



# Works progressing on the Eastern Freeway

Construction Update  
April 2025

## BIG BUILD EASTERN FREEWAY

As part of North East Link, we're upgrading the Eastern Freeway with new express lanes, new traffic management technology and Melbourne's first dedicated busway.

We've hit the ground running in 2025 with sites active across the full length of the Eastern Freeway between Burke and Tram Roads. Here's what we've been up to over the past few months.

### Super Ts have landed

In January, the first of our 104 Super T beams arrived and were lifted into place for the future Bulleen Road. Crews are continuing to install the beams and have started preparing to build the bridge deck.

In mid 2025, we'll move traffic onto the new Bulleen Road bridge, north of the freeway, opening up areas for works to begin on the flyover structures.



First Super T beam installed

### A smarter, faster Eastern Freeway



**11 minute**

faster trips along the Eastern Freeway



**6**

new express lanes



**18**

traffic lights skipped to the airport using the new tunnel



**New Busway**

with park and rides at Bulleen and Doncaster



**10km**

walking and cycling paths

### Let us know how we're going

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## Express Busway starting to take shape

Works to build part of the Eastern Busway in Bulleen have been making steady progress. We've already installed 147 concrete piles to form the foundations of the busway bridge under the new Bulleen Road alignment.

We worked around the clock in February to build the deck of the bridge, which contains more than 91 concrete beams weighing in at around 10 tonnes each, and over 14m in length.

Next, we'll excavate under those beams to create the busway express lanes which will connect directly to the Bulleen Park and Ride.



Concrete planks installed over the new Eastern busway

## A closer look at the Doncaster interchange

We're transforming the Doncaster Road interchange to improve trips for cars, buses, pedestrians and cyclists. The new Doncaster Road bridge will be widened and elevated to allow room for the Eastern Busway below.

To keep traffic flowing in the area during works, we're building the interchange in stages. We've started building half of the bridge structure, including foundations and temporary entry and exit freeway ramps, on the city-side of the bridge.

Once half of the bridge deck is built, we'll switch all traffic lanes to the new bridge structure before we demolish the existing Doncaster Road bridge and start building the Ringwood-side of the bridge.

To carry these works out safely, you can expect changed traffic conditions and intermittent impacts to both the freeway and ramps throughout 2025.

### Building temporary ramps to keep you moving

We're building temporary freeway ramps to allow traffic to continue entering and exiting the freeway while we build your new Doncaster Interchange.

We're getting close to opening two of the four temporary freeway ramps, with construction to begin on the remaining two in mid to late 2025.



Aerial view of the Doncaster interchange progress

## Pedestrian bridges update

We'll be making it safer and easier to cross the freeway on foot and by bike with wider bridges at Estelle Street and Heyington Avenue. We've just finished building foundations on the new bridge abutments in readiness for major works to begin in mid 2025.



## Important changes to the way you travel

### Citybound lane changes

Between late March and mid 2025, the citybound lanes of the Eastern Freeway between Bulleen Road and Burke Road will be split into two sections. This will allow us to install critical drainage under the freeway. The same number of lanes and the 80 kilometre speed limit will remain.

You can expect more traffic changes along the freeway as works progress so we can move traffic and open up new work areas. For the latest information please visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions)

## Gazebo opening

We worked with the local Tai Chi group to install a new replacement gazebo at the Koonung Creek Reserve near Carron Street.

The new gazebo was open to the community on Friday 24 January 2025.



## Timber reuse at Tecoma Primary School

Logs from the Eastern Freeway have been crafted into an outdoor classroom and nature play space at Tecoma Primary School as part of their 100th year celebrations.

This is just one way we're making the most out of the logs collected from the project.

More than 1.8 million new plants, including over 10,000 trees, will be planted for the first stage of the Eastern Freeway Upgrades from Burke Road to Tram Road.



## Works on the North East Link

Works are continuing on both sides of Bulleen Road as tunnelling continues on the North East Link.

In early April, there will be reduced lanes on Manningham Road westbound from Bulleen Road to Bulleen Art and Garden, and in mid-April, the Bulleen Road and Manningham Road intersection will be closed overnight to support a temporary re-alignment of Manningham Road.

Throughout April, there will also be overnight lane closures on

Bulleen Road, Bridge Street and Manningham Road.

These works are being delivered as part of works of the construction of the future Manningham Road interchange.

Traffic management will be in place to safely guide you through the area at these times.

To see the latest information on upcoming disruptions please visit Victoria's Big Build.



Hoarding design at Koonung Creek Reserve



## Laying foundations: Greythorn Primary excursion

In February and March, the project team hosted Greythorn Primary School students on a series of excursions to learn more about the Eastern Freeway Upgrade.

As part of the experience, students travelled by bus to the Project Information Centre to ask questions about the project and upcoming works.

Students were also taken to a site compound to see construction equipment up close, and to learn about how major projects are planned and managed safely.



Greythorn Primary School students at a site compound

## Apply now for the Community Fund

Applications are now open for the North East Community Fund

Funding is available for projects small and large - grants of up to \$5,000 for equipment, up to \$10,000 for one-off projects and up to \$20,000 for festivals or events. There are also grants and partnerships up to \$100,000 for improvements to infrastructure or open spaces.

If your community group has a great idea to bring people together, strengthen community bonds, or improve local sporting and event facilities, we'd love to hear from you.

**Applications close 3pm Tuesday 29 April 2025**



Belle Vue Primary School will be resurfacing the school basketball court

For more information please visit: [northeastlink.vic.gov.au/communityfund](http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/communityfund)

## We're here to help

Our community engagement team will be out and about talking to people about works in their area and how we can support you during construction. You can also contact **1800 105 105** to speak to us or to make a time to meet with us.

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## Construction Timeline Burke Road to Tram Road

### Early 2025

- Super T beams lifted into place for the new Bulleen Road
- New lane configuration between Burke and Bulleen roads
- Changes to Thompsons Road to allow construction of the new Bulleen Road bridge to continue
- Construction of the Eastern Busway continues
- Temporary bus stops on Doncaster Road open for passengers

### Late 2025

- Traffic switch on to new half of Doncaster Road bridge and new temporary ramps open as part of major Doncaster Interchange upgrade
- Relocate underground utilities
- New Estelle Street bridge open
- Construction of the new Doncaster Park and Ride commences
- New Heyington Avenue bridge open

### 2028

Eastern Freeway Upgrades open and North East Link open, connecting with a completed M80 Ring Road



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