

Templestowe Road duplication



The problem

Increased traffic created by the NEL construction, thousands more people accessing the new Council sporting facilities and future development of the Yarra Valley Country Club is expected to increase congestion and significantly impact on pedestrian and road safety along the currently rural standard Templestowe Road.

Background

Council successfully negotiated with the Victorian Government to commence detailed planning work and a business case for the duplication and upgrade of Templestowe Road (2.8km) with shared pedestrian and bike paths along the north side. This business case is expected to be completed late 2021.

Duplication of Templestowe Road is possible within the existing Public Acquisition Overlay located on the north side of the road between Elizabeth Street and Thompsons Road.

A duplication can be provided for in accordance with the VicRoads Safe Systems Approach, which generally requires that a new arterial duplicated road must be constructed with a median to reduce the likelihood of head on collisions.

Our preliminary assessments exclude Templestowe Road west/south of Elizabeth Street (i.e. between Manningham Road and Elizabeth Street) as the North East Link project, and in particular by the Manningham Road interchange design, will greatly impact this section of the road.

The Solution

Duplicate Templestowe Road from Bridge Street to Thompsons Road in a staged approach across two financial years.

The Ask

Locked in funding is now required for the construction of the road to ensure it is constructed by the time NEL is operational.

Council has determined that the preliminary cost of construction of this road is in the order \$55 million.

Economy and employment

- Total output, including all direct, supply chain and consumption effects, is estimated to increase by over \$111 million over the three-year project
- The consumption effects under this scenario is estimated to further boost employment by 95 full time equivalent jobs

Source: RemPLAN Data



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