



ROADS

BUSINESS CASE FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE HIGH STREET AND HAMILTON STREET INTERSECTION

Mitchell Shire Council is seeking a commitment from VicRoads to develop a business case to evaluate the best solution for the upgrade of the High Street and Hamilton Street intersection in Broadford to improve connectivity and safety in the town.

THE ASK

That VicRoads prepare a business case for the future upgrade of the intersection of High Street and Hamilton Street in Broadford.

THE BENEFITS

The upgrade of High Street and Hamilton Street intersection in Broadford, will ensure safe and fluent connectivity throughout the town. As Broadford's population grows, the safety of pedestrians, cars and trucks to efficiently navigate the High Street and Hamilton Street intersection is becoming an increasing issue. The intersection is the only available connection point for both current and future residents on the south/west side of the railway line to reach the Northern Highway, Hume Highway, local schools and main street shops (see attached map). Therefore, by upgrading this intersection with the best possible solution devised by the business case, the residents in the south/west estates of Broadford will have safer access to town facilities and greater connectivity to the town and beyond.

CURRENT SITUATION

Mitchell Shire has a current population of approximately 45,000¹ and is one of the fastest growing councils in Victoria². In the next 25-30 years, our population is expected to grow to over 230,000³.

Broadford is one of the main towns within the Shire and is already being affected by the rapid population growth occurring, with the current population of 6,000 predicted to grow to over 11,000 in the next 30 years³.

High Street through Broadford is a VicRoads managed state arterial road that provides a link between Broadford and Kilmore and the Hume Freeway. In recent years, traffic volumes using High Street in Broadford has steadily increased due to growth in both Broadford and Kilmore townships, making intersections along this road throughout the town increasingly dangerous and difficult to navigate. In particular, one intersection that connects the new growing estate in the south/west of Broadford has become of particular concern.

Hamilton Street is a Council managed local road and is the sole road connection across the Melbourne - Sydney Railway Line to the south/west part of the Broadford township. A significant portion of Broadford's current and future growth is being experienced in this part of Broadford (see attached map). As vehicle movements at the intersection of High Street and Hamilton Street continue to grow, this intersection will become increasingly dangerous, and the liveability for residents of Broadford will deteriorate as connectivity throughout the town becomes unsafe and difficult to navigate.

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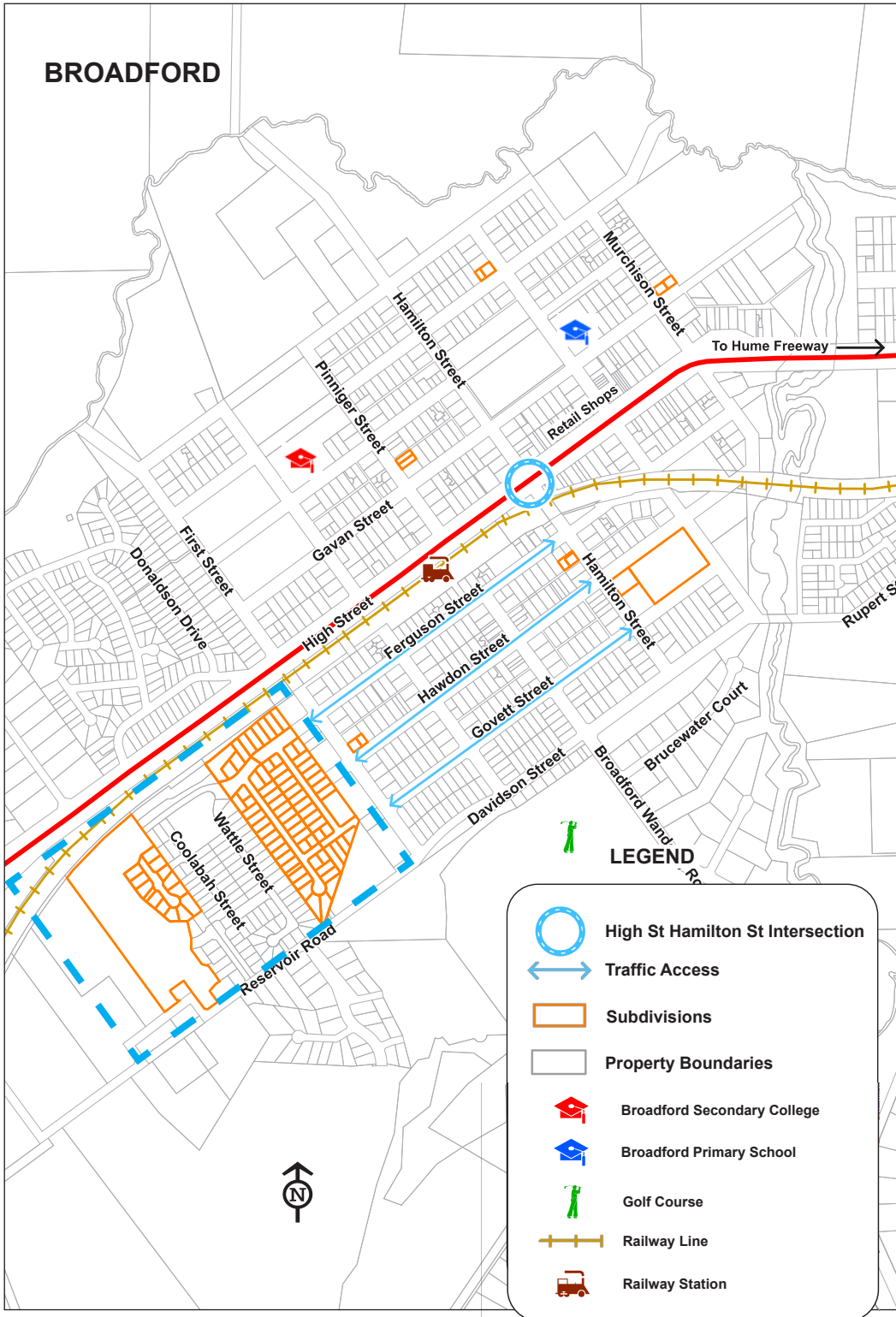
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