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North East Link design schematic

North East Link would provide an express connection between the M80 Ring Road and the Eastern Freeway, skipping 18 sets of lights. Interchanges would be located at the M80 Ring Road, Grimshaw Street, Lower Plenty Road, Manningham Road and the Eastern Freeway.

This is an early design concept for North East Link. It is not a final design and is subject to change based on further engineering and planning studies, feedback from communities and stakeholders and the procurement process.
Eastern Freeway design schematic

The Eastern Freeway would be upgraded to modern-day freeway standards. Express lanes would reduce merging and weaving that causes congestion, ramp metering (traffic light signals on entry ramps) would better manage traffic flow onto the freeway for safer and faster trips and new lanes would increase capacity to cater for demand now and into the future. A new, dedicated busway would provide a streamlined route for buses between Doncaster and the city away from cars and trucks.
M80 interchange
looking south-east

A free-flowing interchange connecting North East Link, the M80 Ring Road and Greensborough Bypass with Greensborough Road rebuilt on both sides of North East Link for local toll-free trips.
M80 interchange
traffic movements

Local and North East Link trips in all directions.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
M80 interchange
walking and cycling links

Realigned section of Greensborough Bypass Trail
Realigned section of Greensborough Bypass Trail
New walking and bike riding bridge
New on-road bike riding route
New walking and bike riding path
New walking and bike riding bridge

See the new bridge from here on page 7
See the new bridge from here on page 10

New walking and bike riding paths and bridges and on-road bike routes.
A new walking and bike riding bridge over the M80 Ring Road connecting the Western Ring Road Trail with Macorna Street.
M80 interchange
looking north

A free-flowing interchange connecting North East Link, the M80 Ring Road and Greensborough Bypass with Greensborough Road rebuilt on both sides of North East Link for local toll-free trips.
M80 interchange
traffic movements

1. Greensborough Road to M80 Ring Road and Plenty Road
2. M80 Ring Road to Greensborough Road
3. Greensborough Road to Greensborough Bypass
4. Greensborough Bypass to Greensborough Road

1. NEL to Plenty Road
2. NEL to M80 Ring Road
3. M80 Ring Road to NEL
4. Greensborough Road to NEL
5. NEL to Greensborough Bypass

Local road  North East Link

Artist impression. Subject to change.

Local and North East Link trips in all directions.
A new walking and bike riding bridge over North East Link and Greensborough Road connecting Macorna Street, Hakea Street and Yando Street.
Yando Street bridge
traffic movements

Local and North East Link trips in all directions.

1. Greensborough Road to M80 Ring Road and Plenty Road
2. Greensborough Road to Greensborough Bypass
3. Greensborough Bypass to Greensborough Road
4. M80 Ring Road to Greensborough Road
5. NEL to Greensborough Bypass
6. NEL to Plenty Road
7. NEL to M80 Ring Road
8. M80 Ring Road to NEL
9. Greensborough Bypass to NEL

Local road  North East Link

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Grimshaw Street interchange
looking south

A new interchange with North East Link and through traffic on Greensborough Road passing under Grimshaw Street to improve traffic flow in all directions.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Drivers travelling straight through this interchange on North East Link or Greensborough Road would pass under Grimshaw Street. Drivers getting on or off North East Link or Greensborough Road would use separate lanes.
Watsonia station and shops
looking south

North East Link would start to lower into a trench about 8-12 metres deep and run next to Greensborough Road. Greensborough Road would be kept open for local use.
Watsonia station and shops
looking south

Greensborough Road would be rebuilt on both sides of North East Link and be two way in sections to allow people to travel between Elder Street, the station carpark and the shops.

North East Link would start to lower into a trench about 8-12 metres deep and run next to Greensborough Road. Greensborough Road would be kept open for local use.

One way from M80 Ring Road to Elder Street
One way from station carpark to M80 Ring Road
Two way between Elder Street and Watsonia Road
Two way between Watsonia Road and station carpark

Artist impression. Subject to change.
North East Link and green bridges next to Greensborough Road looking south

North East Link and green bridges running next to Greensborough Road. Greensborough Road would be kept open for local use.
Green bridges
walking, cycling and local traffic

1. New walking and bike riding path along Greensborough Road all the way up to the M80 Ring Road
2. Upgraded walking and bike riding path along Greensborough Road all the way to Lower Plenty Road and River Gum Walk
3. New walking and bike riding paths running north-south and east-west
4. New signalised crossing at Wattle Drive

1. Greensborough Road kept open for local trips and connected to Watsonia Road the station and shops
2. North East Link under Yallambie Road
3. North East Link under Blamey Road

See Greensborough Road from here on page 18
See Greensborough Road from here on page 20

Artist impression. Subject to change.

Green bridges and enhanced walking and cycling links.
Green bridges next to Greensborough Road
looking south

Green bridges and upgraded walking and bike riding path running next to Greensborough Road.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
North East Link and green bridges next to Greensborough Road
looking north

North East Link and green bridges running next to Greensborough Road.
North East Link tunnel entry
looking south

Tunnel entry at Blamey Road with ventilation structures located on what is currently Simpson Barracks land to reduce visual impacts for local residents.
Lower Plenty Road interchange
looking north

A long, narrow interchange to minimise impacts on communities and the environment.

See Greensborough Road from here on page 27
Lower Plenty Road interchange
looking south

Entry and exit ramps in and out of the North East Link tunnels.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Lower Plenty Road interchange
North East Link and local traffic

A new service road running next to Greensborough Road would distance homes on Strathallan Road from the interchange and prevent rat-running to and from North East Link.
Lower Plenty Road interchange
looking north

Entry and exit ramps in and out of the North East Link tunnels.
Lower Plenty Road interchange
North East Link and local traffic

1. Tunnel entry north towards M80 Ring Road
2. Tunnel exit south to turn left or right on Lower Plenty Road
3. Left hand turn from Greensborough Road to Lower Plenty Road
4. Left hand turn from Greensborough Road to Lower Plenty Road from Moorwatha Street, Newtown Road and Finlayson Street
5. Right hand turn from Lower Plenty Road to Greensborough Road
6. Right hand turn from Lower Plenty Road to Greensborough Road and Moorwatha Street, Newtown Road and Finlayson Street only
7. Local road
8. North East Link

New walking and bike riding link under Lower Plenty Road to connect River Gum Walk Trail.

Entry and exit ramps in and out of the North East Link tunnel and local connections between Greensborough Road and Lower Plenty Road kept for local use.
Lower Plenty Road interchange
looking south

A new walking and bike riding underpass connecting Greensborough Road to River Gum Walk Trail.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Greensborough Road
looking north

An upgraded walking and cycling path and new planting along Greensborough Road.
The Manningham Road interchange would be built from top down and then covered.

Structures that are part of the tunnel operation including a substation and an emergency smoke extraction vent and would be located above ground.

Other opportunities for how to use the rest of the area once the tunnels are built and covered over will be explored through a separate planning approval process.

The Manningham Road interchange would be built from top down and then covered.
Manningham Road interchange
traffic movements

Drivers would use ramps to get in and out of the North East Link tunnels.
Eastern Freeway interchange
looking north

New interchange and tunnel portals next to Bulleen Road.
Eastern Freeway interchange
traffic movements and new walking and cycling links

North East Link would connect seamlessly to the Eastern Freeway to keep traffic on both roads flowing freely in all directions. Bulleen Road would connect to the Eastern Freeway as it does today and be kept open for local use.

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Express lanes running in the middle of the Eastern Freeway would provide trips separated from merging traffic.
Eastern Freeway interchange
looking north

Doncaster Busway and proposed park and ride.
Bulleen Road
safer walking and cycling links and local connections

New signalised intersection and crossing at Marcellin College

New signalised intersection and crossing for Veneto Club, Carey Sports Complex and Bulleen Park

Upgraded access road to Veneto Club, Carey Sports Complex and Bulleen Park

Upgraded walking and bike riding path next to Bulleen Road with a connection to the Main Yarra Trail at Banksia Street

New pedestrian path on the west side of Bullen Road to provide paths on both sides of the road.

See Bulleen Road from here on page 35

Artist impression. Subject to change.

New signalised crossings and new and upgraded paths for walkers and bike riders.
**Bulleen Road**

safer walking and cycling links and local connections

New signalised intersection and crossing to make walking and cycling to Veneto Club, Carey Sports Complex and Bulleen Park safer and easier.

*Artist impression. Subject to change.*
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards Bulleen Road

Existing walking and bike riding trails, paths and bridges would be kept or rebuilt where needed.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards Bulleen Road

Existing walking and bike riding trails, paths and bridges kept or rebuilt where needed.
Koonung Creek Reserve
looking towards the city

Noise walls protecting homes near open spaces.

Walking path
Koonung Creek Trail
Noise wall

See Koonung Creek Reserve from here on page 39

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Koonung Creek Reserve
looking towards the city

New landscaping combining open space and planting to filter views of the Eastern Freeway and noise walls, Koonung Creek Reserve

Artist impression. Subject to change.
Eastern Freeway
cycling upgrades and Doncaster Busway looking towards Ringwood

Doncaster Busway passing under Chandler Highway and separating to run on both sides of the Eastern Freeway and connect with Hoddle Street.
Eastern Freeway bus and cycling upgrades
looking towards Ringwood

New bike bridge and Doncaster Busway running next to the Eastern Freeway.
Doncaster Road
looking towards city

Rebuilt Doncaster Road bridge, new Doncaster Busway and upgraded Eastern Freeway.
Doncaster Road
traffic, bus, walking and cycling movements

Doncaster Busway and new Koonung Creek Trail link passing under Doncaster Road.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
Approaching Elgar Road exit looking towards Ringwood

Separated express lanes in the centre of the Eastern Freeway to ease congestion caused by merging and weaving.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
Approaching Elgar Road exit looking towards Ringwood

Separated express lanes in the centre of the Eastern Freeway to ease congestion caused by merging and weaving.
**Koonung Creek Wetlands**

looking towards the city

New Disability Discrimination Act compliant walking and bike riding bridge connecting to the wetlands.
Koonung Creek Wetlands
looking towards the city

Separated express lanes in the centre of the Eastern Freeway to ease congestion caused by merging and weaving.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards Ringwood

Dedicated lanes separating drivers getting on and off the freeway to ease congestion and improve safety between Tram Road and Middleborough Road.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards Ringwood

Dedicated lanes separating drivers getting on and off the freeway to ease congestion and improve safety between Tram Road and Middleborough Road.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards city

Dedicated lanes separating drivers getting on and off the freeway to ease congestion and improve safety between Tram Road and Middleborough Road.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards city

Dedicated lanes separating drivers getting on and off the freeway to ease congestion and improve safety between Tram Road and Middleborough Road.
Eastern Freeway upgrades
looking towards city

Ramp metering (lights) at Springvale Road to better space traffic getting on the freeway and ease congestion that flows from here back into the Mullum Mullum tunnels.