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Dear Resident/Business Owner,

RE: Racecourse Road bridge safety works, Kensington

We're implementing treatments on Racecourse Road to protect the low clearance rail bridge near Newmarket Station and create a safer road environment for all road users.

Racecourse Road near Newmarket Station has a low clearance rail bridge (3.7 metre high), allowing the Cragieburn train line to pass over. There have been repeated incidents involving over-height trucks colliding with the bridge or striking overhead tram wires. These incidents are not only dangerous and pose a serious safety risk to everyone on the road, but they also disrupt critical public transport services causing congestion and costly repairs.

What we're doing

We're implementing treatments to protect the bridge and tram lines and to create a safer road environment for all road users. Treatments include:

- Restricting right-turn movements into and out from Bellair Street at Racecourse Road by installing flexible bollards.
- Relocating the over-height truck bay from one of the traffic lanes on Racecourse Road to the nearby car share parking spots.
- Installing 30 additional wayfinding and advanced warning signs to detour over-height trucks.
- Upgrading overhead electronic signs with over-height truck detection technology to direct over-height trucks to approved routes.

When to expect us

Works are expected to commence in **August** and be completed by the **end of September 2025**. During works, you can expect changed traffic conditions in place including temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits. If travelling through the area, please observe all traffic management and follow the direction of traffic controllers.

Why are you banning the right turn into and out of Bellair Street at Racecourse Road?

We're banning right turns at the Bellair Street and Racecourse Road intersection to make the area safer and keep traffic moving. Vehicles turning right often conflict with trams, block traffic and tram services, and create congestion. In addition to the other treatments, banning all right turns by installing flexible bollards will help prevent trucks from striking over-head tram lines when making a right turn or an illegal U-turn. This change will also improve visibility for pedestrian and bike riders, making the intersection safer for everyone.

Alternate routes for Bellair Street access

- Drivers travelling east on Racecourse Road to access Bellair Street can make a U-turn at the Stubbs Street intersection and turn left into Bellair Street.
- Drivers on Bellair Street wanting to travel east can turn left onto Racecourse Road and make a U-turn at the Racecourse Road and Epsom roundabout.

Find out more

To stay up to date with this project, please visit our website (transport.vic.gov.au) and search 'Racecourse Road bridge safety improvement works'. If you have any questions, please get in touch with our team via email to DOTroadprojects@transport.vic.gov.au or phone on **133 778**.

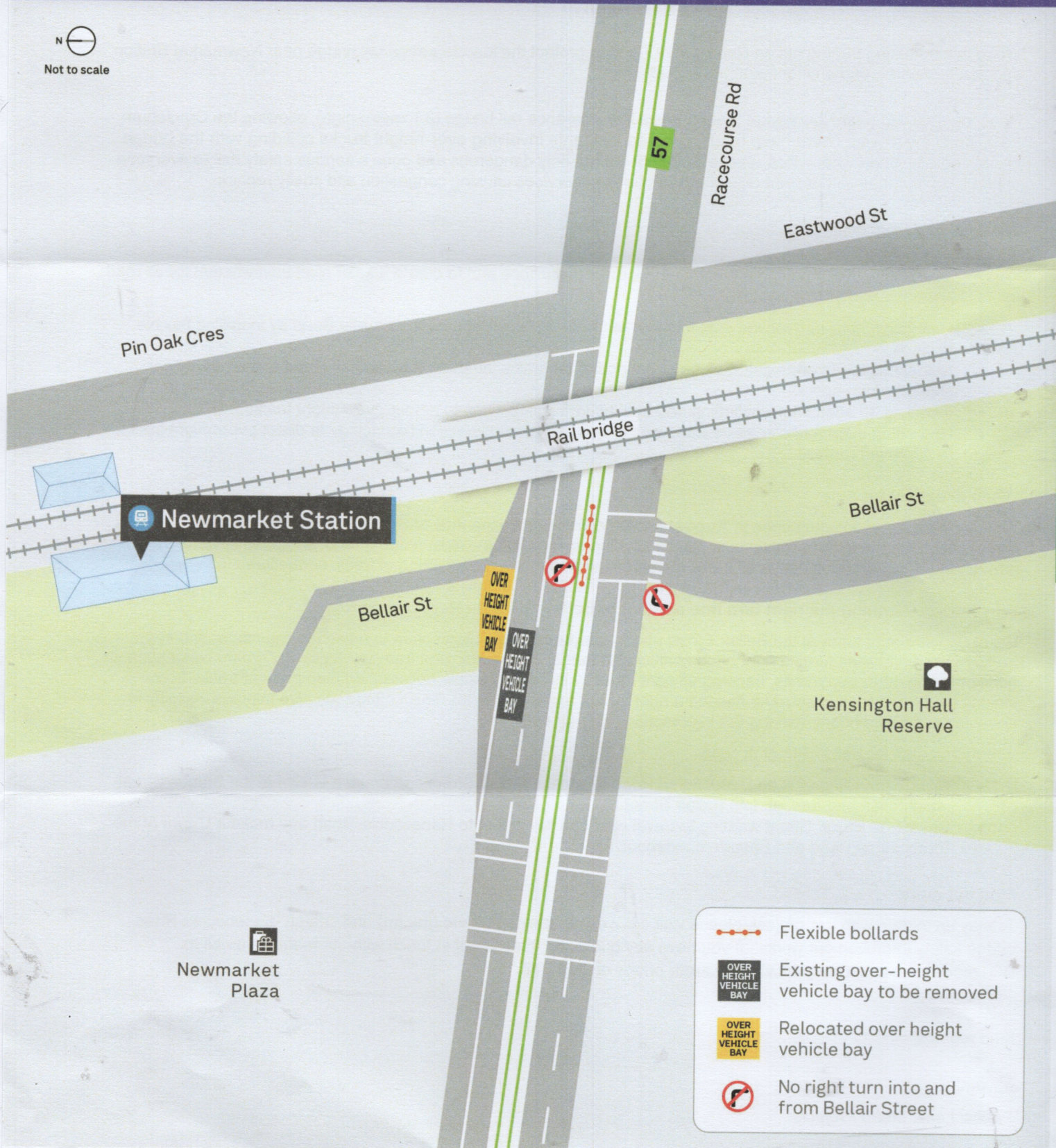
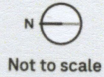
Kind regards,

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Racecourse Road bridge, Kensington

Safety improvements



-  Flexible bollards
-  Existing over-height vehicle bay to be removed
-  Relocated over height vehicle bay
-  No right turn into and from Bellair Street