

16 March 2023

Footscray Road – westbound carriageway and walking and cycling path closures

We're building the West Gate Tunnel Project to create an alternative to the West Gate Bridge and take trucks off local roads. As part of the project, an elevated road above Footscray Road is being built to create a link between the new tunnel and the city.

Work is progressing well, and over half of the new elevated road is now complete. We have been able to build it in the middle of Footscray Road while mostly keeping the road open for motorists.

Footscray Road westbound disruptions

We have spent the past three months lifting concrete segments into place above the eastbound lanes on Footscray Road. We are continuing our works and moving the launching gantry to the westbound side of Footscray Road. Whilst this work is happening, cars and trucks can't drive underneath. We have considered different ways of completing the work, and the safest and quickest way is to close Footscray Road in one direction at a time.

From Thursday 30 March 2023 until late-May we'll:


- Close the westbound/outbound lanes 24 hours, 7 days a week. Detours will be in place until we complete the works—*Dynon Road is the preferred detour route.*
- Reopen the eastbound/citybound lanes to traffic and the launching gantry crane will switch sides to continue building the westbound elevated structure.
- For safety reasons, we'll be closing the Footscray Road pedestrian and cycling path for three weeks from late-April as part of these works. Detours and signage will be in place during this time— see detour map overleaf.
- Extend the entry and exit lanes of Linfox until early-May 2023. Details of specific impacts will be confirmed with Linfox directly.
- Close Footscray Road in both directions at Shepherd Bridge for two weekends so we can continue work on the bridges over the Maribyrnong River and the elevated Footscray Road. These weekend closures will be notified separately, including on the Big Build website.





Late May to late June: we're due to close the eastbound lanes again—more information about this closure will be available in Autumn 2023. Once complete, the new elevated road will connect the new tunnels with CityLink, the port, Dynon Road, and provide better access to Wurundjeri Way.

When driving through these areas, please follow traffic signs, check traffic media reports, and visit the Big Build website for the most up-to-date information.

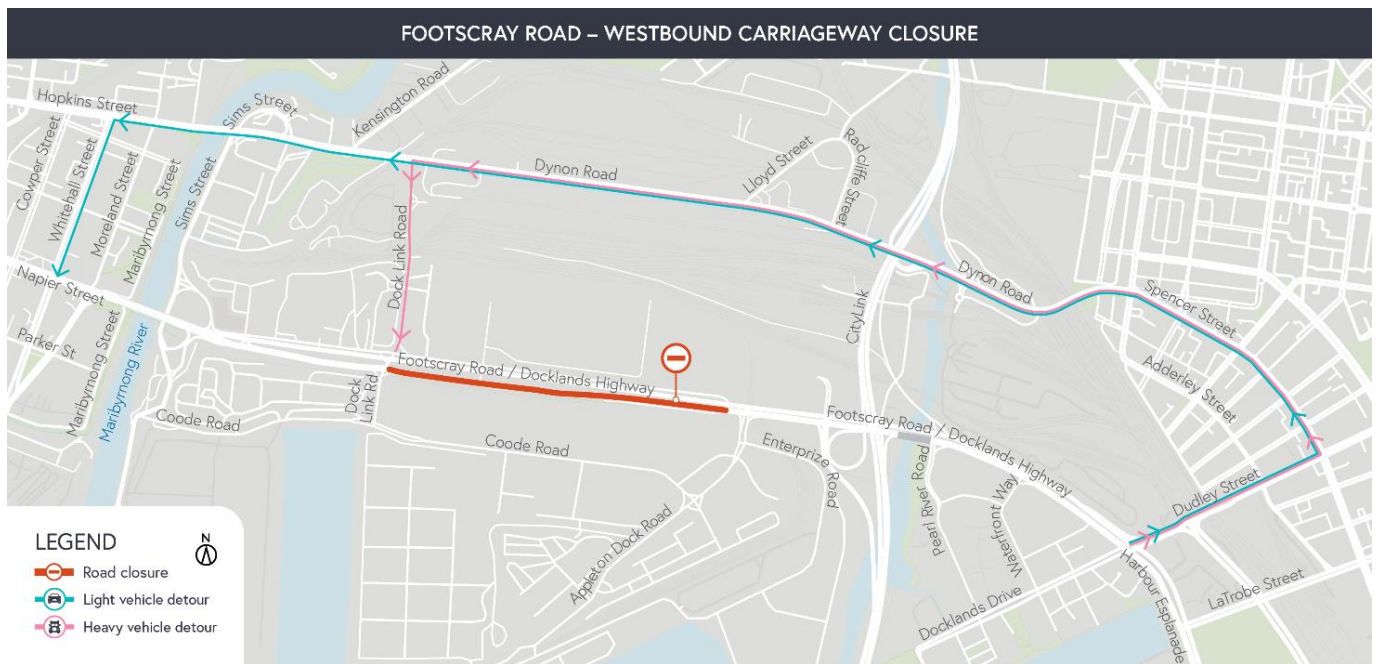
Please note, this work may be subject to approvals and permits, and may change due to site and weather conditions.

What to expect and when:

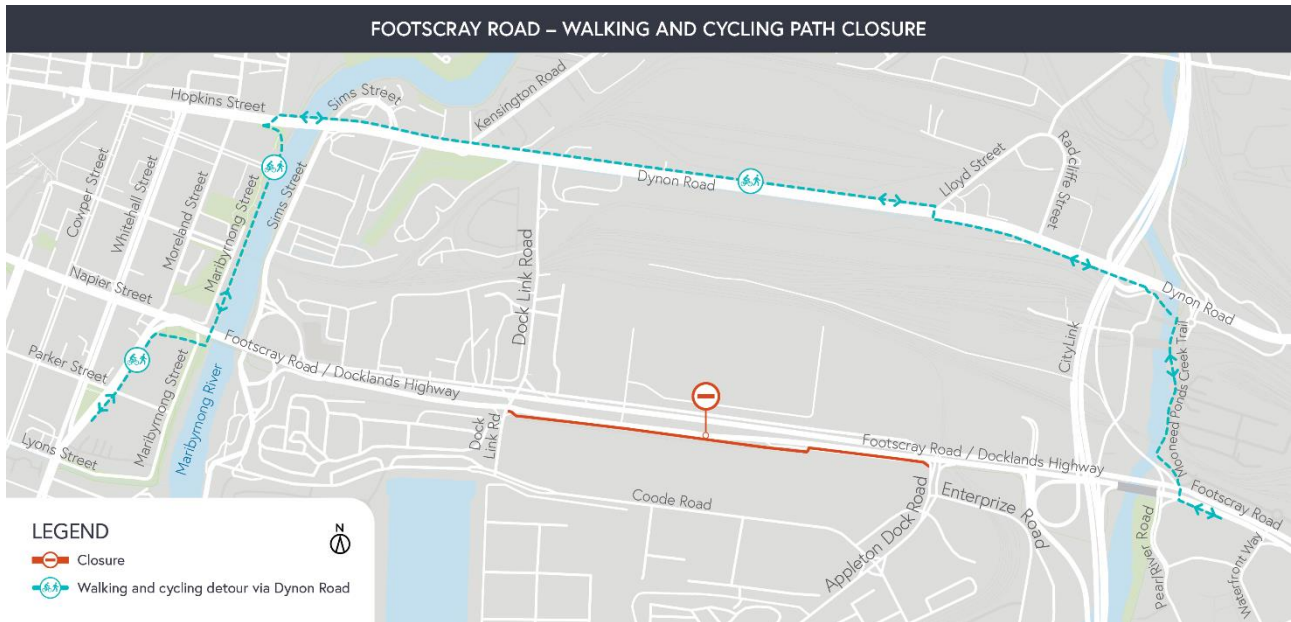
	Impact	Date
	<p>Footscray Road <u>outbound lanes</u> closed 24 hours 7 days a week between Appleton Dock Road and Dock Link Road.</p> <p><i>Detours will be in place – please see map overleaf</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic speeds will be reduced to 40km/h while entering the detour route. 	<p>11pm 30 March to late-May 2023</p>

	Impact	Date
	<i>Please plan ahead, follow the detour signs, and allow extra travel time.</i>	
	<p>Footscray Road <u>walking and cycling path</u> closed 24/7 between Appleton Dock Road and Dock Link Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detours for pedestrians and cyclists will be in place along Dynon Road — signs will be installed along the detour route to assist pedestrians and cyclists. • Cyclists to be aware of an increase of traffic along the detour route. <p><i>Please plan ahead, follow the detour signs, and allow extra travel time.</i></p>	<p>5am Friday 28 April to 9pm Thursday 11 May 2023</p>
	24/7 construction activity on Footscray Road, truck movements in the area and increased construction activity at our sites.	11pm 30 March to late-May 2023
	Local businesses in the area remain open and operating during these works. <i>We will continue to engage with businesses that may be directly impacted by our works.</i>	
	There will be impacts to bus services 220 Sunshine to Gardenvale and Nightrider services 941 and 942 operating along Footscray Road. Check PTV for information on how this may impact your journey and how you can plan ahead.	

Westbound carriageway closure and detour:



Walking and cycling closure and detour:



We'll keep you updated

So that work can be completed as quickly as possible, construction will take place 24/7, requiring road, ramp and lane closures, which will be confirmed weekly through a weekly traffic email alert and via bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions

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Thank you

We appreciate our work can be disruptive and thank you for your understanding.

To learn more about the impacts, or if you have any questions, please give the team a call on **1800 105 105** or email us on info@wgta.vic.gov.au

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