

# Plenty Road Upgrade

## Upcoming works

We're about to start road works between McKimmies Road and Bush Boulevard as part of the \$139.4 million project to upgrade Plenty Road.

Major works start 14 March 2018. The Plenty Road Upgrade will improve traffic flow, safety, and access to jobs, local schools, shops and parklands.

### What are we doing?

First, we'll install secure fences around our worksite to keep workers and the community safe while we upgrade intersections, build extra lanes and create dedicated walking and cycling paths.

Once we've set up the fences, we'll get started on:

- ground surveying, geotechnical studies and soil testing
- relocating telecommunications, gas, fuel, electricity, sewer and water services so they're not impacted during construction
- preparing the ground to begin building lanes
- installing drainage
- building retaining walls (to hold back earth)
- laying crushed rock
- building new kerbs and road
- laying the road surface and line marking.

### Site office

Our construction contractor, Decmil, will have a site office located in the RMIT Bundoora East campus car park.

### Timing

Works will start 14 March 2018 and will mostly take place from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

We expect the whole project to be completed by early 2019.

### What to expect

#### Noise

We'll aim to reduce any disruptions as much as possible. If you live nearby, you may notice some occasional noise impacts from:

- trucks delivering materials
- generators and power tools
- machines compacting soil and rock
- digging and moving earth
- reverse alarms on vehicles and equipment.

#### Minimising noise

Noise management is a critical part of our planning process. Decmil's environmental team will monitor construction activities to minimise impacts.

We'll also minimise impacts by:

- completing property condition surveys on buildings near the construction area before works begin
- scheduling activities during the day where possible
- avoiding reverse beepers wherever practical
- creating a safe distance between equipment and homes where possible
- continuous noise monitoring
- regularly maintaining all plant and machinery to ensure optimal performance.

If night works are required, we'll notify local businesses and residents in advance. You can email us at [plentyroad@decmil.com.au](mailto:plentyroad@decmil.com.au) to let us know how you would prefer to receive notifications.

#### Minimising dust

We'll minimise dust by:

- performing digging works on less windy days
- planning works away from areas exposed to wind, where possible
- watering soil, especially on hot and windy days
- covering truck loads
- reducing the speed of construction vehicles
- street sweeping when required
- collecting air quality data and comparing this to industry standards.

#### Measuring dust

We'll measure dust by placing dust monitoring devices downwind from construction activities and close to points of impact such as schools, businesses or residential areas.

Decmil's environmental team will regularly monitor dust to ensure the air quality is within industry standards.

#### Contractor compliance

Decmil will follow a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), which includes managing dust. The CEMP's purpose is to adapt work activities and monitor procedures to ensure nearby residents and businesses are protected from construction impacts.

All workers will undergo site induction training to ensure they know their quality control responsibilities.

Regular internal and external audits will be carried out to assess the effectiveness of dust control in line with air quality management standards.

All construction activities are undertaken in accordance with EPA Victoria's *Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites*.

## Recycling water

Wherever possible we'll use recycled water. We'll monitor water use to ensure the appropriate amount is used without wastage.

## Traffic impacts

During construction, we'll need to make changes to the way you travel in the area. These changes will ensure the safety of work crews, cyclists and pedestrians, while maintaining traffic flow.

There may be some off-peak lane closures on Plenty Road and surrounding roads, but Plenty Road will remain open throughout construction, with two lanes open in each direction during peak periods.

To achieve this, the bulk of the road widening works will happen in stages. Once each stage is complete, traffic will switch onto the new road to allow works to continue.

We'll need to reduce the speed limit in some areas. Temporary changes to speed limits will be clearly visible on road signs.

Traffic barriers and temporary signs will be in place throughout the construction zone.

Take special care when travelling through the area at all times and follow speed limits and signs.

We'll notify you of any traffic changes in advance through our website and work notifications.

## Safety

Safety is what's most important to us and we'll make every effort to ensure the safety of the community and our workers.

If you're travelling through the area, add extra time when planning your journey, take special care to observe any changes to the speed limit and be prepared for changed traffic conditions.

## You're invited

Come and join us for a free coffee where you can meet our team and find out more about this project before construction begins.

**Where:** Mill Park Library, 394 Plenty Road

**When:** Saturday 10 March 2018

**Time:** 10am–12pm

## Stay updated

We'll keep you updated on the project and any impacts through our website, work notifications and road signs.

You can also subscribe to regular email updates on our website.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we deliver this essential upgrade.

## Have a question?

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