

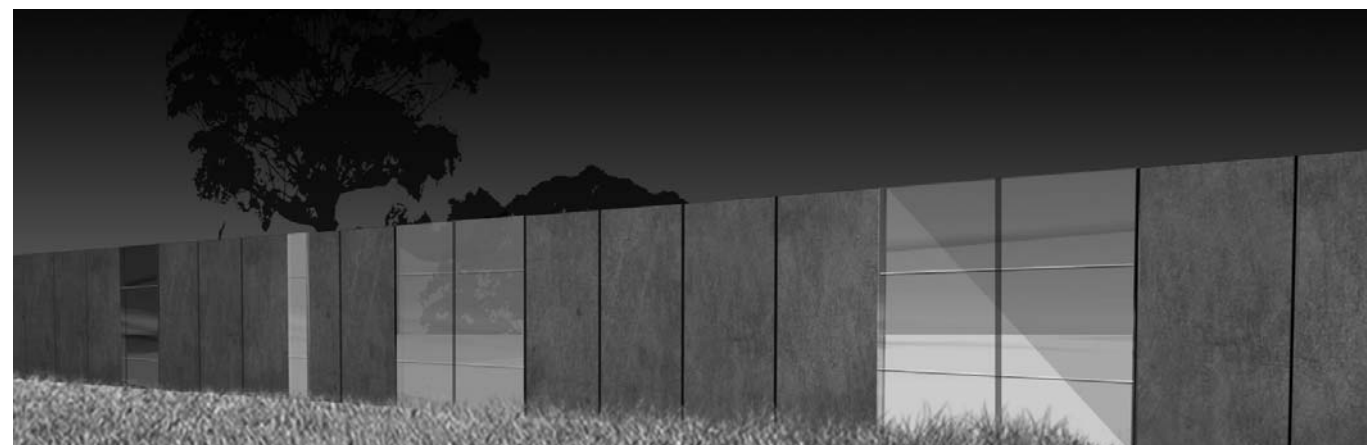
Landscaping and Noise Reduction

Extensive measures are planned to reduce traffic impacts on adjacent neighbourhoods, with landscape planting and noise reduction measures incorporated in the road design.

More than 800,000 trees and shrubs are provided in the landscape plan which draws inspiration from the existing local environment and features. Locally-sourced native vegetation will be used where possible to assist plant survival and to enhance the roadside environment.

In the vicinity of the railway overpass at Bell Post Hill, Cowies Creek will be realigned to improve the stream flow and water quality. The creek environs are currently affected by weeds and other noxious vegetation. Revegetation with indigenous, native and aquatic plants will build on community works and encourage the return of native wildlife along the creek.

Architect-designed noise walls built from weathered steel will use the earth tones of the regional basalt rock plains. Coloured acrylic panels at feature locations will create landscape highlights. These measures, together with screen and feature planting, will help reduce the visual and traffic impacts on neighbouring areas.



Architect-designed acoustic barriers will feature along the bypass.

Further Information

VicRoads Geelong Bypass Project Office is now open on the Princes Highway at Corio (beside Harvey Norman) and includes a display area with maps, plans and other information. Community members are welcome to visit the office and discuss issues with project staff.

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Se non capisci l'inglese telefona al Servizio Interpreti, 13 14 50, per la traduzione in italiano.

Ако не говорите англиски, молимо вас да се обратите преводилачкој служби на тел. 13 14 50 за превод на српском језику.

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Counselling Service

VicRoads has engaged an independent counselling service to assist community members who feel stressed or aggrieved by the project development. Free and confidential consultations are available by contacting the Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment on telephone 5222 4101.



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Introduction

The Geelong Bypass is proposed as a freeway-standard road extending for approximately 23 km along Geelong's western outskirts from the Princes Freeway at Corio to the Princes Highway at Waurin Ponds.

When completed the Bypass will:

- reduce freight and other traffic movements in the centre of Geelong, particularly along LaTrobe Terrace
- improve road safety and reduce travel times
- improve accessibility for travel to Geelong, the Surf Coast and south western Victoria
- reduce noise, pollution and traffic in residential areas
- encourage tourism to the Surf Coast and south-western Victoria
- improve road freight efficiency

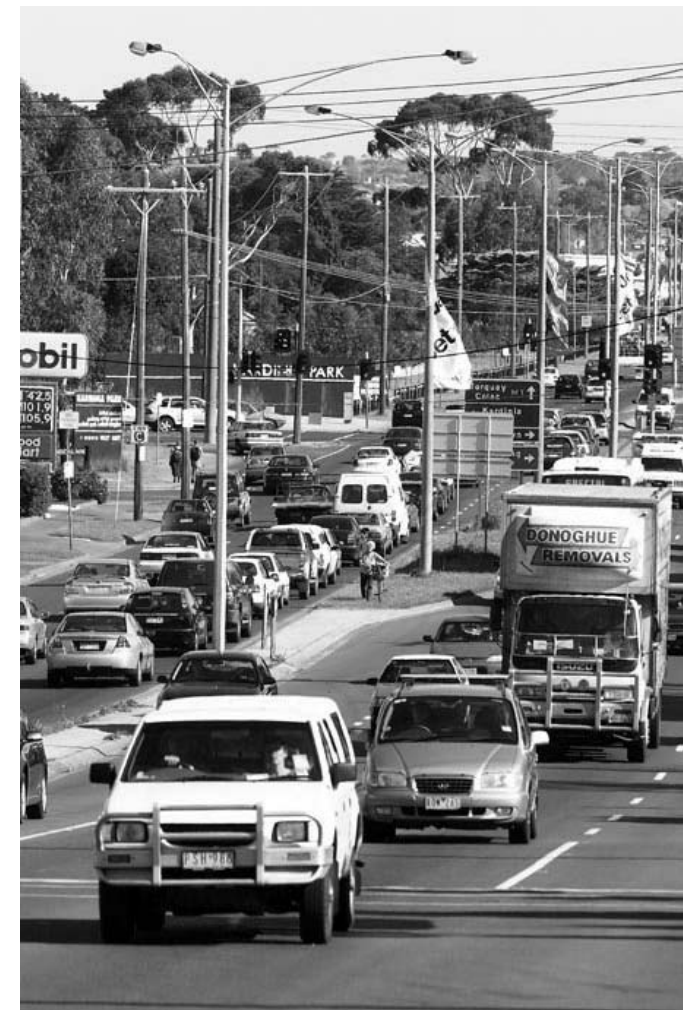
The Victorian and Australian Governments have committed \$376 million in total project funding.

The Bypass will be completed in three sections:

- **Section 1** - Princes Freeway, Corio to Midland Highway, Bell Post Hill
- **Section 2** - Midland Highway, Hamlyn Heights to Hamilton Highway, Fyansford
- **Section 3** - Hamilton Highway, Fyansford to Princes Highway, Waurin Ponds

For **Sections 1 and 2** the route follows the existing road reservation which has been in place since 1980.

For **Section 3** an Environment Effects Statement is being prepared to identify a route alignment to the Princes Highway and plan for links with the existing road



The Geelong Bypass will ease traffic congestion on LaTrobe Terrace

network to provide connectivity with the Surf Coast Highway.

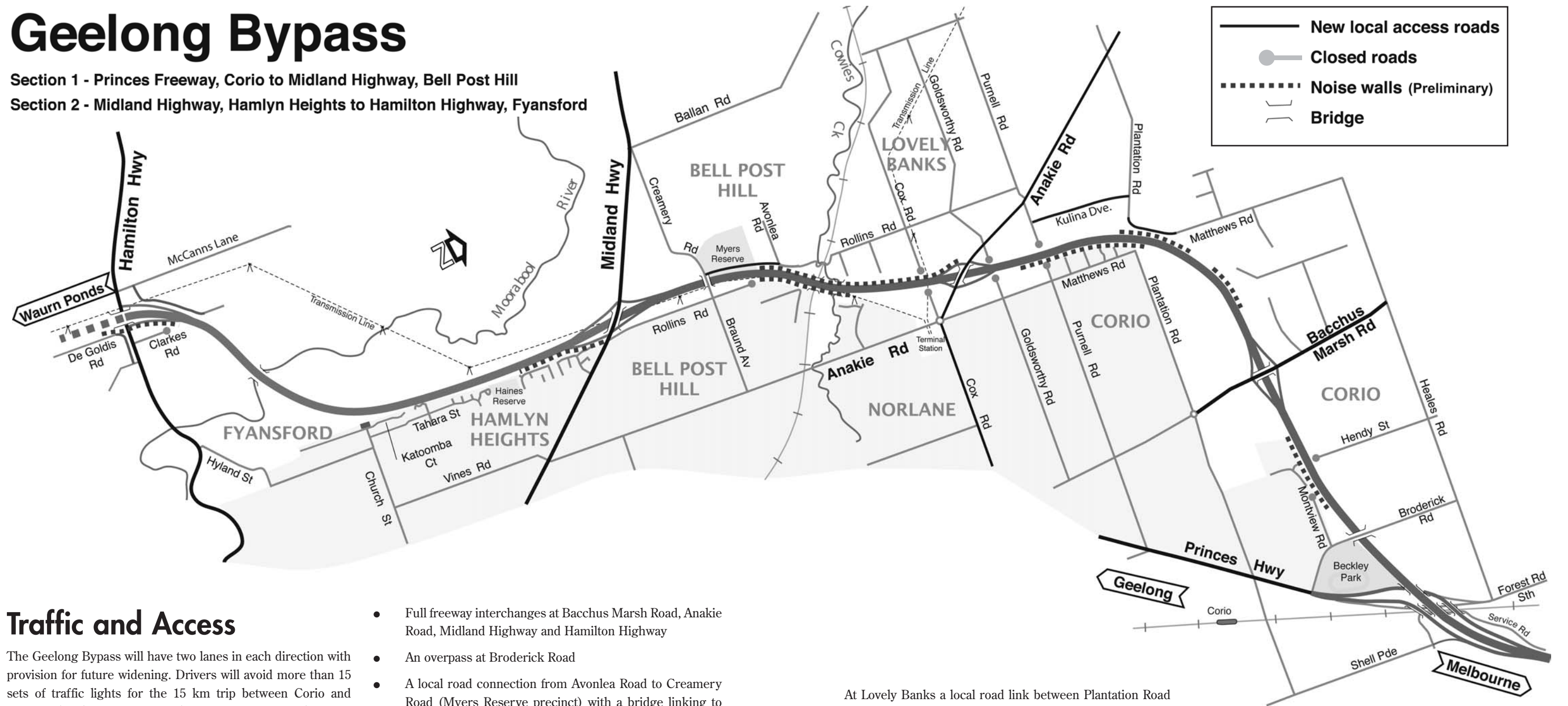
Construction works between Corio and Bell Post Hill are expected to commence in mid-2005 with the full freeway to the Princes Highway at Waurin Ponds scheduled for completion in 2009.

This News Bulletin details information specific to **Sections 1 and 2** between Corio and Fyansford.

Geelong Bypass

Section 1 - Princes Freeway, Corio to Midland Highway, Bell Post Hill

Section 2 - Midland Highway, Hamlyn Heights to Hamilton Highway, Fyansford



Traffic and Access

The Geelong Bypass will have two lanes in each direction with provision for future widening. Drivers will avoid more than 15 sets of traffic lights for the 15 km trip between Corio and Fyansford with significant travel time savings expected.

An estimated 25,000 vehicles per day will use the Bypass when the full route through to Waurin Ponds is completed, easing traffic conditions along LaTrobe Terrace and on local roads.

Some changes to local traffic patterns can be expected with the redirection of traffic away from some existing local roads onto the regional arterial road network.

In line with the current project scope and funding, the following freeway access arrangements will be provided:

- Full freeway interchanges at Bacchus Marsh Road, Anakie Road, Midland Highway and Hamilton Highway
- An overpass at Broderick Road
- A local road connection from Avonlea Road to Creamery Road (Myers Reserve precinct) with a bridge linking to Rollins Road/Braund Avenue
- A local road link between Matthews Road and Plantation Road on the west side of the Bypass.
- Local roads permanently closed to through traffic at the freeway include Matthews Road, Plantation Road, Purnell Road, Goldsworthy Road, Cox Road and Rollins Road. These closures will occur in mid 2005 so that construction works can proceed in safety for local residents and workers.

At Lovely Banks a local road link between Plantation Road and Purnell Road is being constructed as part of a new residential development. This is expected to be completed prior to the closure of Matthews and Plantation Roads.

Discussions between VicRoads and the City of Greater Geelong are underway for the development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the Bypass.

Road Safety

The Geelong Bypass will incorporate a range of safety features to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes. The features include emergency lanes and median safety barriers. Help Phones linked to VicRoads Traffic Control Centre will assist in providing prompt response in the event of emergencies or breakdowns.

Emergency access arrangements have been determined in consultation with police and emergency services, taking account of access requirements both during construction and after the Bypass opens.

Project Environmental Protection Strategy

A Project Environmental Protection Strategy (PEPS) has been developed to provide a framework for planning and implementing freeway works between Corio and Fyansford. This document considers a range of environmental impacts including the potential effect on flora, fauna, cultural heritage, air quality and noise, both during and after construction.

The Section 1 (Corio to Bell Post Hill) PEPS was exhibited for public comment in mid-2004. The Section 2 PEPS (Hamlyn Heights to Fyansford) will go on exhibition for public comment in early 2005.



The Bypass follows the freeway reservation which has been in place for more than 20 years on Geelong's western outskirts