GREEN SPINE BLOCK 3 YARRA TO BELLERINE STREETS

The Green Spine Project is being delivered as part of the $500 million Geelong City Deal, a collaborative partnership to transform Geelong and the Great Ocean Road by the Australian Government and Victorian Government, and the City of Greater Geelong through the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan.

Project update – July 2023

Construction is starting between Yarra and Bellerine Streets, Geelong, and will see the continuation of the botanic walk along the south side of Malop Street complemented by native vegetation and planting, a separated bike lane for improved cyclist safety and rehabilitation of the road consistent with Block 2.

A contract has been awarded to Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd, who commenced works on Monday 3 July 2023. This follows preliminary works by Powercor.

The project is estimated for completion in January 2024 with westbound traffic lanes expected to be reopened in December 2023, subject to weather conditions.

Upcoming works

Period starting July 2023

CONSTRUCTION

The site will be established with bollards, barriers and fencing to provide clear boundaries to ensure everyone's safety.

The location of all underground services will be identified, including water, power, telecommunications and gas.

Building dilapidation surveys are underway in advance of major construction to assess the current condition of buildings on Malop Street.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The west bound traffic, bicycle and parking lanes will be closed, along with centre median parking.

Drivers should follow detour signs and allow an extra 5-minutes travel time.

Access will be maintained for pedestrians, local traffic, delivery drivers and emergency services - supported by traffic controllers throughout construction.

Expected timeline

Site establishment and fencing
June - July 2023

Drainage works
July 2023

Demolition of westbound lanes on Malop Street begins
August 2023

Pavement, garden bed and footpath works
October 2023

Demobilisation and landscaping
December 2023

Project completion
January 2024

What to expect

CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Weekdays 7am to 5pm with some night and weekend work.

BUILDING ACCESS

All buildings remain accessible throughout the project.

NOISE IMPACTS

There will be some noise impacts when construction machinery is in use.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

MALOP STREET
Pedestrian access along Malop Street remains with access between the north and south sides of Malop Street available at the Yarra and Bellerine Street traffic lights.

TRAFFIC CHANGES

MALOP STREET
The west bound traffic lane along Malop Street between Yarra and Bellerine Streets is closed. Detour signs are in place.

Vehicle access to the Officeworks car park via Malop St is closed. Alternative access remains available from Lt Malop St.

Access to the Westfield carpark is available to eastbound traffic only in a left in/left out configuration.

PARKING
Parking on the south side and in the median along Malop St is closed.

Alternative 2hr and 4hr metered parking options can be found in the Lt Malop St carpark, along Bellerine Street, Yarra Street, and Malop Street between Bellerine Street and Eastern Park.

Some new 15-minute parking bays are also available along Lt Malop Street.

Malop Street traders are open for Business!

Pedestrian access to all businesses along the south side of Malop Street between Yarra and Bellerine Streets will remain available during trading hours. Some businesses have alternative rear access, so be sure to check with your local trader. Follow the pedestrian directional signs and keep a look out for changed conditions as the project progresses.

Find out more

For questions relating to construction on Malop Street between Yarra and Bellerine Streets, please email regionalwest.communications@roads.vic.gov.au

Stay informed

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