



WEST GATE TUNNEL
PROJECT

Community Liaison Group Meeting

17 October 2024

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Agenda

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30 pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair (Kim Jordan)
5.35 pm	2	Actions update	All
5.50 pm	3	WGTP MRPV update	WGTP MRPV (Liz Evans & Douglas Morris)
6.00 pm	4	Tunnels update	CPBJH (Amelia Swain & Charlie Fairbairn)
6.15 pm	5	West update	CPBJH (Christian Green & Charlie Fairbairn)
6.30 pm	6	East update	CPBJH (Christian Green & Charlie Fairbairn)
6.45 pm	7	BREAK	All
6.55 pm	8	Member questions	CLG members
7.30 pm	9	Thank you and close	Chair (Kim Jordan)



Actions update

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Open Actions

Name	Owner	Action	Status and update
ALL3	CPBJH / TU	All project parties working towards reopening Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue as soon as possible	CLOSED Path opened 5 October 2024
ALL5	CPBJH / TU	CPBJH / TU to follow up on opening the Kororoit Creek shared path as soon as possible	CLOSED Path opened 8 October 2024

WGTP MRPV Update

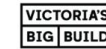


Grants and Partnerships

- More than 45 new projects worth almost \$470,000 were announced in early October through the additional round of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund grants.
- Some of the successful applicants include
 - Blacksmiths Festival, Footscray
 - Spotswood Traders Association
 - Yarraville Seddon Eagles
 - Little Africa Traders
 - Altona Lacrosse Club
 - Louise Joel Arts & Community Centre

The fund has now allocated \$10 million to support more than 260 community projects in the inner west

- 150 projects have now been completed and have delivered a community benefit.



SKRSL upgrades were enjoyed by locals as they hosted their Grand Final Day event in late September

Kororoit Creek Trail media event



Kororoit Creek and Federation Trail (Millers to Fogarty) Community Celebration Event

Event details:

When: Early November

Where: GJ Hosken Reserve, Blackshaws Road, Altona North

Time: 10am sharp – 12.30pm

The event will start with a Welcome to Country delivered by the Bunurong Land Council followed by a guided ride/walk along the new section of the Kororoit Creek trail.

Activities:

Following the formalities, everyone is welcome to stick around and enjoy the day.

The following activities will be on offer:

- Free sausage sizzle, coffee and donuts
- Kids activities
- Ride the veloway experience
- Bike check station

Outreach

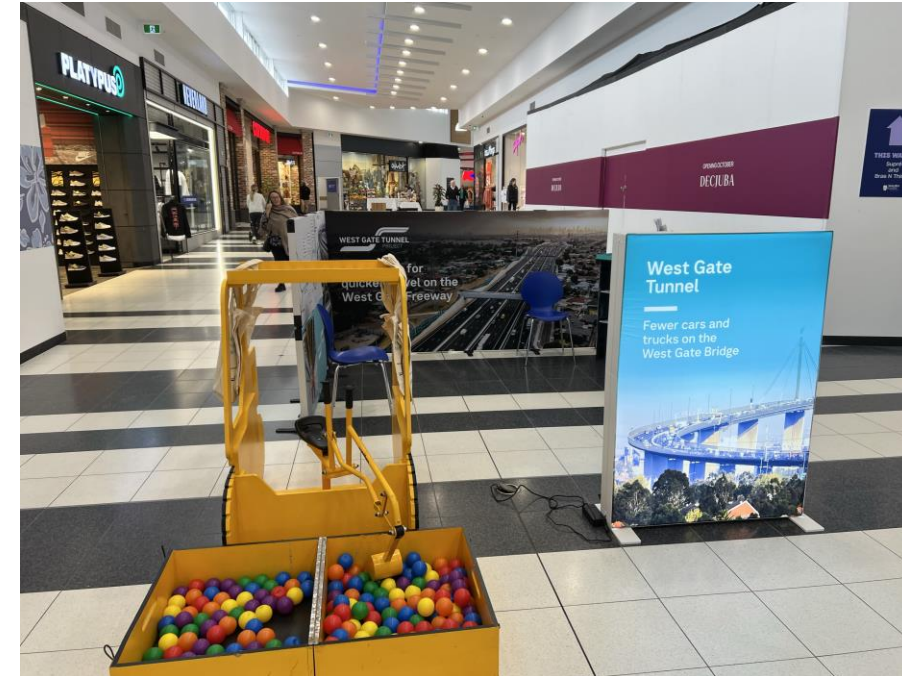
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Wendouree, Ballarat – 5 & 6 September



Bendigo Marketplace – 12 & 13 September



Waurn Ponds, Geelong – 19 & 20 September

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Outreach



Melbourne Royal Show – 26 September to 6 October



Around the Bay – 5 & 6 October

More than just a road

- The West Gate Tunnel Project will transform the way people move around Melbourne
- For the first time, there will be an alternative to the West Gate Bridge and improved port access that removes trucks from inner west residential streets
- It's more than a tunnel – there will be increased capacity on the West Gate Freeway, express lanes, a new city bypass, 14km of better walking and cycling paths and open space for people to enjoy. 24/7 truck bans will be implemented on 6 roads in the inner west
- It is the biggest investment ever in the west and the most significant road infrastructure in Victoria in more than two decades



The West Gate Tunnel is set to open by the end of 2025

Our destination



Educate audiences about the West Gate Tunnel Project, what it means for their journeys across the network, how to use it and how it will benefit them



Build awareness and excitement that the West Gate Tunnel Project is complete, and the tunnel is opening



Ensure a rigorous approach to Day 1 Opening that supports Government objectives for the project



Support drivers to safely navigate the changed road network and to adapt their journey – from Day 1 with confidence



Say thank you to locals and motorists who have lived through seven years of construction



We want drivers to experience the West Gate Tunnel before it opens



Preparation

- Build awareness of the benefits and scope of project
- Construction communications and engagement activities maintained

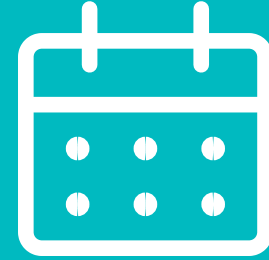
Underway now



Education

- Narrative shifts to how to focus on how to use the West Gate Tunnel and other changes to the road network e.g. truck bans – education campaign kicks in
- Build or re-establish relationships with stakeholders to create partnerships and advocates
- Extend reach into communities

Starts 6 months from opening



Celebration

- Starts with announcement of date of tunnel opening
- Community and motorist celebration and thank you

Starts 1 month from opening

Construction and Community Update



Tunnel Zone Update



Tunnel Zone Community Engagement

Community concerns/interests:

- Localised impacts to businesses with works along Harris Street and new shared path bridge over Whitehall Street
 - Street parking
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Engagement:

- Met with Seddon Cricket Club to discuss final design
 - Checked in with local businesses including those on 107-109 Whitehall Street and Kindred Studios
 - Provided additional signage informing public how to access Yarraville Gardens and the clubs/businesses on Harris Street and Cowper Street
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Works Notifications:

- Whitehall Street closure – 14 September and 12 October
- Harris Street and Cowper Street intersection closure – 23 September
- Visual amenity changes for Northern and Southern Portal – 26 September

New shared path bridge at Whitehall Street

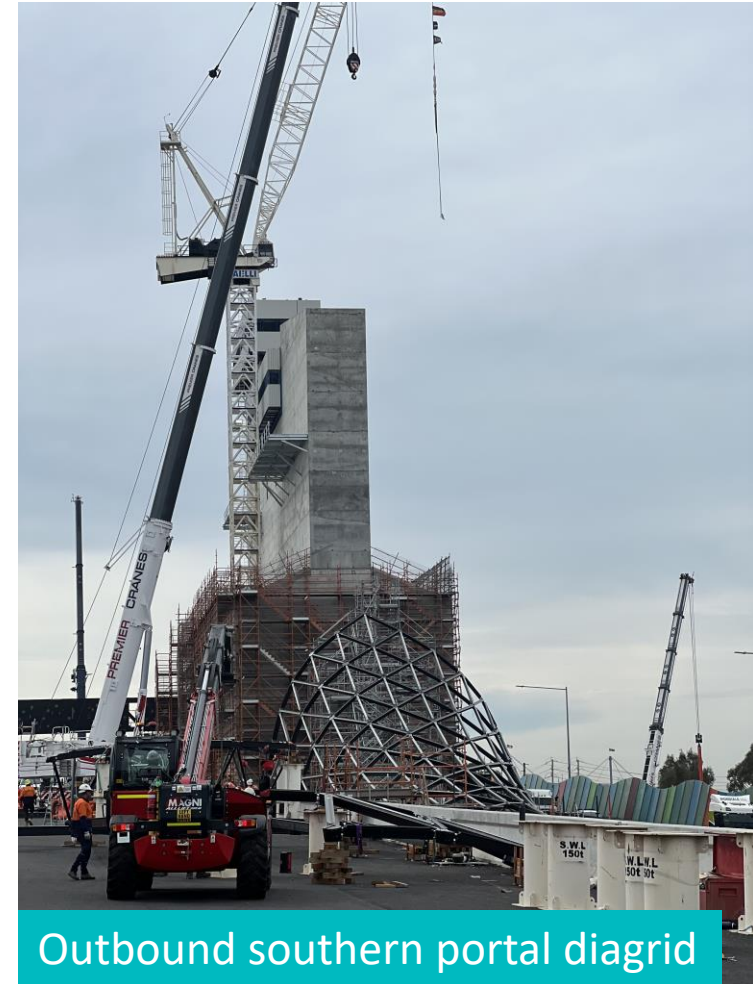


South facing view of the bridge with cladding installed

Harris Street



Portal timber nets installation



Tunnel cross passage completions



Completed Cross Passage



Entrance to Cross Passage 20

West Zone Update



West Zone Community Engagement

Community concerns/interests:

- Williamstown Road citybound exit closure and detour, local business impacts
 - Speed limit signage along the West Gate Freeway
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Engagement:

- Door knocks – Stony Creek landscaping works
 - Local business door knocks – Williamstown Road citybound exit ramp closure
 - Shell Coles Express Spotswood community pop-up
 - Kororoit Creek shared walking and cycling path site walk with Friends of Kororoit Creek and Bicycle Network
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Works notifications:

- 16 September – Williamstown Road citybound exit ramp and Footscray Road citybound carriageway closure
Tuesday 1 October to Sunday 17 November
- 8 October – Federation Trail resurfacing until Saturday 14 December

Kororoit Creek Trail video

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Federation Trail – Millers Road to Fogarty Avenue



Federation Trail between Millers Road & Fogarty Avenue

Federation Trail – Millers Road to Kororoit Creek



View west from Millers Road of an area to be re-surfaced

M80 ramp completed works



M80 Interchange

Williamstown Road spring campaign works



Aerial view of Williamstown Road worksite



Walking and cycling path bridge to be installed

Landscaping



Offset tree planting along Federation Trail in Brooklyn



East Zone Update



East Zone Community Engagement

Community concerns/interests:

- Interest in the opening date for the veloway
 - Traffic changes on Footscray Road
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Engagement:

- Door knocks, emails and face to face briefings with Footscray Road businesses and Dockland stakeholders regarding next stage of traffic changes on Footscray Road
 - Engagement with cycling communities regarding Footscray Road SUP nightly closures between 8 October to 13 October
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Notifications:

- 16 September - Williamstown Road citybound exit ramp closure from 9pm Tuesday 1 October to 5am Sunday 17 November and Footscray Road citybound carriageway closure from Friday 11 October to 5am Thursday 31 October
- 2 October – Footscray Road, walking and cycling path overnight closures, 8 October to 13 October 8pm to 5am

West Gate Tunnel eastern entrance



Citylink off ramp onto West Gate Tunnel elevated road

Maribyrnong River Bridge cladding installation



Eel skin inspired cladding to be installed

Footscray Road



Bridge over Moonee Ponds Creek



New straightened bridge design

Veloway video



Landscaping



Landscaping along the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail





Break – 10 minutes

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Graffiti update

September - October 2024

- **Throughout September:** Graffiti removal from noise wall and new shared path approach at Fogarty Avenue.
- **Late September:** Removal of Graffiti on the Footscray shared walking and cycling path before CityLink inbound
- **Late September:** Fogarty Avenue emergency access entrance (opposite Yarraville Soccer Club)
- **September and early October:** Kororoit Creek shared walking and cycling path under Geelong Road and West Gate Freeway.

Member questions





Thank you and close

Next meeting: 28 November 2024

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