

FUNCTIONAL LAYOUT DESIGN – BALLARTO ROAD & LYREBIRD DRIVE INTERSECTION, CARRUM DOWNS

—Design Memo



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

DoT is seeking to improve the efficiency and safety of the Ballarto Road/ Lyrebird Drive intersection in Carrum Downs, Victoria. Ballarto Road is an arterial road managed by DoT, with Lyrebird Drive owned and maintained by Frankston City Council. The intersection is currently a T-junction with a channelised right-turn treatment and an auxiliary left-turn treatment on Ballarto Road going into Lyrebird Drive. There is a bus stop on each side of the carriageway on Ballarto Road just east of the intersection. There are currently no pedestrian crossing facilities provided on Ballarto Road. Traffic peaks at an hourly intersection throughput of approximately 1,900 to 2,000 vehicles during the PM peak.

Proposed upgrade works include signalising and widening of the intersection to accommodate an additional auxiliary through lane on Ballarto Road in each direction, dedicated right-turn and left-turn auxiliary lanes on Ballarto Road into Lyrebird Drive, and provision of pedestrian operated signals across the intersection in both directions. The upgrade works will significantly improve vehicle and pedestrian safety and improve the overall efficiency of the intersection.

DoT has developed two options for the upgrade works undertaken to date. The latest option, which minimises the removal of existing trees, is currently a concept design. The current phase of the project involves the functional layout development based on the selected concept design, with further optimisation to minimise impact to existing trees, existing utilities and to private properties whilst still achieving the overall project objectives.

2 DESIGN STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

2.1 Road Design Criteria

The design adopted for the functional layout design is in accordance with the reference documents listed below in Table 1.

Table 1: Reference Standards

VicRoads Standard Drawings VicRoads Supplements to Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 3, 4, 4A, and 6 Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 3, 4, 4A, and 6 VicRoads Road Design Notes 06-06, and 06-08 Australian Standards – AS1742.1: General introduction and index of signs Australian Standards – AS1742.2: Traffic control devices for general use Australian Standards – AS1742.10: Pedestrian control and protection Australian Standards – AS1742.12: Bus, transit, tram, and truck lanes

3 DESIGN

3.1 Road Design

The proposed intersection design has been undertaken in accordance with Australian guidelines and relevant VicRoads supplements. A design speed of 70km/h for Ballarto Road (declared road), matching the posted limit has been adopted. A design speed of 50km/h for Lyrebird Drive (local road), matching the posted limit has been adopted. An approach sight distance of 70m for Lyrebird Drive has been adopted, with a safe intersection sight distance of 115m and 125m adopted for the Ballarto Road western and eastern approaches respectively.

Following the project inception meeting with DoT on 25 March 2021, it was determined to retain the current Ballarto Road centreline and widen to both the north and south of the current pavement limits rather than shifting the intersection geometry to the north to avoid impacting existing trees along the southern road reserve. It was also agreed to adopt a common through and auxiliary lane width of 3.3m, with a minimum 3.0m lane width adopted for turning bays. BG&E have matched closely to the existing road geometry along both Ballarto Road and Lyrebird Drive in the provided functional layout.

Lane diverge and merge lengths have been designed to meet the minimum Austroads requirements for the nominated design speeds, with vehicle storage confirmed via SIDRA modelling. A 120m long auxiliary lane has been provided on the Ballarto Road western approach to the intersection, with a 75m auxiliary lane on the eastern approach. A storage/deceleration length of 30m for the westernmost left-turn entry into the Ballarto Road service road has been provided, with around 70m storage/deceleration nominated for the left-turn lane into Lyrebird Drive. A short storage/deceleration length of around 15m has been provided at the Ballarto Road left-turn into the service road just east of the Lyrebird Drive intersection due to existing geometric constraints, with a storage/deceleration length of 94m adopted for the right-turn lane into Lyrebird Drive.

Swept path analysis of the proposed works was undertaken using a 12.5m SU truck/bus design vehicle for all movements (see below), with a 19m semi-trailer used as the checking vehicle. A minimum lane width of 3.5m adopted has been adopted in Lyrebird Drive, with the road curvature matching the existing conditions. It is noted that the dual right turn lanes from Lyrebird Drive onto Ballarto Road shown in DoT's concept have been reduced to a single right turn lane following SIDRA analysis. A dedicated left turn lane from Lyrebird Drive onto Ballarto Road with new concrete splitter island has been provided, requiring the existing eastern kerb alignment to be demolished and reconstructed and necessitating the removal of two existing street trees. The nose of the existing Lyrebird Drive grassed median has also been shortened to accommodate the auxiliary Ballarto Road eastbound through lane.

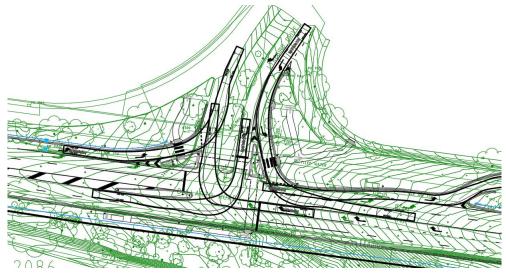


Figure 1 - Swept Path Envelopes

The proposed left turn lane into the service road east of the Lyrebird Drive intersection requires that the existing bus bay be relocated east of the service road access. The existing westbound bus bay location has likewise been relocated to the departure side of the intersection in accordance with the VicRoads Supplement to 1742.12. Pedestrian connectivity and safety have been significantly improved with the addition of pedestrian operated signal infrastructure, zebra crossings, and footpath connections. There is scope to create a connection south to the Peninsula Link Shared Trail at a future date.

Guard fence has been provided along both sides of Ballarto Road to protect existing vegetation and services infrastructure. To reduce impact on existing service infrastructure and vegetation, a minimum guard fence offset of 0.5m has been adopted along the northern side of Ballarto Road. A nominal 3.0m guard fence offset to the line of kerb along the southern road reserve was adopted to facilitate the relocated bus bay and pedestrian path connection, however there is scope to reduce the guard fence offset and to create a 'break' in the guard fence at the proposed bus bay to further reduce impact on vegetation. An indicative road acquisition boundary and retaining wall alignment has been provided at a fixed 5.0m offset from the proposed southern line of kerb (approximately 1330m² property acquisition required as shown in blue below).

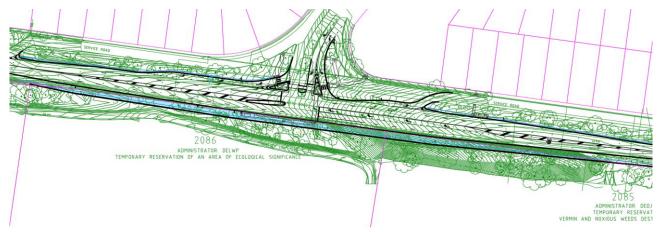


Figure 2 - Indicative road acquisition boundary

Please refer to the Functional Layout Plans: DRG No. DRG-CI-1001_1003 for further details.

3.2 Existing Services

Following a site inspection and studying the supplied survey data, the following services have been identified for potential adjustment or relocation to suit the proposed works.

- Electricity The existing overhead electrical infrastructure along the northern road reserve of Ballarto Road falls within the proposed pavement widening works and will therefore require relocation or undergrounding.
- Water Existing recycled and potable water services have been identified running along Ballarto Road's northern verge area and through the Lyrebird Drive intersection. Minimal impact to the existing water services from the proposed works is anticipated.
- Gas Minimal impact to the various existing gas services in the area is anticipated.
- Telecommunications Existing underground Telecommunications services are present along both sides of Ballarto Road. Minimal impact is anticipated to these services along the northern side of Ballarto Road (the footpath east of the Lyrebird Drive intersection has been designed to avoid impacting a large telecommunications chamber), however the relocation of underground telecommunications services at two locations along Ballarto Road's southern verge have been identified.
- Drainage Minor stormwater drainage works to suit the proposed pavement widening are anticipated. Due to the proposed formalisation of Ballarto Road with new kerb and channel, additional side entry pits along the road alignment directing flows south to the Peninsula Link Trail are anticipated (to be further investigated during detailed design).

3.3 Existing Vegetation

Existing trees indicatively marked for removal have been identified on the functional layout plan in red, including approximately 66x trees along the southern reserve, and around 12x on the northern side of Ballarto Road. Additional tree removal may be required pending arboricultural assessment and determination of tree protection zone (TPZ) and other requirements such as confirmation of guard fence deflection/roll allowance, retaining wall construction, services relocations/adjustments etc. (to be further investigated during detailed design).