

## Verification drilling on Frederick Street





After tunnelling under Yarraville, the West Gate Tunnel Project's tunnel boring machines (TBMs) have arrived at their destinations. Vida arrived at the citybound tunnel entrance site on the West Gate Freeway near Williamstown Road in February 2023. The inbound tunnel is 2.8km long. Bella, the outbound TBM, tunnelled 4km under Williamstown to reach the tunnel exit just east of Millers Road on the West Gate Freeway in early May. With tunnel excavation works now complete, major works are being carried out in the tunnel to install services, lighting and the new road and motorway management systems.

In the tunnels, series of cross passages are being excavated to provide a safe connection between the inbound and outbound tunnels. As part of these works, we need to conduct some verification drilling from aboveground on Frederick Street, Yarraville.

We will be drilling approximately 25 metres down and because the tunnels are located beneath a large ten metre basalt cap, the area will be safe and stable. The basalt cap is a very deep layer of hard rock that is up to four times the strength of concrete. As is consistent for all of our tunnelling activities, we have monitoring devices that provide regular ground movement information to inform the project team across the whole tunnel alignment.

To complete these works we will need to close Frederick Street between Stephen Street and Hyde Street between 7am–5pm on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 of June. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause local residents, however access to your property will be maintained with the assistance of traffic controllers.

### What to expect and when

	Impact	Date
	<p>Construction noise associated with drilling works.</p> <p><i>Preparation works for drilling may, at times, be noisy. Respite options are available, please contact 1800 105 105 and a community relations person will reach out to discuss the options.</i></p>	15 June 2023
	<p>Construction related vehicle movements in the street.</p> <p><i>Including a drilling rig and small trucks entering and exiting the street.</i></p>	15/16 June 2023
	<p>Frederick Street will be closed between Stephen Street and Hyde Street between 7am–5pm during these works.</p> <p><i>Residents will have access to the street with the assistance of traffic controllers. Driveway access will still be available.</i></p> <p><i>The street will be reopened at night.</i></p>	15/16 June 2023
	<p>Parking restrictions along Frederick Street.</p> <p><i>Street parking will be restricted in some parts of the street.</i></p>	15/16 June 2023

## Thank you

We appreciate our work can be disruptive and thank you for your understanding. Works may be rescheduled in the event of unexpected impacts.

For updates or questions, please call **1800 105 105**, email us at [info@wgta.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@wgta.vic.gov.au), visit [westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au](http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au) or you can drop into our **Information Centre at 2 Somerville Road, Yarraville 3013 Monday–Friday 10am–5pm or Saturday 10am–4pm** for further information on the project.

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