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 – November 2023

Construction continues between Yarra and Bellerine Streets, Geelong. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming activities leading into summer.

Construction will pause from Friday 22 December 2023, returning on Monday 8 January 2024.

Work is progressing with all underground services now in place. Foundations have been laid for the pedestrian footpath and the west bound lane; the concrete base installed has provided outlines for the path, garden beds and road. Fencing, bollards and barriers are in place to secure the site for everyone's safety.

We thank the community for their patience and support on this important upgrade.

Construction snapshot

E Period starting November 2023

Upcoming activities (expected completion in 2023):

- pedestrian footpath with bluestone pavers
- raised pedestrian crossing
- centre median works
- construction site fencing moved to allow wider access for pedestrians
- new driveway entrance for Officeworks
- traffic light works at Yarra and Bellerine Streets.

Completed activities:

- additional short-stay parking on the north side of Malop Street
- power pole removal works on the south side of Malop Street
- road foundation layers for westbound lane
- street and pedestrian lighting foundations
- new stormwater system installed
- boxing out of garden beds, structural soil and aggregate placement
- concrete curbs at road edge and median
- installation of traffic signal conduits
- footpath concrete foundation in preparation for paver installation.

Expected timeline

Site establishment and fencing June - July 2023 - complete

Stormwater drainage and public lighting works

July - August 2023 - complete

Excavation and foundation preparation of garden beds September - October 2023 - complete

Traffic signal, footpath and pavement works

November 2023

Reopening of westbound lane, landscaping and street furniture December 2023

Project completion Late January 2024

Footpath and power pole works



Power pole and road foundation

(Image top-left) power cables have been relocated to underground following the removal of four power poles and overhead powerlines.

(Image bottom-left) road foundation laid on westbound lane of Malop Street.





Pedestrian footpath

(Image top-right) nightwork to remove the pedestrian footpath; and

(Image bottom-right) a concrete base is laid shaping the new space for garden beds. The next stage will see bluestone pavers installed along the walkway.



Activities planned for January 2024 include:

- final road surface
- linemarking and bike lane surface treatment.

Malop Street businesses are open and trading!

We continue to work with Malop Street traders aiming to minimise impacts resulting from project construction activities for the Green Spine project.

Night work has been used to help balance disruptions and impacts to day traders and residents living in the area. Local businesses remain open while works continue between Yarra and Bellerine Streets.

Find out more

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

Stay informed

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this important work. For more information about the project, or to give us your feedback:

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