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SAFER SPEED LIMIT FOR IVANHOE SHOPPING STRIP

The Andrews Labor Government is making walking and cycling in Ivanhoe safer with a reduced speed limit of 40km/h being introduced along sections of Upper Heidelberg Road and Livingstone Street.

Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines has welcomed the \$495,000 safety upgrade which will address a significant history of crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists in the area including one fatality.

The new permanent speed limit will apply along Upper Heidelberg Road between Salisbury Avenue and Studley Road and Livingstone Street between Upper Heidelberg Road and Dudley Street.

The project will see six new electronic variable speed signs installed as well as reprogramming of the existing traffic and pedestrian signals.

The safer 40km/h speed limit will reduce the likelihood of pedestrians being injured while carrying out their shopping and recreation activities in this popular shopping strips.

Many pedestrians and cyclists travel on these sections of Upper Heidelberg Road and Livingstone Street which is close to Ivanhoe Girls Grammar and Ivanhoe Primary School.

The safety improvements this project delivers will benefit all road users by having the right speeds in place and protect vulnerable road users by reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes.

Over a five year period there have been a high number of serious injuries including one fatality in this area particularly those involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The reduced speed limit is supported by Victoria Police, Banyule City Council, Public Transport Victoria and Ventura Bus Lines.

A lower speed limit will also ensure safe and reliable travel for the 24,000 vehicles that use Upper Heidelberg Road and the 22,000 vehicles that use Livingstone Street every day by reducing the chances of a crash occurring.

The project will be delivered by VicRoads as part of the Safe System Road Infrastructure Program, funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) to support projects across Victoria that achieve specific and immediate safety benefits.

Works are expected to start in February 2016 and be completed by the end of May 2016.

Quotes attributable to Member for Ivanhoe, Anthony Carbines MP

"We have already had one pedestrian killed in this area. That is one person too many."

"We are providing a safer environment for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and children as they travel to and from school."