

## Beecroft Road Bridge works

Beecroft Road Bridge crosses the Hills M2 Motorway in Cheltenham.

The motorway will be widened to provide one extra lane in each direction underneath Beecroft Road Bridge.

To accommodate widening of the motorway, the bridge will be modified from a current three span bridge to a two span bridge.

The bridge modification will involve temporary traffic changes both on the M2 Motorway and on Beecroft Road Bridge so that construction work can be carried out safely.



*An aerial view of the Beecroft Road Bridge*

The Beecroft Road bus ramp will be removed to facilitate the motorway widening in this section. This reduces the overall impact on the local surroundings including Devlins Creek and Epping Heights Public School.

The project team will implement intermittent lane closures at night in the period from June 2011 to mid 2012. A minimum of one traffic lane in each direction will remain open on the motorway. The local community and travelling public will be notified of any temporary full closures of Beecroft Road Bridge.

**This fact sheet will be updated as further information becomes available.**

**Q: Why does Beecroft Road Bridge need to be modified?**

A: The Beecroft Road Bridge needs to be modified to enable the M2 Motorway to be widened by one extra lane in each direction at this location.

**Q: Why does Beecroft Road bus ramp need to be removed?**

A: To accommodate the motorway widening within the existing footprint in this section, the Beecroft Road bus ramp will be removed. This will avoid construction work within Devlins Creek, Cheltenham Oval and Epping Heights Public School.

**Q: How will the modification be done?**

A: The bridge will be modified by increasing the length and capacity of existing beams, installing two new piers and demolishing the old ones. Once all of the existing piers have been demolished the motorway will be widened (using the space where the median bus lane is currently located) to provide three lanes plus a shoulder each way.

**Q: How long will it take to modify Beecroft Road Bridge and when will work begin?**

A: Work on the bridge started in February 2011. The work is scheduled to be complete in mid 2012. Demolition of the existing Beecroft Road bus ramp will be mainly undertaken during standard construction hours with some night time motorway closures required.

**Q: What impacts will the local community be likely to experience during construction?**

A: Construction impacts such as dust, noise and vibration may be experienced from the intermittent use of the following equipment both on and under Beecroft Road Bridge, including:

- Jack hammers
- Concrete saws
- Excavators and loaders
- Demolition equipment
- Line marking machines
- Trucks
- Asphalt laying machines

Changes to traffic conditions on the motorway and Beecroft Road will also be required to carry out this work and includes:

- Contraflow arrangements at night on the motorway may be required to allow access for plant and staff to the work area
- Traffic control on Beecroft Road may include speed reductions and potential partial closure on Beecroft Bridge to allow a safe zone. Two-way traffic will be maintained and signs will be in place.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained and any changes/diversions sign posted

**Q: How does the project team plan to manage traffic over the bridge during construction?**

**A:** Intermittent lane closures with a minimum single lane operating in each direction will be required on Beecroft Road Bridge. Lane closures will be outside of peak traffic periods.

**Q: Will there be any full closures of Beecroft Road Bridge during construction?**

**A:** Full closure of the bridge will be required on a few occasions to enable the construction team to undertake major construction activities safely, including concrete pours and tensioning work. Full closures will be scheduled on weekends and the local community and travelling public will be notified in advance of these dates.

**Q: Will pedestrians and cyclists still have access to the Beecroft Road Bridge?**

**A:** Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained on Beecroft Road Bridge during the construction period, except in the event of full bridge closures.

**Q: Was the community told about the need to modify Beecroft Road Bridge?**

**A:** Yes. The need to modify Beecroft Road Bridge was identified in the *M2 Upgrade Environmental Assessment* which was publicly displayed during May and June 2010.

**Q: When will we find out more about what is happening?**

**A:** The project team will keep the community informed via letterbox drop, site signs and the project website as further information becomes available.

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**Q: How can I contact the project team?**

**A: The community information line 1800 196 266** will be attended throughout the day and night during construction. Complaints received via the 1800 number will be responded to within two hours and investigation of the complaint will proceed at the earliest opportunity. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback please contact the project team on 1800 196 266 or email [enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au](mailto:enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au).

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