

# WEST HOBART

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT

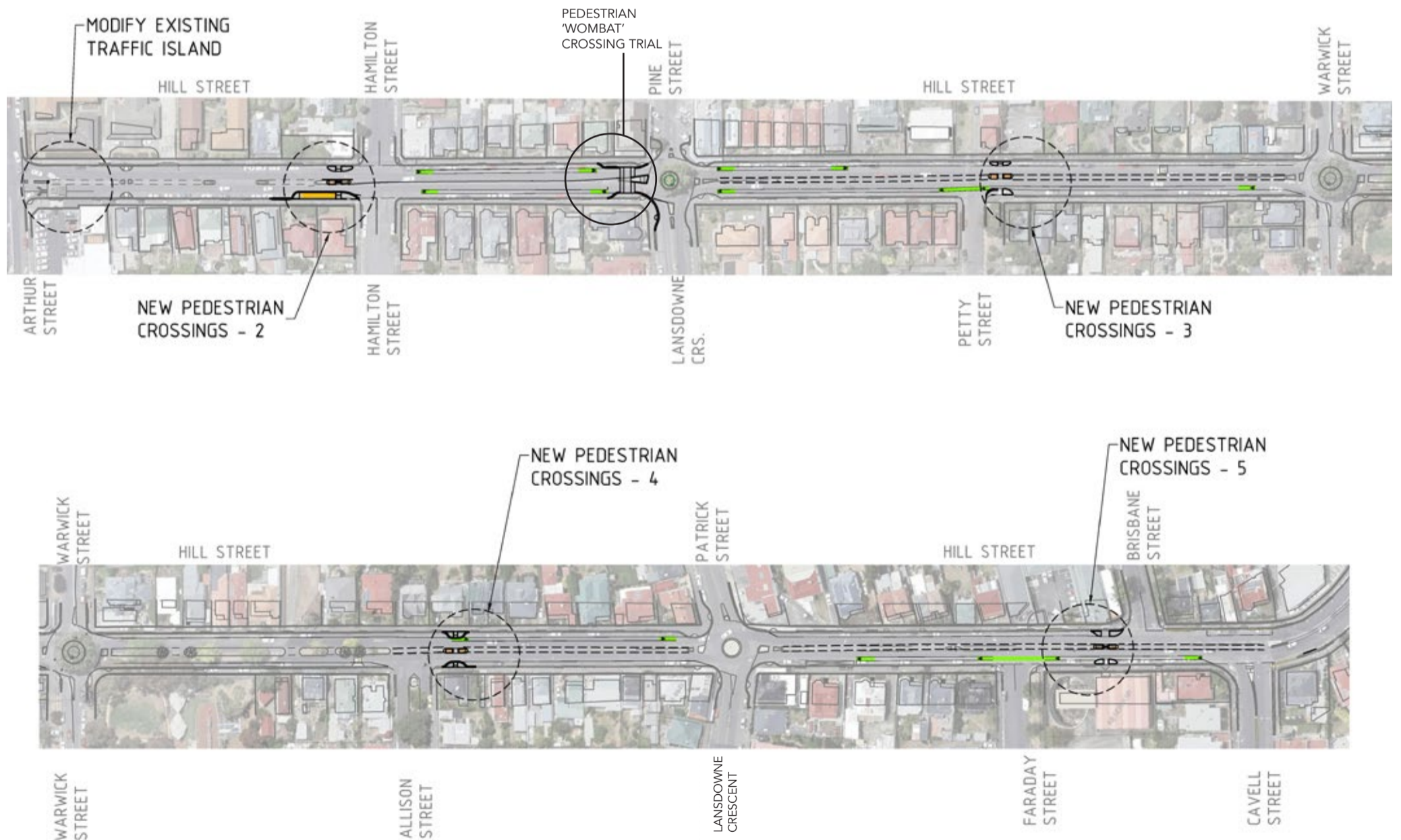
The City of Hobart will be undertaking improvement works on Hill Street to make West Hobart safer for all road users. New pedestrian crossings and bike lanes are included in the project.

The improvements will enhance pedestrian safety in what is a busy area. The proposed works will make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road and may help to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling along Hill Street. Landscaping of the crossings will also occur to make them more attractive.

The works involve the construction of five new pedestrian crossings along Hill Street, which includes a six-month trial of a raised 'wombat' crossing on Hill Street, immediately north of Pine Street.

Improvements to the outbound bus stop near Hamilton Street will include seating and a new bus 'platform', creating easier access for passengers entering or exiting a bus.

The City of Hobart is also investing in more bike lanes to promote safe cycling and to reduce congestion.



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. Why is the City of Hobart installing a 'wombat' crossing?

The City of Hobart engaged with the West Hobart community to receive feedback on planned pedestrian improvements. The decision to install a 'wombat' crossing, a marked pedestrian 'zebra' crossing on a raised hump across the road, was made following a request from the West Hobart Environment Network.

The proposed installation of the 'wombat' crossing was advertised by public notice, and community members were given the opportunity to submit representations regarding the proposal before it went to Council in April 2018.

The crossing will be used as a trial. If deemed a success, the crossing will remain with the possibility of additional crossings installed in other locations on Hill Street.

#### 2. When will construction start - and when will it end?

The crew will start setting up from 4 June 2018.

The construction works will take between 12 to 14 weeks to complete and will finish in spring 2018.

#### 3. Where will works start?

Work will proceed as follows:

- Construction will commence at the Brisbane Street end of Hill Street and head north at the completion of each crossing.
- The installation of the 'wombat' crossing and associated maintenance work will begin in July 2018.
- Footpath renewal and pedestrian improvements planned for Hamilton Street will commence at the completion of the Hill Street pedestrian improvements works.

#### 4. How will this affect the traffic?

Two-way traffic will be maintained as much as possible during construction, with only occasional lane closures when required for safety reasons.

The installation of the raised 'wombat' crossing will require a full road closure. This will take place on a weekend and during working hours only. Access will be available to local traffic, with detours in place for all other vehicles.

Once complete, the project will provide calmer traffic conditions to help increase pedestrian safety in the busy West Hobart area. Although the function of the road will remain the same, narrower travel lanes for vehicles will provide for a safer environment for all road users.

The installation of on-road bicycle lanes will also improve safety for cyclists.

#### 5. How will this affect the bus stops?

During the construction of Bus Stop 18 on Hill Street opposite AA Lord retirement village, a temporary stop will be installed. Consultation with Metro Tasmania has ensured that the temporary bus stop will be located as close as possible to the current site.

More information regarding the relocated bus stop will be available closer to the start of the works.

At the completion of the new bus landing, Metro buses stopping at Bus Stop 18 will stop within the traffic lane to let passengers on and off. It is not expected to cause an unacceptable increase in delays to traffic.

#### 6. Will I be able to access the shops and services?

Yes. We will ensure that pedestrian access is maintained to the shops, properties and bus stops during construction.

#### 7. Will there be changes to on-street parking?

Some parking spaces on Hill Street may be unavailable during construction work. Officers will personally communicate with affected businesses.

Once the works are complete, there may be some loss of parking due to the space required for the new pedestrian crossing.

#### 8. How can I contact someone regarding the works?

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Before work starts, Council officers will visit businesses and residences in the vicinity of the works to discuss specific operational requirements and needs.