

Upcoming Disruptions

Works Notification

August 2026

BIG BUILD
EASTERN FREEWAY

We're upgrading the Eastern Freeway with new express lanes, new traffic management technology, Melbourne's first express busway and a seamless connection to North East Link.



From 10pm, Friday 14 August to 5am, Monday 17 August

Eastern Freeway closed in both directions between Bulleen and Springvale roads

From 10pm, Friday 14 August to mid-September

Thompsons Road closed between Bulleen Road and Thompsons Road
Ringwood-bound entry ramp to the Eastern Freeway

From 9pm, Tuesday 18 August to mid-September

Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp to the Eastern Freeway closed

Eastern Freeway closure

We'll close the Eastern Freeway in both directions between Bulleen Road and Springvale Road, to lift and install a large structure that forms part of the citybound exit ramp from the new North East Link tunnels to the Eastern Freeway.

This ramp is the longest and tallest ramp across the entire North East Link project and a significant milestone for the project. The structure being lifted is 75 metres long, weighs 572 tonnes and is made up of nine large beams.

We'll also continue building new noise walls, installing new on-road technology and carry out pavement works during this weekend closure.

Additional freeway closures will take place throughout 2026, and we'll notify you ahead of time.

Delays of up to 90 minutes are expected during peak travel times.

We encourage motorists to plan ahead during this closure, allow extra time and avoid the area if possible. If you are travelling to the city or airport, consider using alternative arterials including the Monash Freeway or the M80.

Thompsons Road and Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp closures

We'll close Thompsons Road to build the permanent road alignment, complete tie in works to the newly widened Bulleen Road bridge and continue to build the elevated ramps connecting an upgraded Eastern Freeway into the new North East Link Tunnels.

We'll also close the Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp after the weekend freeway closure is completed. Works include delivering and installing large beams to construct elevated ramps.

Delays of up to 30 minutes are expected during peak travel times.



Closure reminder

From 9pm, Tuesday 4 August to mid-October

Doncaster Road Ringwood-bound entry ramp to the Eastern Freeway closed.



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Eastern Freeway closure



What we're doing

Where	Activity
Burke Road to Bulleen Road	- Moving traffic barriers - Concrete works to build permanent traffic barriers and installing screens on Columba bridge
Bulleen Road to Doncaster Road and Bulleen interchange including Bulleen Park & Ride	- Lifting and installing large beams on top of bridge structures over the freeway - Moving traffic barriers to set up a safe working area and building crane platforms - Delivering and assembling beams with hand tools - Delivering, placing, compacting and removing earth material - Concreting, steel fixing and traffic barrier and noise wall installation for the new elevated ramps and freeway alignment - Installing concrete barriers and screens on the newly widened Bulleen Road bridge - Installing new signage, light poles, drainage and traffic signal cabling - Cutting and removing metal sheets - Demolition of concrete barriers at the Bulleen Park & Ride and site preparation works - Asphaltting works
Walking and cycling bridge at Estelle Street	- Installing new traffic signals and electrical cables
Doncaster interchange to Tram Road including Doncaster Park & Ride	- Demolition of existing sections of the Doncaster Road bridge - Delivering and installing concrete panels and traffic barriers on bridges - Concreting and steel fixing works to build bridges and retaining walls - Installing drainage on the Doncaster Road citybound exit ramp, at the intersection of Winfield Road. Winfield Road intersection will be closed during this weekend closure. - Delivering, placing and removing earth material - Installing electrical cables, light poles, noise wall post and panels, and asphaltting - Carrying out concreting works and installing and removing metal scaffolding - Installing new traffic signal and lighting services - Installing panels to build retaining walls - Constructing foundations for overhead structures

What to expect

Where	When	What to expect
Eastern Freeway, between Bulleen and Springvale roads	10pm, Friday 14 August to 5am, Monday 17 August	- Medium to high levels of noise and vibration from machinery and equipment - Increase in construction vehicles, trucks and machinery in the area - Delays of up to 90 minutes during peak travel times - Detours in place (see above)
Citybound and Ringwood-bound entry ramps	10pm, Friday 14 August to 5am, Monday 17 August	- Ramp closures - Right-turn movements on detour routes to help ease congestion
Thompsons Road	10pm, Friday 14 August to mid-September	- Road closed between Bulleen Road and Bulleen Park & Ride
Walking and cycling bridge at Estelle Street	10pm, Friday 14 August to 5am, Monday 17 August	- Traffic management in place

Keeping you moving

During these closures we'll implement a range of measures to manage traffic flow and ease congestion on the detour routes, including:

- closing some freeway ramps and banning some right-hand turns
- installing no stopping signs on major roads
- monitoring and adjusting traffic signals where needed.

Managing impacts

During these works we'll manage impacts by:

- monitoring noise, dust and vibration levels during works, when required
- directing lighting away from residential properties
- completing noisier works earlier in the night, where possible
- providing signage, traffic controllers and detours to guide you.

Keeping in touch

We'll be out talking to residents and businesses about these works in more detail, including how we'll be managing any local impacts.

Call **1800 105 105** anytime or visit:

Project Information Centre
284 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North
Tuesday to Thursday, 9am to 12 midday and 1pm to 3pm

Thompsons Road and Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp closure



When	Activity	What to expect
Thompsons Road		
10pm, Friday 14 August to mid-September	- Installing large beams, concrete panels, traffic barriers and noise wall post and panels - Concrete works including large concrete pours - Installing drainage, light pole and traffic signal services - Excavating, profiling, asphaltting, kerb construction and line marking - Bored piling to build traffic barriers foundations - Removing ground covering vegetation	- Delays of up to 30 minutes during peak travel times - Detours in place (see above) - Changes to bus routes 905, 280 and 200. See signage at bus stops or visit transport.vic.gov.au - Overnight Thompsons Road Ringwood-bound entry ramp closures - Moderate to high levels of noise during 24/7 works - Traffic management at times to assist pedestrians
Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp		
9pm, Tuesday 18 August to mid-September	- Installing large beams, concrete panels, traffic barriers and noise wall post and panels - Concreting works including large concrete pours - Installing drainage and light pole and traffic signal services - Excavating, profiling, asphaltting, kerb construction and line marking - Building bored piling foundations - Sheet piling works which involves vibrating large metal sheets into the ground	- Delays of up to 30 minutes during peak travel times - Detours in place (see above) - Moderate levels of noise during 24/7 works - Increase in construction vehicles, trucks and machinery in the area - Bus routes 305, 309 and 905 will not service the bus stop located on the Bulleen Road citybound entry ramp during this time - Traffic management at times to assist pedestrians

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