

west gate tunnel project

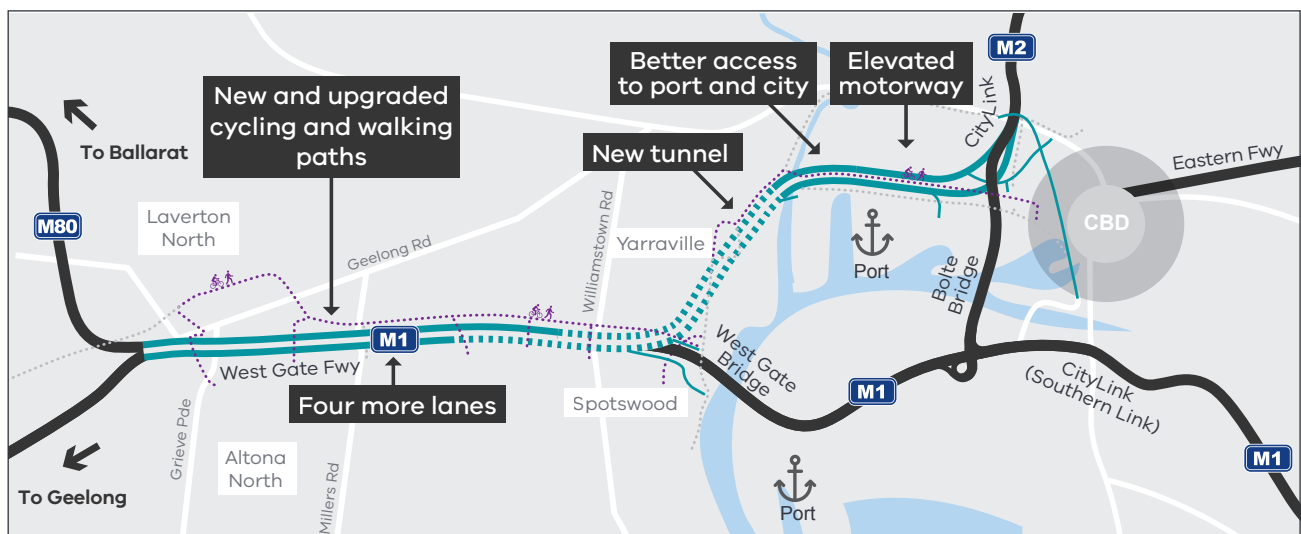


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West Gate Tunnel – construction starting early 2018 in the inner west

The West Gate Tunnel Project will change the way people move around Melbourne and how trucks get to the port – finally getting trucks out of the suburbs and onto the freeway.

Construction will start early next year and open to traffic in 2022 to provide a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, quicker and safer journeys and remove thousands of trucks from residential streets in the inner west.



What to expect in early 2018

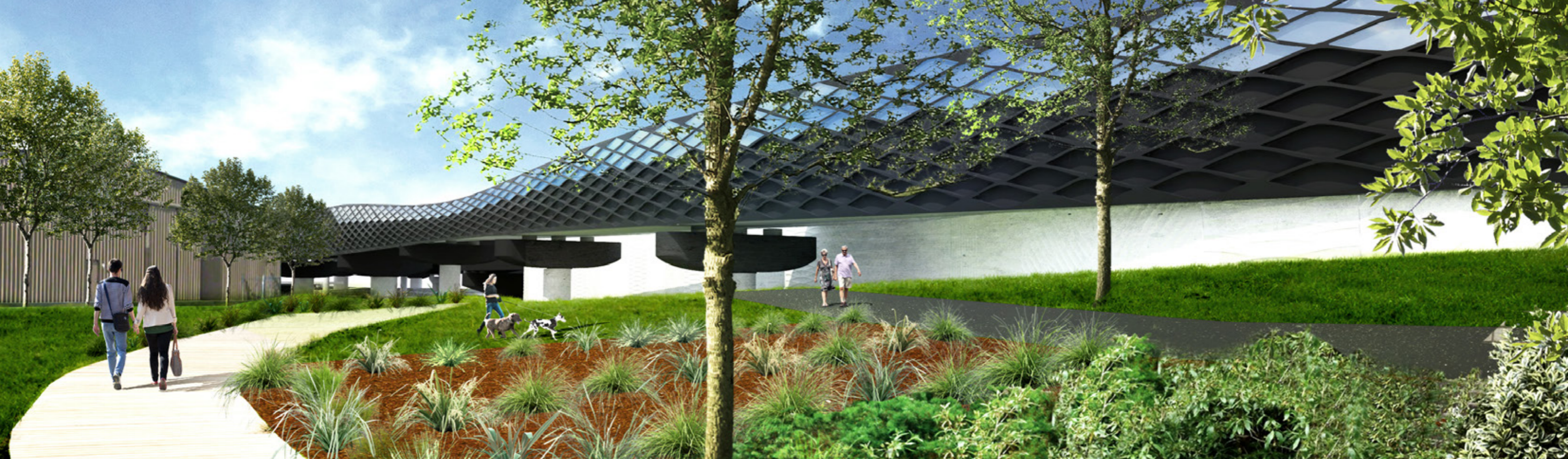
The first works to start will be preparatory construction, such as:

- Setting up site offices and safe work areas
- Installing fencing and barriers
- Further site investigations
- Relocating utilities.

Our focus will be on safety and we will be working hard to minimise disruption to motorists, communities and businesses.

We will start work at the construction site on Whitehall Street, Yarraville in early 2018. The first traffic barriers on the West Gate Freeway will be installed around late February 2018, providing safe work areas.

We will always provide advanced notice of works. People close to the project can expect to hear from us with more detailed information as works progress in their area.



Minister for Planning's assessment

The environmental assessment process for the West Gate Tunnel Project has completed with the Minister for Planning releasing an assessment report in late November 2017.

The assessment follows a rigorous EES process and over two years of consultation with communities and stakeholders.

Significant changes were made during the project's development to ensure effects on the community are reduced.

Through the EES process, additional design changes and new requirements have been put in place, resulting in real improvements to the design and less impact on local communities. We are now working with our construction contractor to ensure the project is delivered in line with these requirements.

You can read the Minister for Planning's assessment online at planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/projects/west-gate-tunnel-project.

Design improvements and new requirements

To maximise the benefits of the project, some of the changes that will be made as a result of the planning assessment include:

Community Involvement and Participation Plan

Will include partnerships, support grants, events and other community led local initiatives during construction.

A lower Wurundjeri Way extension

The Wurundjeri Way extension is to be lowered and V/Line stabling yards relocated to west of Moonee Ponds Creek to maximise the opportunity for improved cycling and pedestrian connections between Docklands, the future E-Gate site and north and west Melbourne and improved amenity.

Air quality monitoring and mitigation

A sixth air quality monitoring station at Millers Road, in addition to the five originally planned, which will operate for around 10 years during construction and operation, with the data published online.

The project will also develop and implement a roadside air quality mitigation strategy to the satisfaction of the EPA for specific locations if monitoring shows a significant deterioration in air quality as a result of the project.

Managing traffic and construction noise

High quality concrete and perspex noise walls will be built to protect houses, sporting fields and parks along the West Gate Freeway, and the set traffic noise levels will be maintained for 20 years after the project opens.

Millers Road residents north of the West Gate Freeway will be offered noise reduction options on their properties.

Additional permanent noise walls will be built at parks and sporting fields along the West Gate Freeway to reduce traffic noise below existing levels.

Design improvements for Maribyrnong River bridges

Adding transparent panel cladding to the design of the MacKenzie Road ramps over the Maribyrnong River to help reduce the visual bulk of the structure.

Traffic study for Williamstown and Millers Roads

To address concerns of Williamstown Road and Millers Road residents, VicRoads will carry out a corridor study for both roads, in consultation with residents, to determine works required to cater for projected traffic volumes in 2031 to manage access and safety.

Planting more trees

Five trees will be planted for every one tree removed and there'll be extensive planting of indigenous shrubs and grasses in the landscaped open spaces and wetlands to create new habitats for native animals.

Moonee Ponds Creek linear reserve

A master plan will be funded for a linear reserve along Moonee Ponds Creek in consultation with the council and interest groups.



Talk with us about construction

We will be out and about in your community to talk about construction and introduce our construction team - CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture - early next year. We encourage anyone with an interest to come along and learn more about the timing and type of works in your area.

Keep an eye out for further details and subscribe for updates on our website.

Our dedicated community team will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help with questions or concerns.

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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