

Funding Received for Court Street Foster

Council has successfully sought \$540,000 for the reconstruction of Court Street, Foster between Station Road and Nelson Street. The money, from Regional Roads Victoria, will be used for:

- the reconstruction of the existing road pavement, which is in poor condition;
- the construction of new kerb and channelling;
- minor drainage works;
- replacement of the existing footpath between Station Road and Hyland Street; and
- the extension of the footpath on the south side of Court Street between Hyland and Nelson Streets.

Council's Manager of Infrastructure Delivery, John Moylan, was pleased that the project was going ahead. "These works will result in improved access and connectivity into and around Main Street, particularly with regard to increased pedestrian accessibility, connectivity and safety. It will provide a continuous footpath route, good surface grip and an even surface that is free of trip hazards to the Community House and also for residents at the eastern end of Court Street. All of this will encourage a greater level of foot traffic.

"The project will also reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and result in fewer commercial vehicles travelling through the main shopping strip," said Mr Moylan.

"The upgrade of the Main Street streetscape was designed to make this shopping precinct more pedestrian friendly. In doing so, the new kerb outstands at the corner of Main Street and Station Road has made access for heavy vehicles through this intersection more difficult. This project will encourage commercial drivers to use Court Street as a parallel route, keeping heavy vehicles out of the main shopping precinct."

Works are expected to commence early 2019 and – weather permitting – will be complete by mid-2019.

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