

Warrandyte Bridge Upgrade

Mid-January 2018 – September 2018

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



Artist impression of the Warrandyte Bridge upgrade project

What we're doing

VicRoads is working with VEC Civil Engineering Pty Ltd (VEC) to upgrade the Warrandyte bridge.

The following improvements will be made to the bridge:

- adding an additional lane for traffic travelling southbound, from North Warrandyte to Warrandyte across the Yarra River
- new footpaths, including a new shared user path for pedestrians and cyclists on the west side of the bridge
- a 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 ease daily traffic congestion and delays across the bridge, and improve safety by significantly reducing evacuation times in the event of an emergency.

What's happening now?

On 15th January 2018, we will start setting up the site, which involves installing site sheds and amenities at the tennis courts located west of the Warrandyte Bridge on the south side of the Yarra River, and will remain for the duration of works.

Other works that you will see in January include:

- scaffolding will be installed to support the construction works on the bridge
- removing light poles on the north and south sides of the Yarra River adjacent to the Warrandyte Bridge
- removing trees to create a safer and more efficient intersection on the southern side of the bridge
- removing sections of the road surface to allow for a new surface to be installed
- barriers and temporary lane markings on the bridge
- carefully removing The Queen of the Shire sculpture located on Kangaroo Ground – Warrandyte Road, and

storing it in a safe off-site location during works

- removing the pedestrian traffic island on the Yarra Street intersection
- relocating and replacing the high voltage (HV) cable across the bridge, which will be undertaken by a qualified electrical contractor and involve an overnight power service cutover.

What to be aware of

- While we set up the site there may be temporary traffic delays around the area of works and increased travel times in the area
- We will be reducing traffic flow on the bridge to one lane from the 19th-21st January while the HV cable is being relocated, to ensure the safety of the work crews and the community. Two-way traffic flow will be maintained with support from on-site traffic controllers

- Traffic controllers and signage will enable safe travel through the area of works
- During night shifts, there may be some noise and light around the works area and site sheds. We will work to minimise this impact by limiting the night work and notifying nearby properties ahead of time.

When we're working

Works during the day will be from:

- 7am – 6pm, Monday to Friday
- 7am – 1pm, Saturdays

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

Extended working hours in January include:

- 8pm, Friday 19th January – 10am, Saturday 20th January
- 8pm, Saturday 20th January – 2pm, Sunday 21st January

Upcoming Works

Works in March to be aware of:

- There will be two full weekend closures of the bridge in March
- These closures will **only occur on weekends** to minimise impacts on the community and works will be planned on an alternate weekend to the Warrandyte Festival
- Stay tuned – you will receive advance notice of the dates for these two weekends.

There may also be one further full weekend bridge closure in July. This will be confirmed closer to the date.

Community Safety

We understand that you may have concerns with these works starting in the bushfire season. We are committed to everyone's safety and will be extra vigilant during this time, with an emergency management plan in place. We have 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 throughout works to ensure emergency response and evacuation procedures are not compromised in the event of a bushfire.

Should there be 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.

VicRoads is committed to keeping the Warrandyte community informed throughout this improvement project. Regular e-newsletters will be available via the VicRoads website to update you on progress and information.

Find out more

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