

west gate tunnel project

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Community update

Design release

A design and builder for Melbourne's alternative to the West Gate Bridge has been selected. Introducing the West Gate Tunnel Project (formerly Western Distributor).

The West Gate Tunnel Project will give Melbourne a much needed alternative to the West Gate Bridge, and take thousands of trucks off residential streets.

It includes more lanes on the West Gate Freeway with two extra lanes in each direction between the M80 and Williamstown Road, connections to Hyde Street, and a new tunnel and freeway connecting to the port, CityLink and the city.

New truck bans will also be delivered in the inner west.

We've heard from local residents that protecting and creating open space and more walking and cycling paths are important, and the design responds to this feedback.

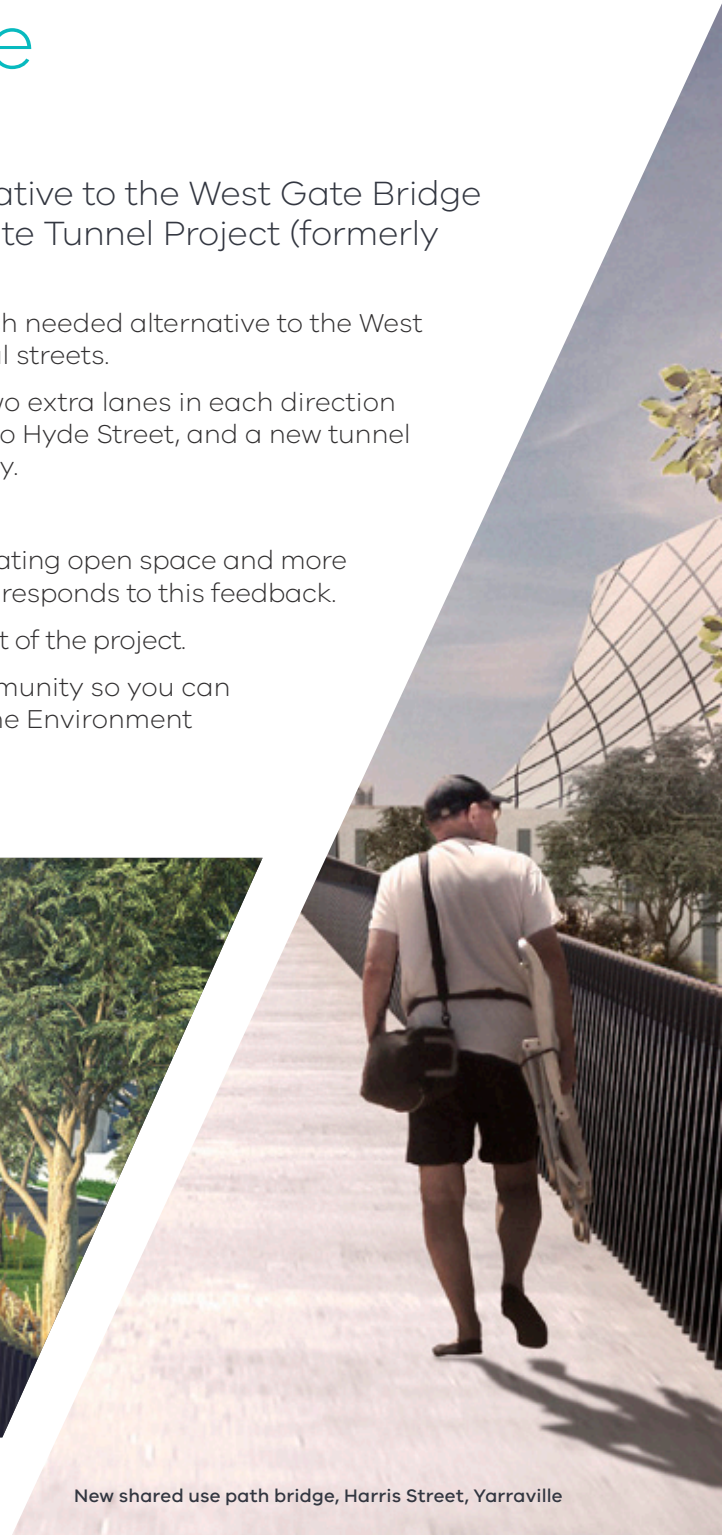
There will also be significantly improved noise walls as part of the project.

In the coming weeks we'll be out and about in your community so you can come and see the design and ask questions ahead of the Environment Effects Statement being released in mid-2017.



New boardwalk and wetlands, Footscray

Artist impressions only - does not include detailed design



New shared use path bridge, Harris Street, Yarraville

Design update – better connections, new cycling paths and more open spaces

In response to community feedback, we've developed a design with even better connections, less community impacts, more walking and cycling paths, and new green spaces. Some of the key changes include:

- a longer tunnel within the West Gate Freeway, which moves the southern exit further away from existing homes
- an improved city access design through simplified connections and two fewer crossings of the Moonee Ponds Creek
- over 14 km of new and upgraded cycling and walking paths – including a 2.5 km veloway above Footscray Road
- truck bans on Francis, Buckley and Moore streets and Somerville Road
- improved north-south pedestrian and cycle connections between communities along the West Gate Freeway
- Nearly 9 ha, the equivalent of almost 4 MCGs, of new community open spaces including parkland and wetlands and more than 17,000 trees planted

- world-class architecture, urban and landscape design that celebrates the Aboriginal heritage and maritime history of Melbourne's west
- high-quality, significantly improved noise walls to meet a new standard and designed with residents in mind, reducing noise and protecting privacy while allowing natural light.



New bridge over the Maribyrnong River and MacKenzie Road ramps
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Next steps

Where we are in the engagement process

Over the past two years, we have worked with communities, stakeholders and tenderers to develop the West Gate Tunnel Project. We are now entering 'phase 4' – where you can have your say on the project's design, construction and operation through the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process.

Construction is expected to start in 2018 and open to traffic in late 2022.

Phase	1 Proposal design	2 Concept design	3 Reference design	4 Tender response and EES	5 Final project
We want to...	Understand what's important to you	Discuss key issues and opportunities	Have ongoing discussions with communities	Explain the design and help you participate in the EES	Give regular updates and prepare for construction
Your feedback informs...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transurban's proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact assessments • How the project is built • Design options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact assessments • Tenderer design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning approvals • Design refinements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction
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Come along to a drop-in information session

We're hosting pop-up and information sessions along the project area to provide an update on the design, planning process and to answer your questions. Specialists will be available at some sessions.

We're also holding a walk-through experience of the design at Spotswood, Docklands and Yarraville.



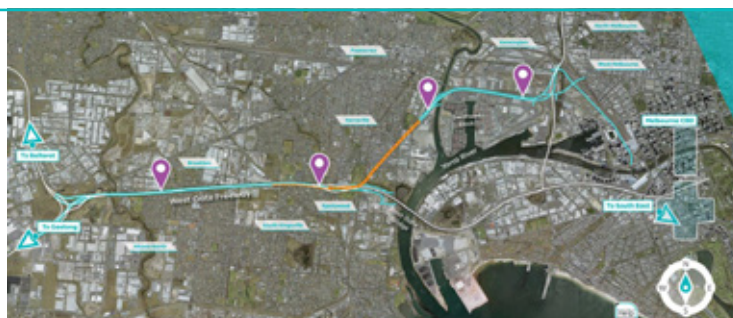
Upcoming locations:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Point Cook Stockland Point Cook, Main Street & Murnong Street	Friday 7 April	9am – 5pm
Spotswood Donald McLean Reserve, The Avenue <i>Walk-through experience</i>	Saturday 8 to Monday 10 April	Weekend: 10am – 4pm Specialists: 10am – 4pm Monday: 10am – 7pm Specialists: 4pm – 6pm
Altona Altona Gate Shopping Centre, 134 Millers Road	Tuesday 11 April	9am – 5pm Specialists: 3pm – 5pm
Werribee Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre, Derrimut Road & Heaths Road	Wednesday 12 April	9am – 5pm
Yarraville Yarraville Pop-up Park, Ballarat Street (next to the Sun Theatre)	Thursday 13 April	9am – 5pm Specialists: 3pm – 5pm
North Melbourne Front of North Melbourne Post Office, 70 Errol Street	Tuesday 18 April	10am – 5pm Specialists: 3pm – 5pm
Docklands Victoria Harbour Esplanade (right across from Etihad Stadium) <i>Walk-through experience</i>	Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 April	10am – 7pm Specialists: 4pm – 6pm
Yarraville Woods Street Reserve, Woods Street (near Yarraville Train Station) <i>Walk-through experience</i>	Friday 28 to Sunday 30 April	Friday: 10am – 7pm Specialists: 4pm – 6pm Weekend: 10am – 4pm Specialists: 10am – 4pm

Can't make a session?

You can explore the designs in detail on our project website or contact the project team to discuss further.

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Northern tunnel portal, Footscray

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Next steps

A comprehensive planning and approvals process is well underway through the preparation and exhibition of an Environment Effects Statement (EES). The EES will assess the environmental effects of the project including the design and construction methodology.

There will be the opportunity to view the EES and have a say when it is publicly exhibited in mid-2017, and formal feedback will be considered by an independent Inquiry Panel and public hearing.

For more information about the Victorian Government's EES process, please visit the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at delwp.vic.gov.au.

Construction from early 2018

Construction will begin after we have planning approvals - expected later this year - with works to be completed by the end of 2022.

In the meantime, we'll continue to work on the design and planning for construction. This may involve some investigation works such as geotechnical (ground) testing, monitoring and surveying.

We will communicate any activities to nearby residents in advance and ensure information is available on our website.

Contact us

Do you have a question about the project? If you need more information or would like to provide feedback, please get in touch.



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