Green Spine Project

Frequently Asked Questions

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# Construction FAQs

This project is being delivered as part of the $500 million Geelong City Deal, a collaborative plan to transform Geelong and the Great Ocean Road by the Australian and Victorian Governments, and the City of Greater Geelong through the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan.

1. **What is the Green Spine?**

The Green Spine project is transforming central Geelong with a vibrant linear park along the length of Malop Street, connecting Johnstone Park and Eastern Park.

The Green Spine will connect Johnstone Park to Eastern Park and the Botanical Gardens via six blocks along Malop Street.

Cities around the world are embracing linear parks to support health and wellbeing. Once complete, nearly a hectare of new green space will be added to the Geelong CBD as well as more than 10,000 plants and trees

Block 3 will see the continuation of the botanic walk and bike lanes along Malop Street, complemented by native vegetation and planting, and a rehabilitation of the road consistent with already completed sections.

1. **When will works start on Green Spine Block 3?**

From June 2023, preliminary works will begin work to relocate overhead power lines underground in Malop Street between Yarra Street and Bellerine Street, Geelong.

It is expected that construction will start by mid-2023 on the south side of Malop Street, between Yarra Street and Bellerine Street, to commence the streetscape and road pavement works for the Green Spine Block 3.

1. **What traffic impacts are expected along Malop Street?**

Work will generally be undertaken during the day, with some nightworks to help reduce impact to local day-traders and people visiting central Geelong.

We’ll be closing lanes and some parking during construction of the Green Spine along Malop Street, between Yarra Street and Bellerine Street.

Please plan ahead and allow an extra 5 minutes for your journey.

1. **What other parking options will be available during construction?**

Alternative 2hr and 4hr metered parking options can be found in the Little Malop Street carpark. Other 2hr car-parking bays can be found along Bellerine Street, Yarra Street, and Malop Street between Bellerine Street and Eastern Park, all within close proximity to Block 3.

Please look out for changed condition signage before you park.

1. **Will pedestrian access to businesses be available during construction?**

Yes. Pedestrian access to businesses will remain open during trading hours and traffic controllers will help guide pedestrians through the works area where required.

1. **How will construction noise be managed?**

During night work, the noisiest works will be undertaken earlier in the evening. Noise impacts are expected to be moderate, with the noisiest machinery finishing by 11:00pm nightly. From 11:00pm, noise will be limited to reverse beepers and heavy vehicles.

1. **What support will be offered to Traders on Block 3?**

We are committed to continuing to work with traders and support them during construction to minimise disruption and support business-as-usual activity, as well as the ongoing changes to Malop Street.

We’ll use the information we received during the engagement period to work with traders as the project continues.

1. **How can I find out more about the project?**

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

For all other enquiries about the Green Spine project and Revitalising Central Geelong please email rcg@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or visit revitalisingcentralgeelong.vic.gov.au.