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FITZSIMONS LANE UPDATE



We're upgrading Fitzsimons Lane to make it safer and easier to get to where you need to be.

We're upgrading key intersections along Fitzsimons Lane to reduce congestion, improve safety and provide better walking and cycling connections for the 60,000 people who use it every day.

Currently the roundabouts cause delays which can create risks for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

People travelling along Fitzsimons Lane will benefit from better and safer journeys travelling through these upgraded intersections.

We expect a contractor to be on-board by mid-2020 and we'll work with them to develop the detailed design and planned construction of the Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade.

Works for the Northern Roads Upgrade are planned to commence from mid-to-late 2020.



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Project benefits and planning ahead

Traffic flow

Adding traffic lights and extra lanes to allow more traffic to move through the intersections.

Safety

Safer intersections for all road users.

Safety barriers to reduce the risk and impact of crashes

Walking and cycling

A new walking and cycling path will run along the eastern side of Fitzsimons Lane between Porter Street and Foote Street.

New and upgraded walking and cycling paths around the upgraded intersections.

Environment

Minimising impacts on the local environment while we build safer and more accessible roads for everyone.

Businesses and community facilities

Minimising impacts during construction to support business as usual.

Local businesses will benefit from improved access and traffic flow.

Did you know?

Fitzsimons Lane has featured in the RACV Redspot Survey, was highly nominated in 2018 and in the top 10 in 2016, highlighting the importance of this project.



As part of the project the River Peel sculpture will be relocated to a new site in the local area.

Main Road and Leane Drive



Reference design only. Lines and shading approximate location.

Fitzsimons Lane and Main Road



What we've heard

How we've improved the design

We've listened to what's important to the community and investigated a number of design options under the relevant technical guidelines, along with analysis from independent consultants.

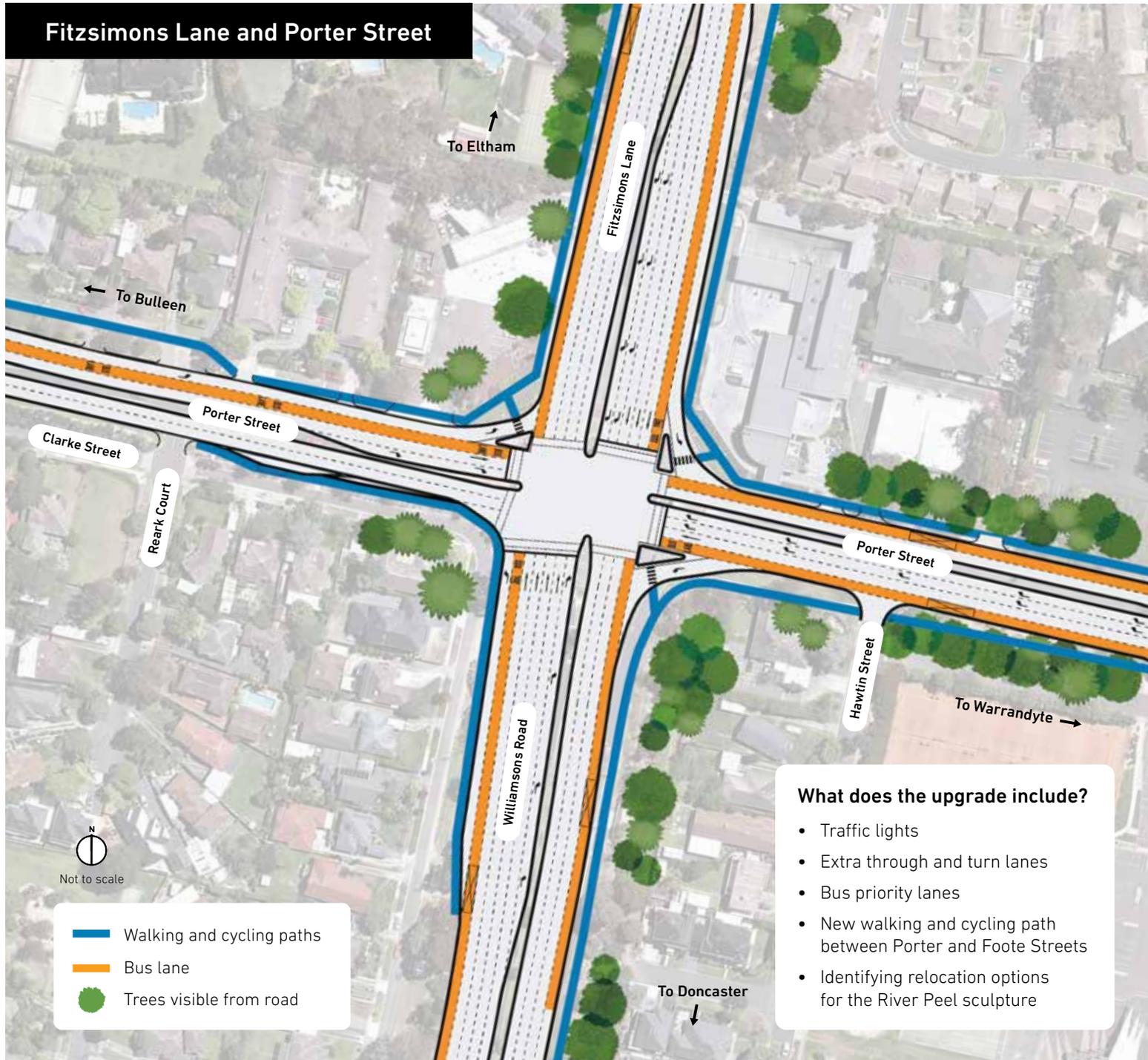
As a result, we've removed two traffic lanes from the Eltham approach. We have also removed the bus priority lanes from all approaches to reduce

the footprint of the Main Road and Fitzsimons Lane intersection.

This change has reduced the number of trees that will be impacted, whilst ensuring the community and road users will still benefit from reduced congestion and improved safety.

We have worked to bring together community views, traffic needs and environmental values.

Fitzsimons Lane and Porter Street



Importance of design and access in emergencies

As locals will know, Fire Authorities have assessed the area surrounding the Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade as having a very high bushfire risk.

The community have also told us improving access to allow travel into non-bushfire prone areas or away from the potential advance of bushfire is essential.

We have consulted with the CFA, Department of Transport, and other stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcome for the community in relation to design and access of the key intersections.



Williamsons Road and Foote Street



Not to scale

- Walking and cycling paths
- Bus lane
- Trees visible from road

- What does the upgrade include?**
- Extra through and turn lanes
 - Bus priority lanes
 - Safe pedestrian crossing points
 - New walking and cycling paths between Porter and Foote Streets

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Community feedback

We heard from the community and stakeholders through an online survey, interactive map, meetings, emails, phone calls, letters and community events.

More than 9400 people visited our online hub and website. We had over 560 conversations with people and received 700 written submissions.

Some of the most important elements you asked us to consider are:



Trees, plants and greenery



Improved safety for motorists



Less traffic congestion



Safe walking and cycling paths, and crossing points

Community drop-in session

If you would like to view the reference design and find out more about the project, come along to our community drop-in session.

You'll be able to meet the team and ask questions about the project.

Date: Wednesday 11 March

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Eltham Library
Multi-purpose room

Drop in anytime.
No RSVP required.

Can't make it?

View the design here: roadprojects.vic.gov.au/northern-roads-upgrade/fitzsims-lane

NRU proposed timeline

- **Early 2018**
Project announcement
- **From 2018**
Public consultation
- **Late 2019**
Evaluate tender submissions
- **Early 2020**
Award contract
- **Mid-2020**
Develop detailed design
- **Mid-to-late 2020**
Commence construction
- **End of 2025**
Finish construction



Example of an on-road cycling facility shown. Artist impression. Reference design only.

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