

# Canterbury Road Improvements, Waterloo Street to Sunset Drive

## Your feedback

September 2023

Information update

We held community information sessions in Heathmont on Tuesday 13 and Sunday 18 June 2023.

We displayed artist's impressions of the designs and maps to help explain the planned improvements.

### What we heard

You're supportive of the planned improvements and are happy about:

- safer access to and from side streets
- better public transport connectivity
- improved pedestrian safety and connectivity.

You have some questions about:

- a footpath on Waterloo Street not included as part of these scope of works
- traffic on nearby residential streets
- vegetation removal and impacts to the environment
- changes to parking conditions.

### People Reached



47

people attended an information session



2,550

notices distributed to letterboxes



962

people have visited the website



27,077

people were reached via social media

You asked:

**Q. Why aren't traffic lights being added to the Sunset Drive and Canterbury Road intersection?**

A. During the development of the project, we investigated the option of adding traffic lights to the Sunset Drive and Canterbury Road intersection.

Investigations showed that this option was not feasible due to its close proximity to the traffic lights at Great Ryrie Street.

It would negatively impact traffic flow on Canterbury Road and may cause driver confusion.

**Q. Will you build a footpath along Waterloo Street?**

A. Building a footpath along Waterloo Street is not part of these improvement works.

We shared the feedback we heard for requests for a footpath along Waterloo Street to Maroondah City Council. Council has advised that subject to site investigations, they intend to deliver a footpath along Waterloo Street. Council engineers are working with VicRoads to ensure a suitable footpath alignment can be provided. For more information visit [maroondah.vic.gov.au](https://maroondah.vic.gov.au)

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### Q. Will any parking spaces be removed as part of these works?

A. To help keep traffic moving and to ensure the safety of drivers, we will be making changes to street parking surrounding the intersection of Canterbury Road and Waterloo Street.

New parking restrictions will be in place to help traffic flow smoothly through the area:

- a new no stopping at any time zone will be in place on the north side of Canterbury Road between Great Ryrie Street and 241 Canterbury Road.
- we'll be changing the existing time based no stopping zone in front of Heathmont Reserve to be no stopping at any time.
- a new no stopping at any time zone will be in place along Waterloo Street on the Heathmont Presbyterian Church side from the intersection with Canterbury Road to the Church's southern driveway entrance.

### Q. Will the pedestrian lights east of Sunset Drive be removed?

A. The pedestrian lights east of Sunset Drive will remain as they give pedestrians an opportunity to safely cross Canterbury Road and access nearby public transport.

Vehicle detectors will be installed at Sunset Drive which will link to the existing pedestrian crossing east of Sunset Drive. These will activate the pedestrian crossing lights on any occasions where extended queues are wanting to exit Sunset Drive, giving those drivers a break in traffic to turn left onto Canterbury Road.

The new traffic lights at Waterloo Street will be linked with the existing lights at Great Ryrie Street, and the pedestrian crossing lights east of Sunset Drive to optimise efficiency and keep traffic flowing.

We will monitor the operation of these traffic lights to ensure it is operating efficiently and make any changes as required.

### Q. Will these improvements increase traffic on Waterloo Street?

A. We will monitor traffic operations when works are complete. We do not anticipate a significant increase in traffic on Waterloo Street as drivers will be able to continue turning left into and out of Sunset Drive, or use U-turn facilities along Canterbury Road.

### Q. Will safety cameras be installed on Canterbury Road to deter drivers from speeding and disobeying the red traffic light?

A. Following the community information sessions, we shared the feedback we heard about negative driver behaviour on Canterbury Road to the Department of Justice and Community Safety and Victoria Police.

The Department of Justice and Community Safety are responsible for the installation and maintenance of all safety cameras in Victoria. To suggest a location for the installation of a safety camera, you can visit their website [vic.gov.au/cameras-save-lives](https://vic.gov.au/cameras-save-lives)

### Q. Will there be any impacts to trees?

A. We share the value that the local community places on the environment. We are investigating ways to balance the delivery of these important upgrades and the impact to the environment. As the design progresses, further details will be made available regarding the vegetation impacts.

While the removal of trees and vegetation is unavoidable, we will work with Council to offset any vegetation impacts.

### Q. Will you ban trucks from using Canterbury Road?

A. Canterbury Road is an arterial road and approved heavy vehicle route which trucks are permitted to use.

There are no plans to ban trucks on Canterbury Road.

### Q. When are these improvement works expected to begin?

A. These works are expected to begin by mid-2024.

## Next steps

We would like to thank everyone who attended one of our information sessions and provided feedback about the improvement works.

We've responded to everyone who gave feedback to address any questions or concerns.

We'll keep the community informed as these improvement works progress.

## Find out more

Visit the VicRoads website and search for 'Canterbury Road Improvements, Waterloo Street to Sunset Drive'.

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