



# Community Liaison Group Meeting

30 November 2023



# Agenda items

| Time   | # | Item detail  | Owner       |
|--------|---|--|-------------|
| 5.30pm | 1 | Welcome, introductions and apologies                     | Chair       |
| 5.40pm | 2 | WGTP MTIA update   | WGTP MTIA   |
| 5.50pm | 3 | West update  | CPBJH       |
| 6.05pm | 4 | East update  | CPBJH       |
| 6.20pm | 5 | Tunnels update   | CPBJH       |
| 6.35pm | 6 | Actions update   | All         |
| 6.40pm | 7 | BREAK  | Chair       |
| 6.40pm | 8 | Member questions   | CLG members |
| 7.30pm | 9 | Thank you and close<br>Next meeting: Thursday 8 February | Chair       |



# West Gate Tunnel Project MTIA



# Grants and partnerships

In early November 49 community groups were awarded funding through the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund Partnerships and Active Community Grants funding round.

- 9 partnerships were awarded worth almost \$900,000
- 20 minor facility upgrades worth almost \$600,000
- 9 participation projects up to \$10,000 and 19 equipment projects up to \$2,500

| Applicant                         | Project Title  | Amount       | Area              |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| East African Women's Foundation   | Infrastructure upgrades to improve Ilays Community Connect   | \$50,000.00  | Braybrook MCC     |
| DERMPAV                           | Hobsons Bay take a ride back in time – heritage bus revitalisation   | \$87,579.00  | Altona HBCC       |
| Seaworks Foundation               | Reactivating & conservation works the former Williamstown Morgue   | \$150,000.00 | Williamstown HBCC |
| Altona Miniature Railway          | 'The tram stop' community pavilion   | \$50,000.00  | Altona HBCC       |
| Foodbank Victoria                 | Volunteer program – infrastructure upgrade to Brooklyn warehouse   | \$69,798.00  | Brooklyn HBCC     |
| Inner West Community Bike Hub Inc | Community Bike Hub - Riverside re-cycle  | \$126,818.00 | Footscray MCC     |
| Footscray Community Arts Centre   | Tarnuk-ut Baany  | \$90,000.00  | Footscray MCC     |
| Hobsons Bay City Council          | Blue Stone Bridge rejuvenation   | \$80,000.00  | Brooklyn HBCC     |
| Yarraville Community Centre*      | Community lounge, kitchen and technology upgrades to support the Nourish Food Relief program and community learning. | \$189,072.00 | Yarraville MCC    |

# Grants and partnerships

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*WGNF - Williamstown Jetty Refurbishment*



*WGNF – L2R Block Party*



*WGNF – Halloween in the park*



*WGNF – Altona Miniature Rail*

# Community outreach

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*Swapping Seats Event – Harbour Esplanade*



*Yarraville Village Farmers Market*



*Festival of Lights - Diwali*

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## LIGHT AT END OF TUNNEL

We tour one of the nation's biggest road infrastructure projects

**Matt Johnston**

**EXCLUSIVE**

The entire length of the West Gate Tunnel's underground roads have been built, marking a major milestone for the \$10.8bn project.

Almost 7km of concrete road decks were recently laid along the inbound and outbound tunnels, which run from the West Gate Freeway to near the Maribyrnong River, at Yarraville.

The Herald Sun was taken on an exclusive tour of the 16m-wide structures – due to

document the progress.

As the minibus crawled along the tunnel at 5km/h, we were blissfully unaware of passing underneath Hyde St and Stoney Creek, which were up to 30m above our heads. Legal and construction logjams that slammed the brakes on the project for three years are now firmly in the rear-vision mirror of builders, and motorists' long-awaited alternative to the West Gate Bridge is taking shape.

We watched as teams of workers attached concrete safety barriers to walls and drainage and mechanical systems

closer to the project's opening date, scheduled for late 2025.

By the end of the journey through the citybound section, light was pouring into the tunnel – a fitting metaphor to describe the growing optimism among project teams.

Contracts for the megaproject were inked back in 2017, after Transurban brought the project to the Andrews government for consideration in 2015.

But in 2019, major works ground to a halt amid concerns about the disposal of soil contaminated with industrial chemicals, which

Transurban and builders negotiated a settlement for the saga, which contributed to a budget blowout of \$4.1bn – almost half of which was coughed up by taxpayers.

Major summer disruptions along the West Gate Freeway and road interchanges have accompanied construction of the tunnels, but this summer's closures of lanes – including

on the Bolte Bridge, where sections of an elevated structure are connected – are likely to be the last, given major construction should wrap up



# Recent Media

## Tunnel beams hoisted into place

Two more milestones have been reached on the West Gate Tunnel Project, bringing the project one step closer to completion.

The underground roadway has now been completed at the outbound tunnel exit, as well as the connection between the new bridge across Maribyrnong River and Footscray's elevated road, with the giant beams now lifted into place.

Work is continuing to join all pieces of the project together, with the main bridge over the Maribyrnong River to create a second river crossing from the west.

The bridge will span 760 metres, featuring three lanes in each direction, and allowing motorists to travel from the West Gate Tunnel

to CityLink and the CBD.

On top of the completed roads, the two tunnel boring machines that built the tunnels Bella and Vida, have finished their journeys and have been dismantled, alongside the 400-tonne cranes that helped remove them from deep under the ground.

A crew of more than 250 people has worked around the clock to install almost seven kilometres of road deck in both tunnels.

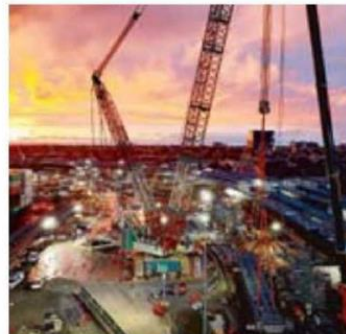
The crew will now move onto installing hundreds of kilometres of electrical and safety systems, while building the ground level ventilation system at the outbound tunnel exit and architectural timber features at its entrances.

Premier Jacinta Allan said crews have done an amazing job working around the clock. "I want to thank them for their work in building this landmark project for our city's west."

Transport Infrastructure Minister Danny Pearson said this is a huge milestone for the project.

"It will take thousands of trucks off local roads and provide a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge."

The project is due for completion in 2025.



The final beams being lifted into place. (Supplied)

## \$1.18 million awarded to Yarraville Glory

Yarraville Glory has received a grant of \$1.18 million to install female friendly change rooms to be used by women and girls at the soccer club.

Glory council liaison officer Con Giatas said the club rooms are anticipated to be ready by the end of next year.

"We are excited to have these stand alone change rooms which are female friendly," he said.

Mr Giatas said several teams will benefit from the new change rooms.

"We have a senior women's team, an under-12 girls team, an under-16 girls team and various grassroots teams," he said.

"We also might be getting a second under-12 team this [next] year, as well as an under-17 and under-18 team too."

Mr Giatas said he expects the change room to have important use in the next coming years with expected numbers of women and girls playing to increase.

"Football Victoria has set a target for 50 per cent participation by 2027, which we are on board with," he said.

"We want to do everything we can to make that happen."

The grant is being funded through the West Gate tunnel project.

"We have had great support from the West Gate tunnel team and [Maribyrnong] council," Mr Giatas said.

"It has been a long process but we are very excited for it to happen, and cut the ribbon when it's done."

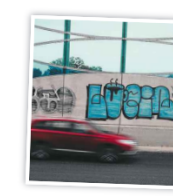
# MESS GATE TUNNEL

Matt Johnston

**EXCLUSIVE** Fresh blow to \$10.8bn tunnel project with lanes closing, speed restrictions while crews remove graffiti scourge

The trouble-plagued \$10.8bn West Gate Tunnel is facing more disruption and bills, this time to remove graffiti blighting hundreds of metres of new barriers and noise-walls. Unlucky scrawls have been daubed by vandals in areas so dangerous to reach that crews can only clean them if West Gate Freeway lanes are shut or speed limits are lowered.

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## Funding rains down

The Hume Mens Shed (Sunbury) has had funding rain down to install a new automatic sprinkler system in the garden.

The shed received \$12,000 from the state government through the West Gate Tunnel Project's Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund for the project.

Community grants officer Kristen Dimech Senior and communication and engagement graduate Shenell Franz inspected the sprinkler system on Wednesday, November 8.

Men's shed secretary Albert Achterberg said the sprinkler will help the group grow items in the gardens, which are used for the men's shed lunches as well as providing members with surplus fruit and vegetables.

"They grow several vegetables depending on the season, including miniature tomatoes, snow peas, spinach, cabbage, potatoes, beetroot, beans etc," Mr Achterberg said.

"It is important for members to have access to fresh vegetables and fruit as a lot of them do not have their own vegetable garden."

Mr Achterberg said the sprinkler has a rain controller to prevent over watering and will help with garden maintenance.

"The sprinkler system has three different areas and each area can be set to whatever day and time they require," he said.

"It will take the pressure of our gardener Barry Burbridge and his fellow gardeners especially during the hot weather."

"The men at the shed attend the garden three mornings per week and during hot days they had to try and come down whilst the shed was closed."

"The sprinkler system means that we can assure the gardens receive water whilst we are not there."



Hume Men's Shed (Sunbury) president Dale Wilkes, and members Albert Achterberg, Andrew Wilson and Kevin Swaffield (Damjan Janevski). 366523\_03

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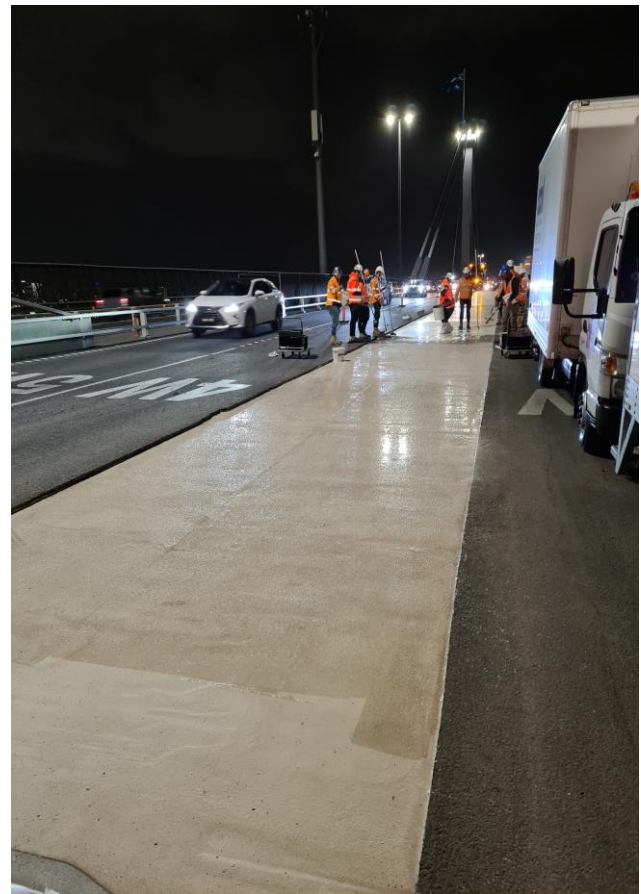
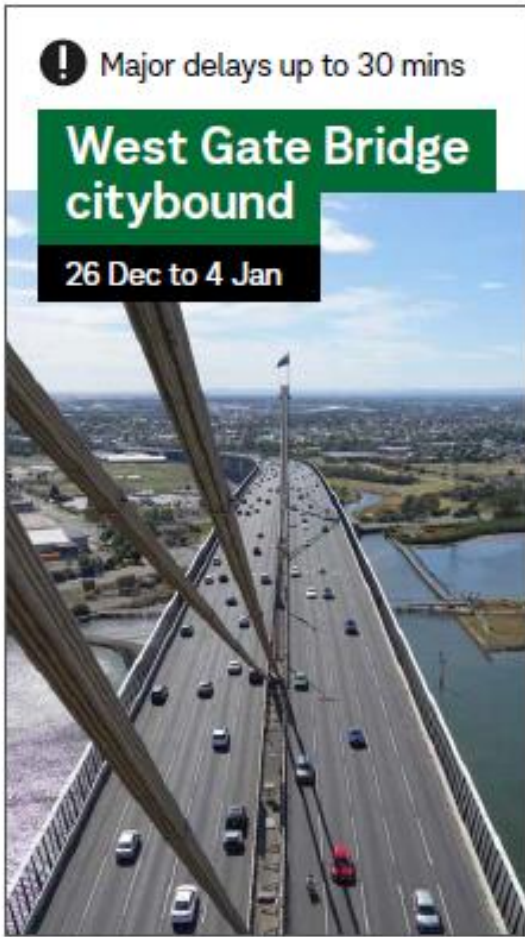
# Social media engagement

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# West Gate Bridge annual maintenance works





# Construction and Community update





# West Zone

# West community engagement

## Stakeholder and business engagement

- **October** – Primula Avenue and Millers Road residents - door knocks
- **October** – Vernier Street, Spotswood residents – door knocks
- **Thursday 2 November** - Hall Street walking and cycling path, Spotswood Station pop up
- **Ongoing** – Williamstown Road business health checks
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## Notifications

- **Monday 30 October** – Hall Street walking and cycling path reminder works notification
- **Wednesday 15 November** – Williamstown Road overnight closure works notification
- **Ongoing stakeholder email updates** – upcoming freeway closures, gantry installations, road and ramp closures

## Upcoming engagement and notifications

- Summer campaign notifications, emails and business health checks
- Summer campaign x4 pop ups

# Hyde Street Ramps

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*New inbound exit ramp to Hyde Street*



*Shared walking and cycling path under construction*

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# Donald McLean Reserve

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*Noise wall panels – Acrylic panel installation is well underway*

# Williamstown Road

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*Before*



*After – resurfacing underway*

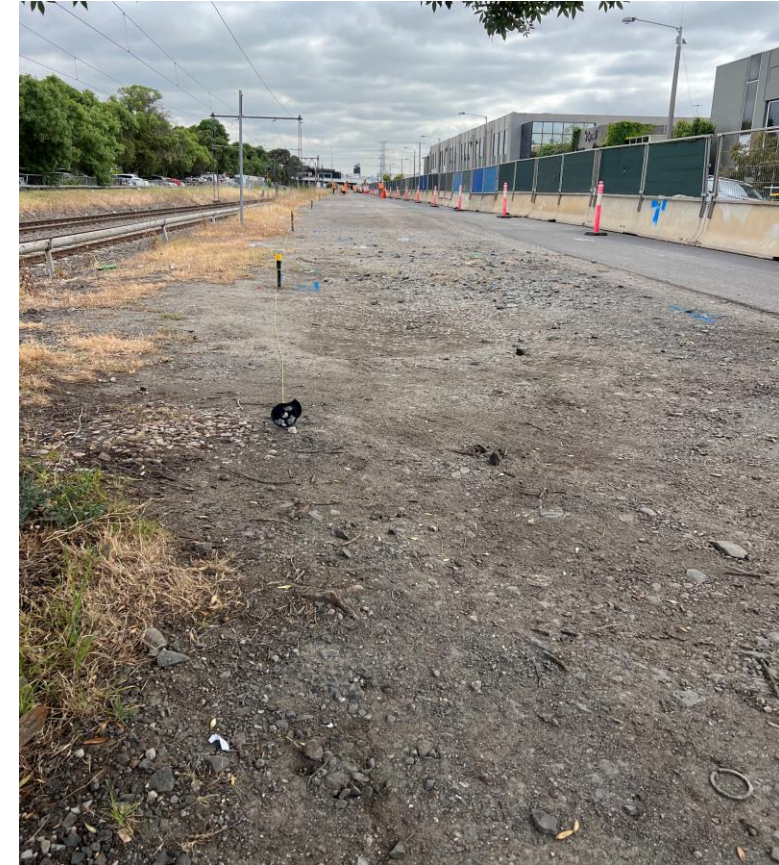
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# Hall Street walking and cycling path



*Preparations for Concrete Pour  
Hall Street between Simcock Ave and Freeway*



*Mark Out of Path Alignment*

# M80 Interchange Feature Lighting

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*The M80 feature light poles have been installed*

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# West Gate Freeway – Summer Campaign

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*WGF Resurfacing – Facilitate Bridge Expansion Joint Works*

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# Port to City (East) Zone

## Stakeholder and business engagement

- **October/November** – District Docklands, O'Briens Ice House, Costco, Festival Hall, Docklands Primary School, Melbourne Airport, Skybus, AFL, North Melbourne businesses and Docklands businesses
- **Ongoing**– Shared User Path users - Cyclists, Bicycle Network
- **Ongoing** – Docklands & North Melbourne business health checks
- **December** - Summer Campaign pop ups x 4 – East team will be around District Docklands, SUP and Southern Cross Station

## Notifications

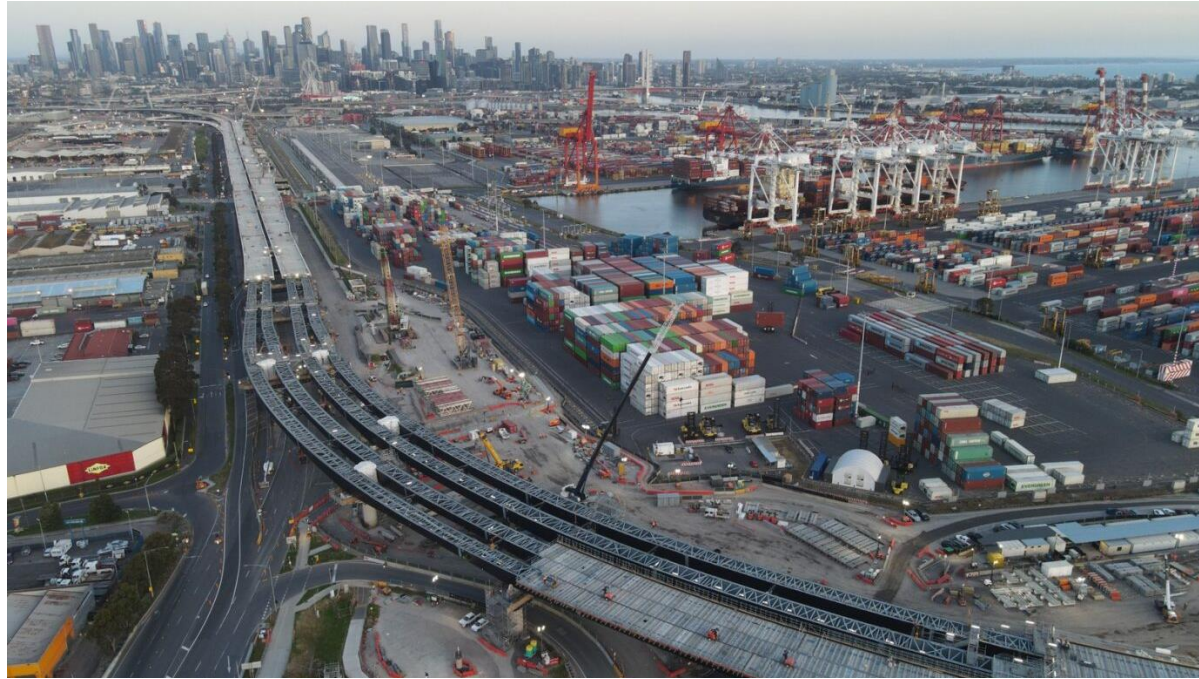
- **CityLink**– CityLink inbound closure overnight and full closure 24-26 November and 8-10 December
- **Dynon Rd** – Long term contraflow, weekend closure and nightly closures 4 Dec – 21 Dec
- **Ongoing stakeholder email updates** – upcoming freeway closures, gantry installations, road and ramp closures

## Upcoming engagement and notifications

- Summer campaign notifications, emails and business health checks

# Footscray Road

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*Final girders lifted into place on Footscray Road*

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# New shared path bridge over Footscray Road



# CityLink works

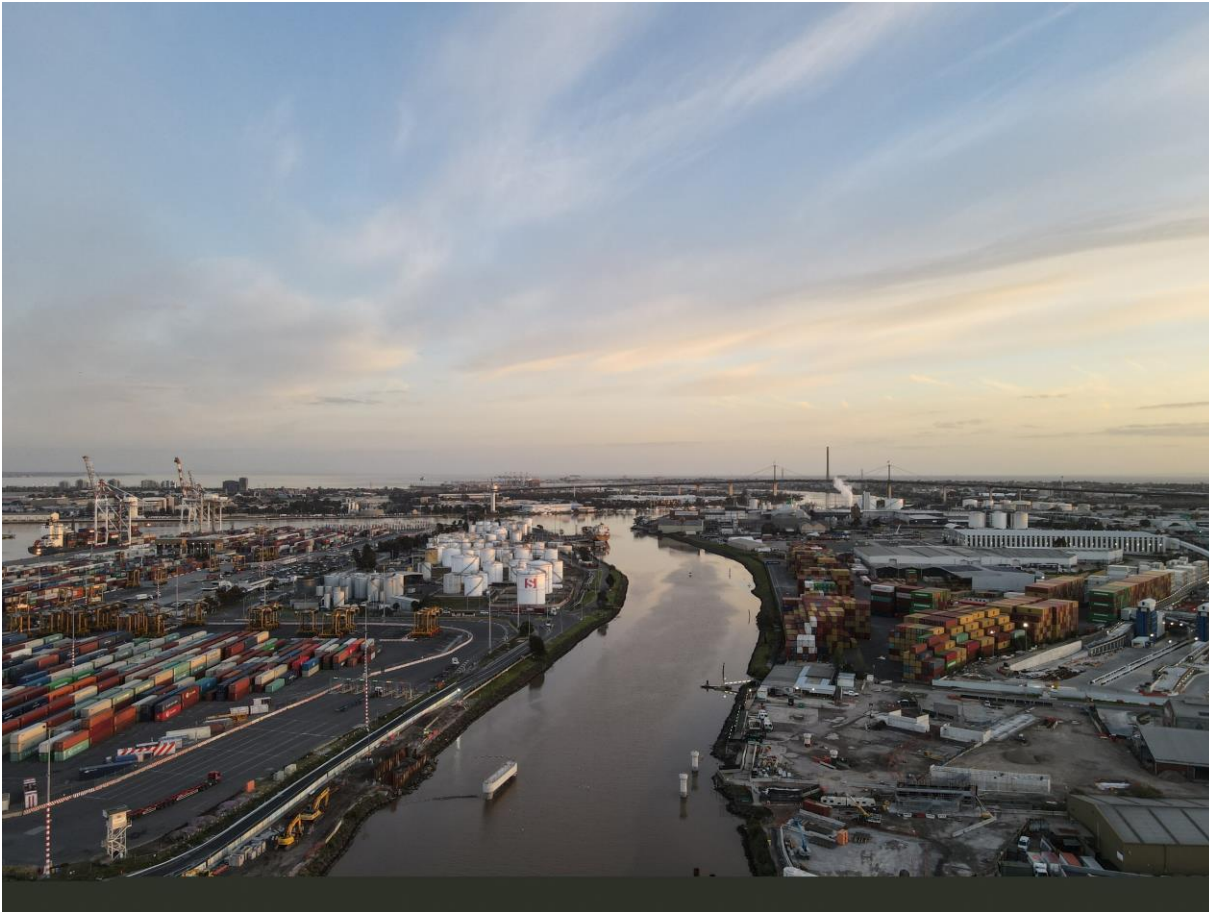
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# Maribyrnong River bridges



*October 2021*



*October 2023*

# Dynon Road

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*New Dynon Road SUP Bridge*



*Dynon Road, Wurundjeri Way and Footscray Road connection point*

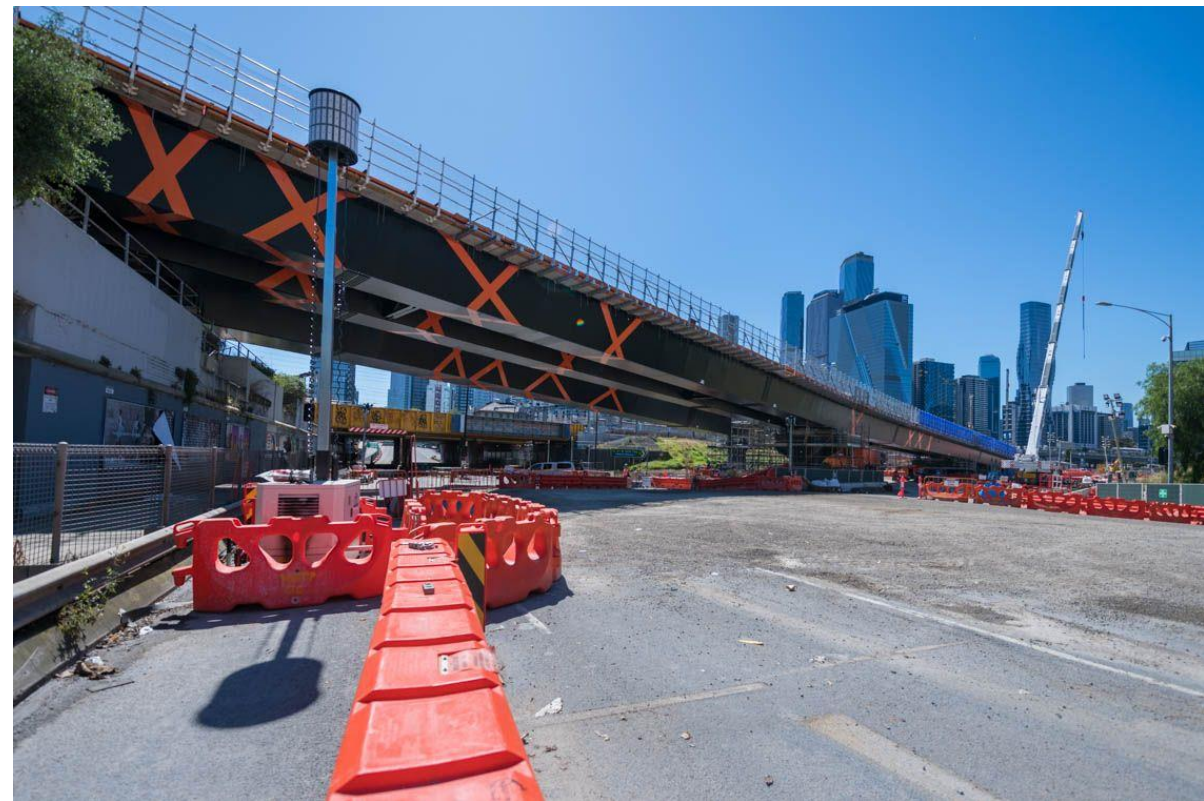
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# Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street closure



*Wurundjeri Way extension over Dudley Street*

# Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street closure





# Tunnel Zone



# Tunnels community engagement

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## Stakeholder and business engagement

November: Harris Street SUP: Footscray Cricket Club, Seddon Cricket Club, Yarraville Seddon Eagles, Umpires Association, Staging Company, Boss Furniture, Kindred Studios & tenants and Yarraville Tennis Club

November: Lyons St and Youell St works – 107-109 Whitehall St

November: Retaining wall works – Medlog

## Notifications

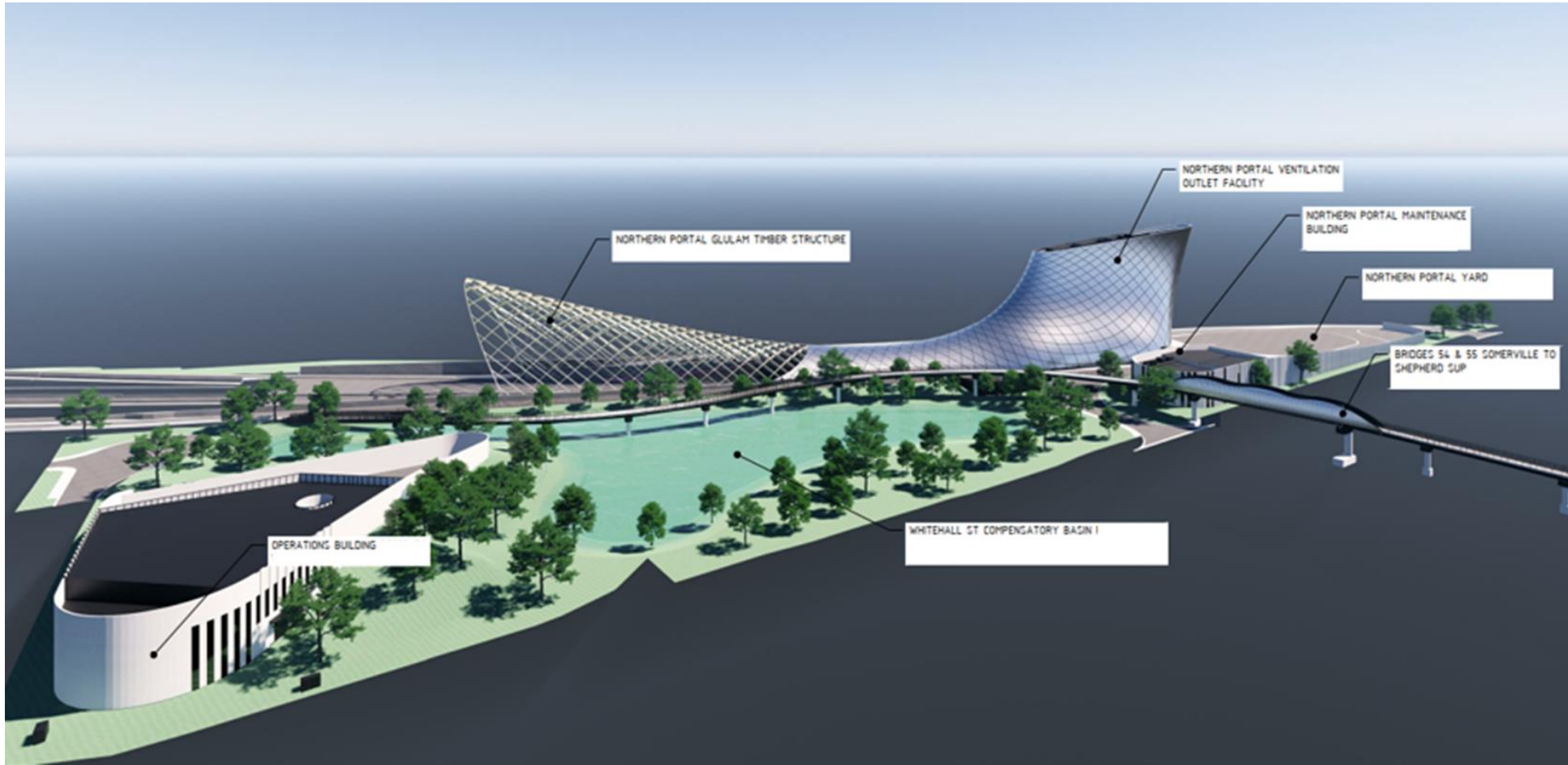
DL reminder: Frederick Street – Well maintenance works

## Upcoming engagement and notifications

November/December: Harris St walking and cycling path construction

# Northern Portal end of 2024

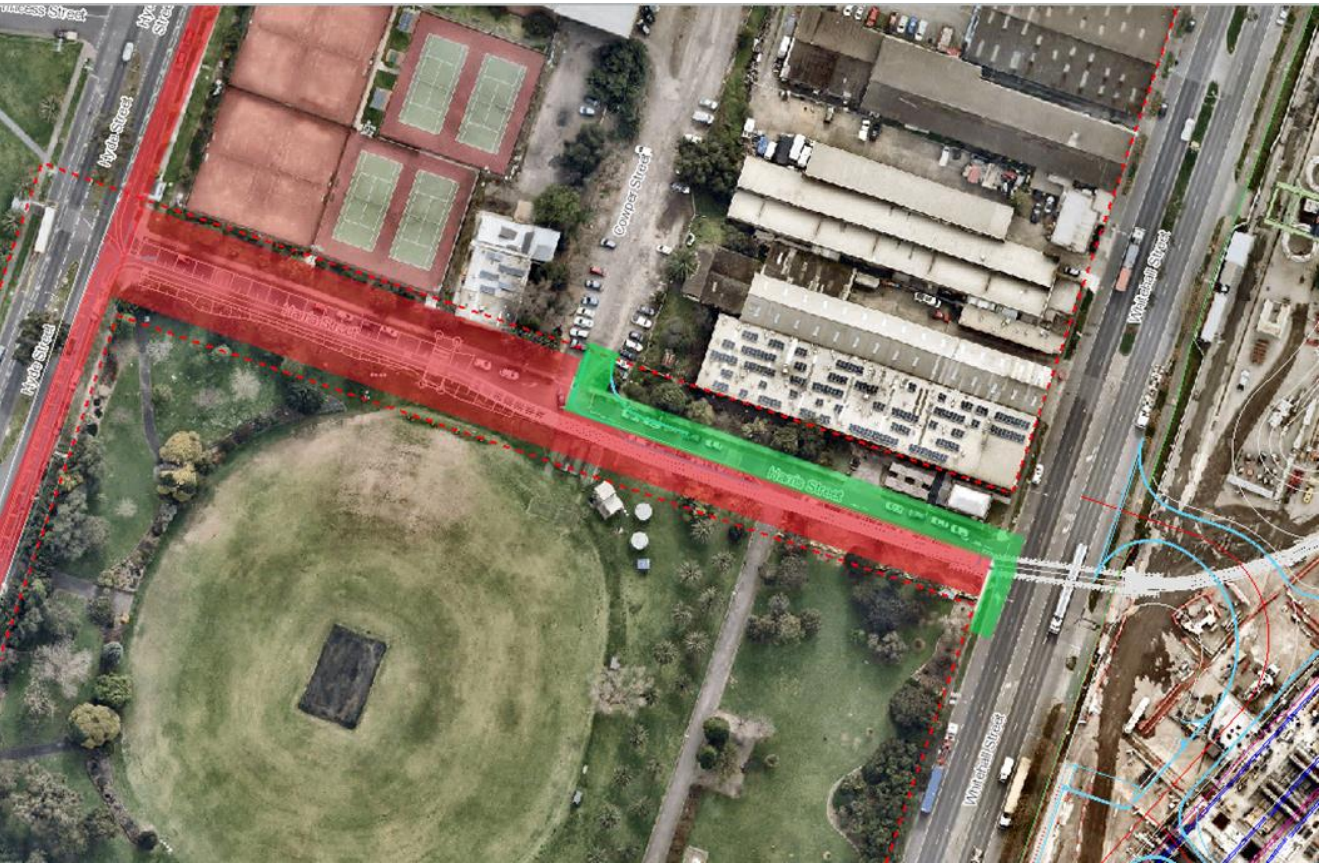
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*Northern Portal artist impression design featuring Harris Street SUP bridge*

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# Harris Street walking and cycling path



*Permanent design of Harris St at the end of construction*

- Works will begin in January 2024
- Throughout 2024 there will be different construction set ups and closures along Harris Street
- Works include:
  - Crosshead and bearings
  - Lifting SUP bridge onto crossheads
  - Lifting SUP bridge over Whitehall Street

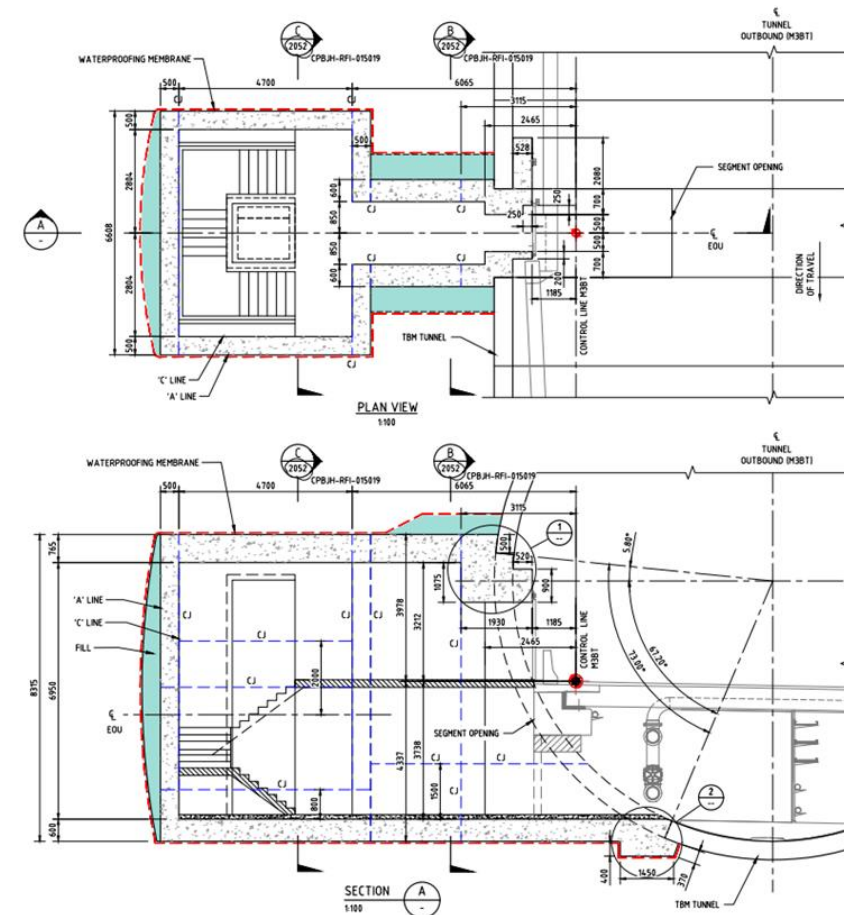


# Cross passages

- Out of 21 Cross Passages
  - Completed: 10 (2 mined, 8 jacked box)
  - In progress: 2 (jack boxed)
- Out of 9 EOUs (Egress out and under)
  - Completed: 0
  - In progress: 2

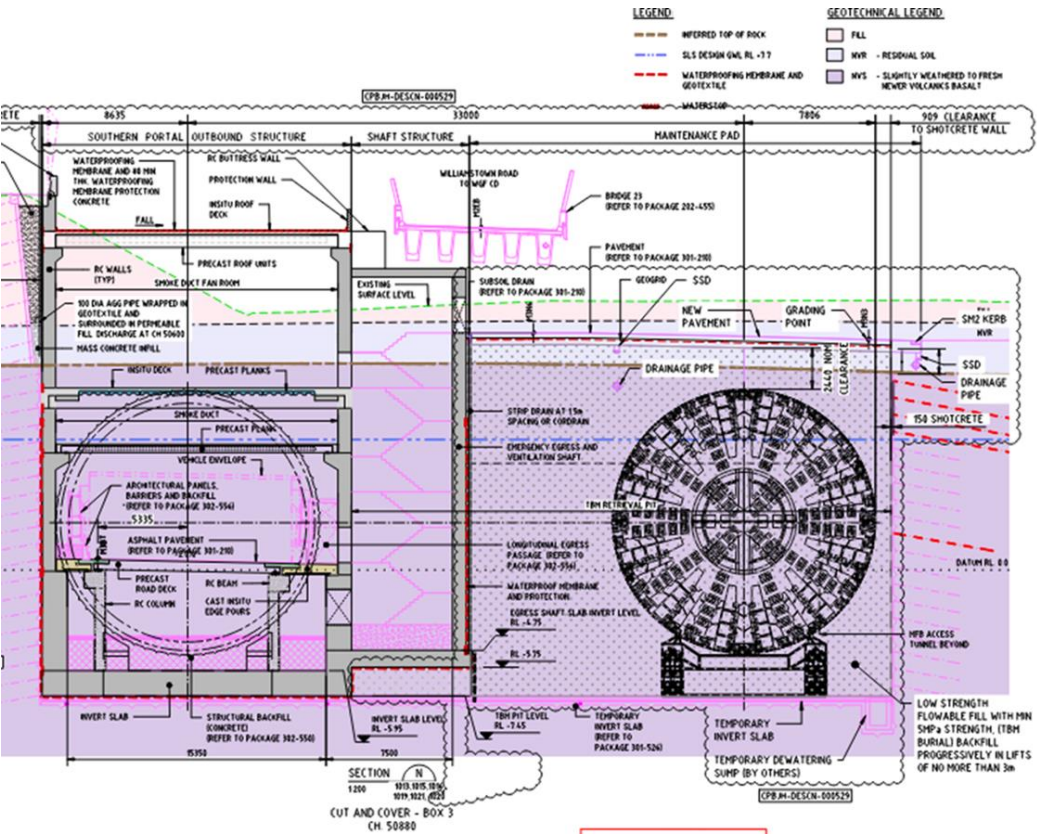


*EOU8 Progress*



# Southern Outbound portal

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# Ventilation structures

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*Progress of Northern Portal Vent Structure*



*Progress of Southern Outbound Portal Vent Structure*

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# Tunnel CLG Site Tour

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*Community Liaison Group – Tunnels Site Tour*

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# Actions update



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| Name | Owner      | Action  | Status and update   |
|------|------------|---|---|
| AN8  | CPBJH      | CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.  | IFC to be issued imminently.<br>Action to remain open.  |
| ALL3 | CPBJH / TU | CPBJH / TU to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue | Action to remain open. All project parties working toward a solution.   |
| ALL4 | CPBJH / TU | CPBJH / TU to provide an update on the maintenance program for graffiti during construction.                            | A graffiti removal program has commenced along the West Gate Freeway, targeting the Millers and Williamstown Road interchanges and ramps, and the adjacent abutting side streets along the freeway.<br>Graffiti will continue to be monitored along the project corridor and the project team will identify opportunities where graffiti removal can take place without additional disruptions.<br>Action to remain open. |

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# Member Questions



# 2024 CLG Schedule

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All meetings will take place on a Thursday night from 5:30PM – 7:30PM

- 8 February (First meeting)
- 21 March
- 2 May
- 13 June
- 25 July
- 5 September
- 17 October
- 28 November (Last meeting)





Thank-You and close

