

The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



LALOR STREETScape UPGRADE

May and David Roads, Lalor, 3075

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist the Whittlesea City Council to deliver an economically and socially sustainable precinct for Lalor and the surrounding communities.

This project will deliver the last stage of the Lalor Streetscape Upgrade and will complete the vision of the Thomastown/Lalor Masterplan.

The improvements will enhance safety for pedestrians and promote walkability and community gathering. The project will also improve the traffic flow through the shopping precinct and attract future investment into the area.

The project will include:

- New community public realm space including seating, tables, street trees, landscaping and enhancements to the pavement.
- Narrowing the road's width, providing enhanced public space
- New public toilet amenity
- Improvement of vehicular flow with new vehicular turning radius and round-about
- Improvement of pedestrian safety with new pedestrian crossings and links.

Whittlesea City Council is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

Whittlesea City Council is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2018, the population of Whittlesea City Council grew 3.5 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow by 63.2 percent from around 223,300 in 2018, to about 364,500 in 2036.¹

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019



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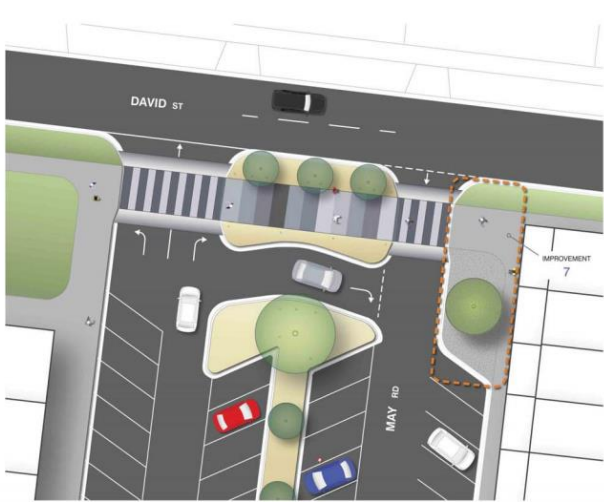


Figure 1: May Road Intersection with David Street concept design (Whittlesea City Council)



Figure 2: Existing intersection conditions (Whittlesea City Council)

Expected date of commencement: May 2020

Expected date of completion: December 2021

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,500,000

Other contributions:

Whittlesea City Council \$1,500,000

Other projects in the Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the 2019-20 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Quarry Hills Regional Parkland (\$2,500,000)
- Whittlesea Public Gardens Revitalisation (\$2,000,000)
- Whittlesea Community Skate Park Activation (\$375,000)
- McLeans Road Kindergarten Upgrade (\$500,000)

Whittlesea City Council received a total of \$6,875,000 million for five projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-2020.

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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