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your
say**

Eltham Urban Congestion Fund Project

Nillumbik Shire Council is working to create a more pedestrian-friendly and connected Eltham Activity Centre, encourage sustainable travel and reduce traffic congestion.

Have your say on a range of traffic and transport initiatives funded through the Federal Government's Urban Congestion Project.



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Our vision

To create a more pedestrian-friendly and connected Eltham Activity Centre encouraging sustainable and active travel including public transport and walking, thereby reducing traffic congestion and increasing safety in the precinct.

Background

The Eltham Activity Centre suffers from traffic congestion and subsequent road safety issues.

A key priority of the **Eltham Major Activity Structure Plan 2020** was to investigate a program to improve pedestrian movement and maintain traffic flow in the precinct.

Initial consultation for our **Climate Action Plan** in early 2021 has also heard from the community that planning and advocating for sustainable transport in the Shire should be one of the top priorities of Council.

Urban Congestion Fund

Nillumbik Shire Council has received \$5 million from the Federal Government for transport improvements along the Main Road corridor in Eltham through the **Urban Congestion Fund**.

We have worked with the Department of Transport to identify and develop a number of proposed traffic and transport treatments in the Eltham Activity Centre to be funded through this project.

Find out more

View the proposals in detail including technical drawings, as well as before and after images at our community engagement website

Participate Nillumbik,

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/congestion-busting

**Attend a pop-up information session*
at Eltham Town Centre:**

- Thursday 24 June, 11am-1pm
- Monday 28 June, 8am-11am
- Wednesday 7 July, 10am-12pm
- Friday 16 July, 10am-12pm

* Subject to current COVID-19 restrictions, stay up to date at Participate Nillumbik.

Have your say

Tell us what you think at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/congestion-busting

Submissions close Friday 23 July 2021

Next steps

Council will consider submissions at the 14 September 2021 Planning and Consultation Committee meeting. Those who make a submission via Participate Nillumbik can also make a verbal submission at this meeting.

**Construction is due to start by
March 2022.**

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New Shared Path: Main Road

A new 2.5m-wide shared path is proposed for the west side of Main Road, improving the Diamond Creek Trail between Diamond Street and the railway substation on Main Road.

Council has developed two options with both narrowing Main Road traffic lanes from 4.2m to 3.5m wide:

Option 1: Construction of a 2.5m-wide shared path with power lines going underground.

Option 2: Construction of a 2.5m-wide shared path that deviates around the power poles.



Option 1



Option 2



Proposed changes include:

- Moving the Main Road signalised pedestrian crossing slightly south to align with Cecil Street (pictured).
- The Cecil Street westbound exit to Main Road will be closed, with vehicles only able to enter Cecil Street at the intersection. The rest of Cecil Street will continue to be two-way with all traffic exiting via Bible Street. This will allow longer green-light periods for vehicles travelling on Main Road, improving traffic flow.

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Main Road / Luck Street intersection



Proposed changes to improve pedestrian safety and traffic congestion at the roundabout include:

- New raised threshold pedestrian zebra crossings at Luck Street (pictured) and the entrance to the commuter car park
- Redirect pedestrians wishing to cross Main Road away from the roundabout to existing Diamond Street signals or proposed new signalised pedestrian crossing to the south (below).

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New signalised pedestrian crossing, Main Road



New pedestrian-operated signals are proposed on Main Road between Luck and Pryor streets, providing a new crossing to the Eltham Bus Interchange and railway station.

The signals will improve road safety by controlling traffic while buses exit the bus terminal into Main Road.

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Main Road / Pryor Street



Proposed changes on Pryor Street include replacing two existing pedestrian crossings with raised pedestrian zebra crossings and constructing a new raised threshold pedestrian zebra crossing at the Main Road intersection.

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Main Road / Arthur Street



Two pedestrian zebra crossings in Arthur Street will be replaced with raised crossings (pictured). A new raised threshold treatment with pedestrian zebra crossing will be constructed at the intersection of Arthur Street and Main Road.

Right turns from Arthur Street into Main Road will be banned.

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St Laurence Lane



Changes at St Laurence Lane and Main Road include:

- Permanent closure of St Laurence Lane, which will allow for placemaking opportunities such as outdoor dining and landscaping
- Parking on Main Road realigned from 90 to 60 degrees, allowing for a compliant disability parking space
- Kerbside landscaping opportunities.

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Main Road/Panther Place intersection

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Main Road/York Street intersection

Raised threshold treatments are proposed at the intersections of Main Road with Panther Place and York Street. These treatments will improve safety by making pedestrians more visible and slowing cars.



A number of changes along Bible Street are proposed to address community concern about “rat running”, vehicle speeds, and issues with parked cars.

- a) New raised platform intersection at Cecil Street and one new pedestrian zebra crossing
- b) New raised platform intersection at Luck Street and two new pedestrian zebra crossings
- c) New raised platform intersection at Pryor Street
- d) Removal of existing roundabout at Arthur Street and replaced with a new raised platform intersection (pictured) and a new pedestrian zebra crossing
- e) Replace existing school crossing near Henry Street with a raised pedestrian zebra crossing
- f) A new raised speed hump at 74 Bible Street.

Other changes

- Removal of existing slow-point ‘blister’ island near Cecil Street.
- No parking on the east side of Bible Street and the establishment of parking on west side of Bible Street from Cecil Street to 74 Bible Street.

Eltham Central Oval Car Park upgrade



The road surface and car parking at Eltham Central Oval are in poor condition. This project will improve the road surface and provide more formalised car parking. The proposed upgrade includes:

- Reconstruction of the circular asphalt road around Eltham Central Oval
- Sealed car parking around the eastern side of the oval and around the Eltham Child Care Cooperative
- A 1.5m wide footpath from the Eltham Library to the child care centre
- New drainage works and landscaping.

Eltham Activity Centre 40km/h speed limit



The introduction of a full-time 40km/h speed limit is proposed for all roads within the Eltham Activity Centre to improve pedestrian safety and discourage rat running through local streets.

Under the proposal, the existing variable speed signage would be removed and 40km/h signage installed to apply to:

- Main Road from 1113 Main Road to York Street
- Bible Street from Cecil Street to Taylor Street
- Cecil Street, Pryor Street, Arthur Street (up to Bible Street), Commercial Place, Taylor Street and Panther Place.

Existing 40km/h speed zones already apply to Diamond, Luck, Dudley and Henry streets and Youth Road.

Get Involved

- View the proposed traffic and transport treatments for the Eltham Activity Centre at our community engagement website, Participate Nillumbik, participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/congestion-busting.



- Attend one of our pop-up sessions at the Eltham Town Centre
- Provide your comments on the plans by Friday 23 July.

Who's listening?

For more information contact Nillumbik Shire Council's Lead Project Transport Officer Lawrence Seyers on [9433 3781](tel:94333781) or email Lawrence.Seyers@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

1 New shared path, Main Road

— Diamond Creek Trail



2 Intersection, Main Road/Cecil Street

◆ Major intersections



3 Intersection, Main Road/Luck Street

≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments



4 Pedestrian crossing, Main Road

■ Pedestrian-operated signals



5 Pedestrian crossings, Pryor Street

≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments



6 Pedestrian crossings, Arthur Street, and right turn ban, at Main Road

≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments



7 Road closure, St Laurence Lane

⊕ Placemaking



8 Intersection, Main Road/Panther Place

≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments



9 Intersection, Main Road/York Street

≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments



10 Traffic treatments, Bible Street

⊕ Traffic management improvements and changes to parking



11 Car parking, Eltham Central Oval

⊗ Eltham Central Oval and road works



12 40km/h speed limit, Eltham Activity Centre zone

40km/h zone

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Urban Congestion Fund – Proposed Transport Works

KEY

— Diamond Creek Trail

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◆ Major intersections

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≡ Upgraded pedestrian crossings/traffic treatments

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■ Pedestrian-operated signals

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⊕ Placemaking

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⊕ Local area traffic management

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⊗ Eltham Central Oval and road works

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— 40km/h zone



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