

IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT WITH 'RED CARPET' TREATMENT

Honcho Boss Mats ('Red Carpet') provide visible, slip-resistant temporary pathways for pedestrians to identify and navigate construction sites safely.

These heavy-duty mats utilised in multiple areas throughout the Pound Road West Project have proved highly effective in safely guiding pedestrians through the site.

The heavy-duty mats make it easy for pedestrians to determine the best route to take through site and provide a safe, slip resistant walkway through rough, slippery, or uneven locations.



Red carpet in use at MRPV – Pound Road West and Frankston Bridge Upgrade

The Situation

On the Pound Road West Project works involved extensive excavations, service relocations and the construction of a shared user path along each side of Remington Drive and Pound Road. As a result of these works, the route that pedestrians would have ordinarily taken through the site was compromised.

Gravel and asphalts were considered as alternative arrangements. However, these were deemed unsuitable.

The Solution

The Honcho Heavy Duty Mats were introduced to the project as a means of addressing the hazards which had been introduced into the area due to construction works.

The mats make it clear for pedestrians to see the safest route through site and discourage shortcuts through potentially unsafe areas from being taken.

The mats are often used to guide pedestrians into areas where there are additional safety barriers or fences already in place separating them primarily from excavations, but also lifting operations, concreting, and service installations etc.

Benefits and learnings

The red carpets have made a difference attracting pedestrians to choose them over short cuts through the site. Further, the mats offer slip resistant foot holds for pedestrians even during adverse weather conditions.

Up to 50% benefit in terms of cost compared to temporary gravel paths or cold asphalt – without the reusable factor of the red carpet. The cost savings is a combination of materials/equipment, number of workers involved and installation time.

The red carpet was used extensively down each side of Remington Drive and Pound Road West, also in the centre median for when works were occurring on the nature strip. Over 650 metres of carpet was purchased in April 2022 and reused for the duration of the project.

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