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MAJOR INTERSECTION UPGRADE AT ALCHESTER VILLAGE COMPLETE

The Allan Labor Government is keeping drivers on the move at the busy Alchester Village intersection in Boronia, with major upgrades now complete.

Improvements to the intersection of Mountain Highway, Colchester Road and Albert Avenue intersection in Boronia have wrapped up with the addition of new signals, additional lanes and safer crossings.

Crews worked to remove the previous single-lane roundabout, replacing it with new dedicated turning lanes and new traffic lights to improve traffic flow and safety.

Signalised pedestrian crossings have also been installed on all approaches to the intersection, and raised pedestrian platforms have been introduced in the slip lanes on the northwest and southeast corners.

Upgraded street lighting is improving visibility in the area, along with new line markings will guide traffic safely through the intersection – while new concrete kerbs and centre medians have also been installed at the intersection, and a new asphalt surface has been laid.

Safety has been improved for cyclists travelling through the intersection, with upgraded bike lanes on Mountain Highway, increasing their visibility by providing a separate space to stop in front of other vehicles at a red light and allowing them to set off before other traffic.

Public transport users, including school students accessing Boronia Heights Primary School, are also benefitting from this upgrade, with a bus stop moved closer to the intersection for easier access to signalised pedestrian crossings.

A separate 'bus only' lane has been created on Albert Avenue, enabling route 690 buses to enter and exit the bus stop without impeding traffic and to turn right at Mountain Highway thanks to a dedicated right-turn signal.

This project was funded as part of the Labor Government's \$117 million Local Road and Intersection Upgrade program.

Quotes attributable to Minster for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Everyone travelling through this intersection will benefit from these upgrades – whether you're catching the bus to work or school, walking over to the local shops or driving through on your way to visit the Dandenong Ranges."

"We know how important major intersections are for connecting communities with their loved ones, their livelihoods and the essential services they rely on each day, which is why we're delivering upgrades where they are needed."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor

"These upgrades are already providing huge benefits to everyone using this intersection, by improving road safety and traffic flow for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers."

"Huge thanks to everyone for your patience while we got this done and for supporting local traders".