detours in place. We will provide a map showing detour traffic options during these closures in mid-February as part of our next information update

More detail on upcoming works scheduled for March, including key impacts and changes to traffic movements will also be included in our next newsletter. There may also be one further full weekend bridge closure in mid-2018. This will be confirmed closer to the date.

Community Safety

We understand your concerns with these works ongoing in bushfire season. We're committed to everyone's safety and will be extra vigilant during this time, with an emergency management plan in place. We've been working closely with the Country Fire Authority (CFA), Victoria Police, Manningham City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council and will continue to monitor fire warnings daily during works to ensure emergency response and evacuation procedures aren't compromised in the event of a bushfire.

If there is a fire danger rating of severe or above forecast, or on days of total fire ban, the full bridge closures will be postponed.

All other weather conditions and hazards will be monitored daily.

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