

Brighton Road, Sandgate, safety and accessibility improvements

FAQs

Why does Fourth Avenue need to be left in/left out access only?

Drivers turning right from Fourth Avenue onto Brighton Road need to navigate busy traffic from multiple directions while also watching for people crossing the road, which creates a potential conflict zone. Changing movements to left-in/left-out only will help reduce these risks and improve safety for everyone on the road.

Why can't we move the crossing near Fourth Avenue?

High volumes of people cross in this location. Moving the crossing would make it less convenient, leading to lower use and reduced safety. We investigated moving the crossing slightly north, however this was not feasible as bus stops and significant underground services would need to be relocated.

What is a staggered 2-stage zebra crossing?

A staggered 2-stage zebra crossing allows pedestrians to cross a wide road in two separate stages, using a central refuge island for safety. On Brighton Road, there is already a 2-stage zebra crossing, but the new design will stagger the crossings and add fencing. This means the 2 zebra crossings will be slightly offset, so when you reach the refuge in the middle, you naturally turn to face oncoming traffic before crossing the next section. The fenced refuge provides a safe, protected space that improves visibility for pedestrians and people driving on Brighton Road.

Why are we installing a staggered 2-stage zebra crossing instead of keeping the current zebra crossing near Fourth Avenue?

Brighton Road is wide, and the current 2-stage zebra crossing is straight, which means some people try to cross both sections in one go. Staggering the crossings makes it safer by encouraging people to stop, check for traffic and travel when it's clear. The fenced refuge gives everyone a protected waiting area and improves visibility for both pedestrians and drivers, reducing the risk of crashes.

Why is the crossing near Fifth Avenue not a staggered two-stage zebra crossing?

The road isn't wide enough to install a 2-staged crossing in this section of Brighton Road. Instead, we're changing the zebra crossing to a raised platform to encourage drivers to slow down on approach, allowing more time for people driving and crossing the road to safely see each other.

Why do we need to remove 2 trees?

2 Poinciana trees need to be removed near the upgraded zebra crossings at Fourth Avenue to improve visibility for motorists and pedestrians and construct the new crossing. We're replanting 1 Poinciana tree and 1 Delonix tree nearby and will plant additional vegetation in the area.