



WESTERN PORT HIGHWAY

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Project Overview

We're upgrading two intersections along Western Port Highway to ease congestion and make your journey more reliable.

The project will upgrade the intersections at Ballarto Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road by:

- removing the existing roundabouts
- Installing traffic lights
- widening the intersection and adding dedicated right-turn lanes and left-turn slip lanes to improve traffic flow.

Project benefits

The project will improve journeys along the Western Port Highway by easing congestion at key intersections.

Together with the intersection upgrade at Thompsons Road in 2019, and the upgrade at Hall Road planned to commence in 2022, the Western Port Highway Upgrade will significantly ease congestion and improve traffic flow along Western Port Highway.

Project benefits include:

- allowing sequencing of traffic lights along the 6km stretch of Western Port Highway to improve journey reliability
- improving freight movements along Western Port Highway, which is a principal freight network within Victoria
- manage the flow of traffic on and off the highway.



Better traffic flow –
Easing congestion and improving travel times



Greater journey reliability – Traffic lights will allow for improved sequencing along the 6km stretch of Western Port Highway



Support freight movements – Western Port Highway is part of the principal freight network

Image above: Western Port Highway / Ballarto Road intersection

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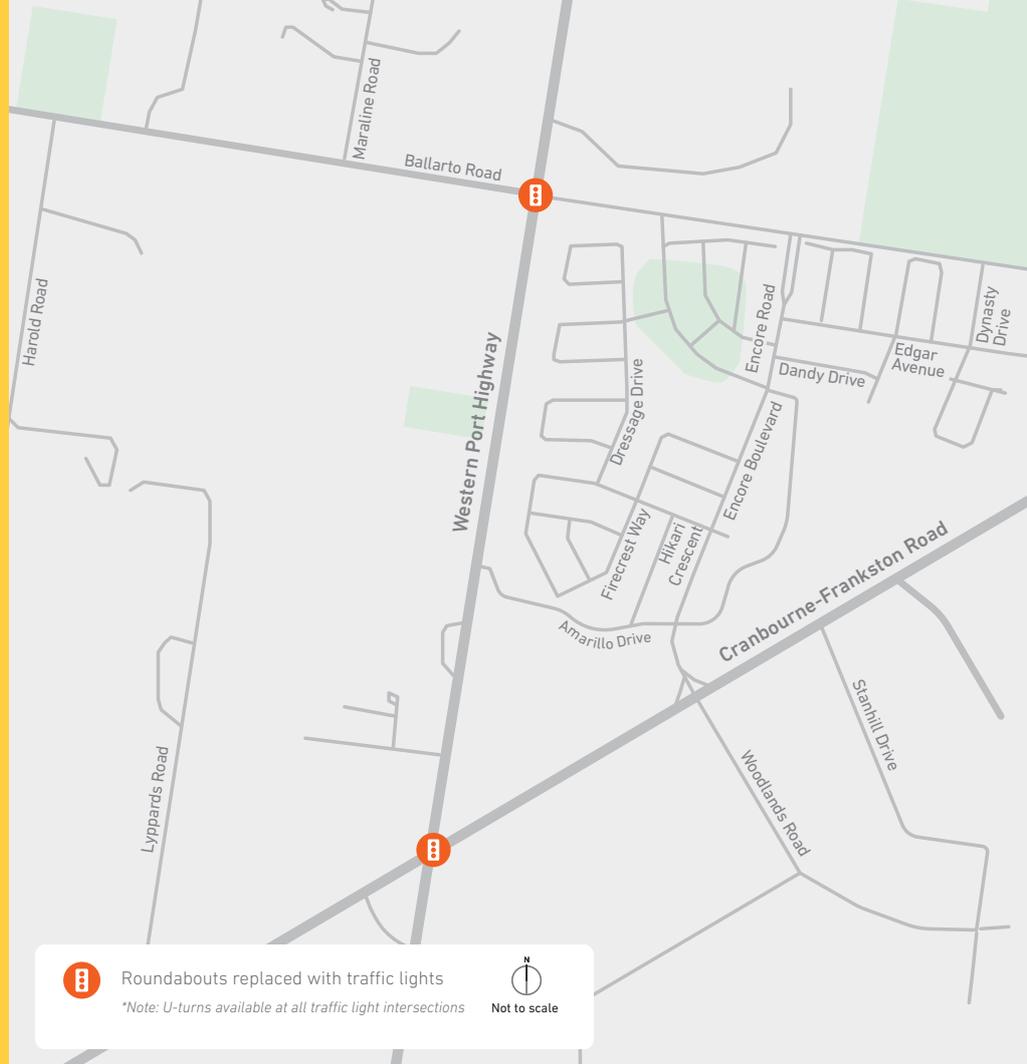
Ballarto Road

We'll add capacity at the intersection by providing three through lanes, two dedicated right-turn lanes and a left-hand slip lane at all approaches of the intersection. This will manage traffic on and off the highway and improve journey reliability.

Our ecological assessments have identified important wetlands close to this intersection. We'll create an Environmental Management Plan to minimise our impacts on the area's biodiversity when designing and building the upgrade.

Cranbourne-Frankston Road

We'll build two through lanes, three dedicated right-turn lanes and a left-hand slip lane at all approaches of this intersection to improve traffic flow and access to nearby growing suburbs.



Why are we proposing these changes?

- an average of 22,000 vehicles travel along Western Port Highway every day, which is expected to increase to 27,000 by 2036.
- these roundabouts have reached their capacity and during peak periods, road users can experience delays of up to 10 minutes. These upgrades will provide more reliable journey times in the area.
- in the last five years, there have been 17 crashes along this section of Western Port Highway, with 3 of those resulting in serious injuries.

We understand the current level of congestion in the area is an issue. This will ease congestion now, while supporting other eventual Western Port Highway Upgrades in the future.



Image right: Ballarto Road and Western Port Highway roundabout

Works timeline

- **Oct 2018**
 - Project announced
- **Early 2019 to mid-2021**
 - Site investigations and project development
- **March 2021**
 - Consultation on the project design
- **Mid to late 2021**
 - Contract awarded
- **Early 2022**
 - Construction starts
- **Late 2022**
 - Project complete

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