



**WEST GATE TUNNEL**  
PROJECT

# Community Liaison Group Meeting

28 November 2024

In partnership with

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# Agenda

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30 pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair (Kim Jordan)
5.40 pm	2	WGTP MRPV update	WGTP MRPV (Kim Payne, Liz Evans & Douglas Morris)
6.00 pm	4	Preparing for road opening	DTP (Andrew Newman & Jess Murdoch) WGTP MRPV (Kim Payne & Douglas Morris)
6.10 pm	5	Tunnels update	CPBJH (Melissa Merrett & Dylan Kunst)
6.20 pm	6	West update	CPBJH (Melissa Merrett & Dylan Kunst)
6.30 pm	7	East update	CPBJH (Mario Urban & Dylan Kunst)
6.40 pm	8	BREAK	All
6.55 pm	9	Graffiti Update	CPBJH
7.00 pm	10	Member questions	CLG members
7.30 pm	11	Thank you and close	Chair (Kim Jordan)

# WGTP MRPV Update



# Grants and Partnerships

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

Recent projects that have been delivered and provide a community benefit are:

- Newport Bowls Club ladies pavilion
- Australian Multicultural Community Services 'Millenium House' redevelopment
- Williamstown Macedonian Festival
- Footscray Hockey Club scoreboard
- South Kingsville Community Centre 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary block party
- Melbourne Telangana Festival
- Green Collect circularity event
- Spotswood Spots club seating



# Kororoit Creek Community Celebration Event



# Outreach



## Diwali Festival of Lights, Footscray – 27 October 2024

- Over 100 conversations throughout the day
- Big interest in Virtual Reality goggles, showcasing “riding along the Veloway”
- General interest in the project, finish date, tunnel entry & exit points



## District Docklands – 22 & 24 November 2023

- Approximately 50 conversations across both days
- Community interest in veloway progress and early opening of walking and cycling paths



**Preparing for road opening**

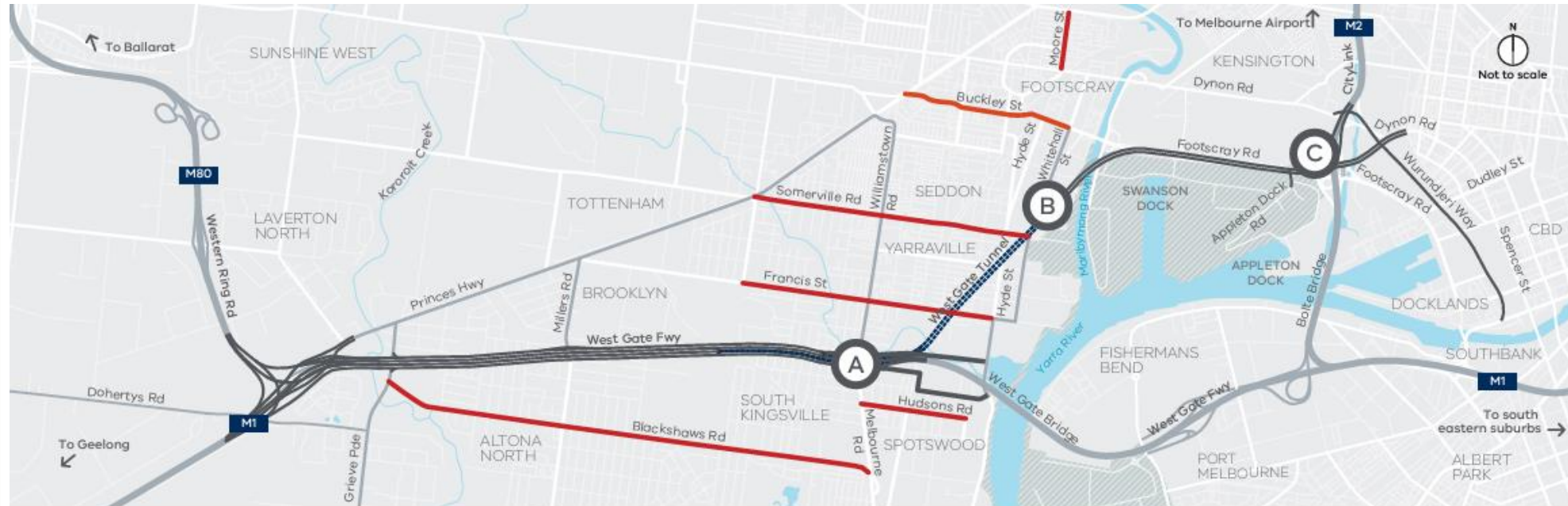
# No Truck Zones overview

When the West Gate Tunnel opens in 2025, there will be 24-hour No Truck Zones on six streets in Inner West.

New roadside cameras will monitor trucks to ensure drivers follow the rules.

Some exemptions will apply to trucks with local origins and destinations and/or have no alternative but to travel in the No Truck Zones.

Ensuring goods can still be delivered to local homes and businesses.

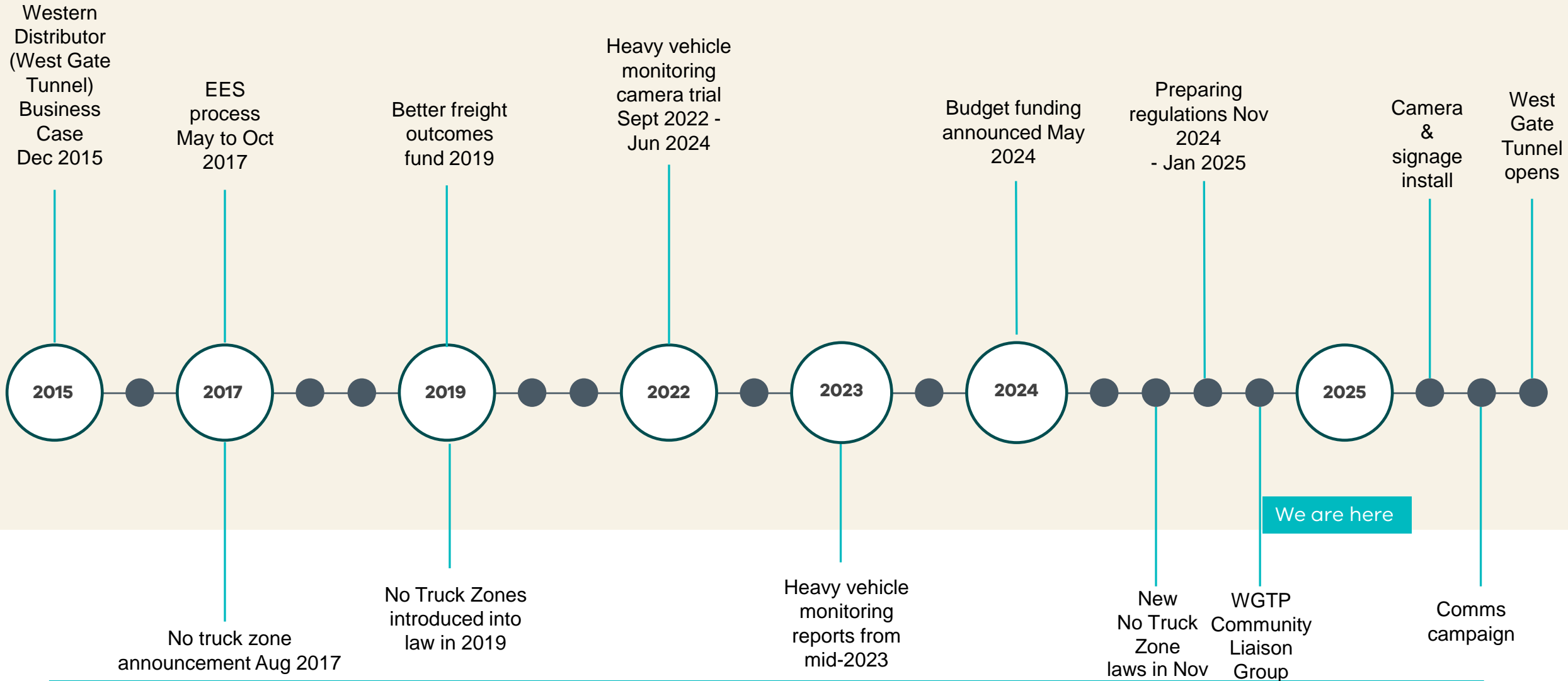


- No truck zones
- ▬▬▬▬▬▬ Tunnel underground
- Dock areas
- WGTP
- WGTP on/off ramps



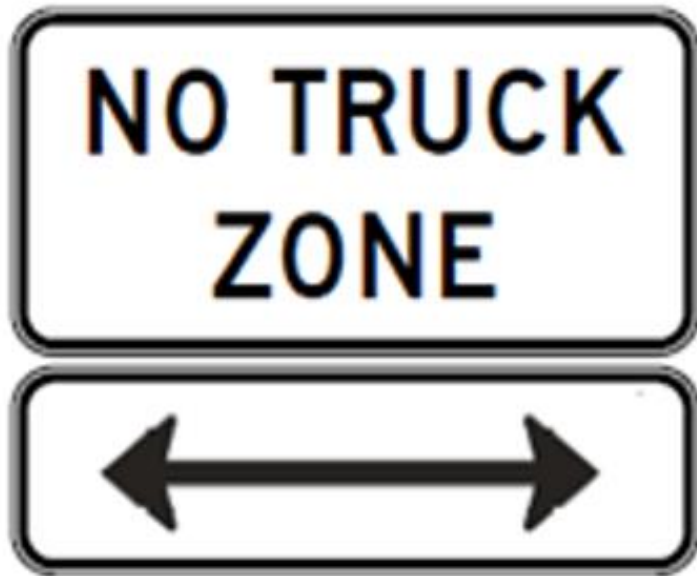


# No Truck Zones timeline



# Stakeholder engagement - how we'll engage

We'll introduce no truck zones to industry and the community in phases – building on engagement and the level of detail as we approach the opening of the West Gate Tunnel.



## What we'll do:

- Incrementally build on the detail – starting with an overview of no truck zones, to more specific travel routes for drivers
- Deliver clear, simple information, maps and route journeys
- Conduct industry and community briefings, including meetings with councils and key action groups
- Be visible with face-to-face outreach at key industry, community locations and truck stops at the right times
- Coordinate with West Gate Tunnel opening activities – attending industry and community outreach to build awareness of no truck zones.
- Identify and promote industry and community advocates to help communicate the no truck zones.

# Compliance and enforcement strategy

We'll focus on encouraging and supporting changes in driver behaviour through education, aligned with community expectations.

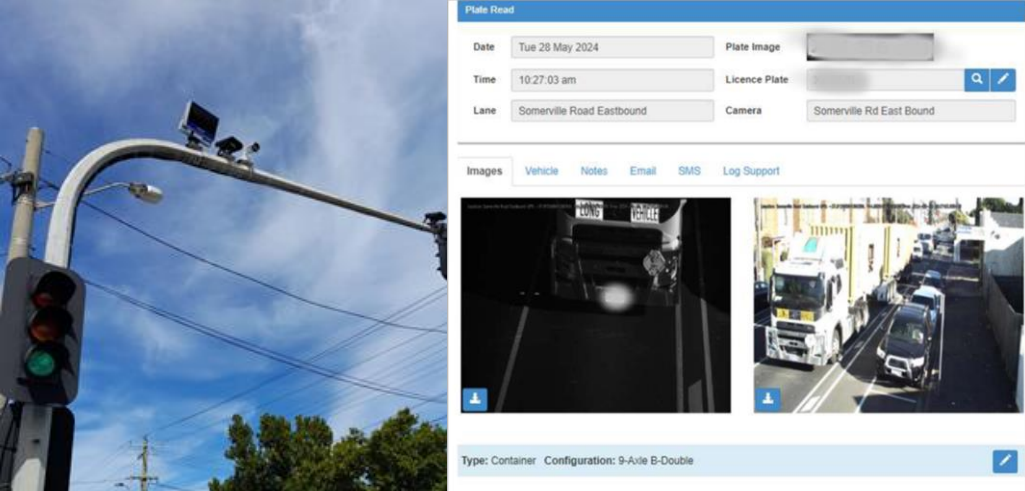
## Roadside monitoring

New roadside cameras will detect trucks using no truck zone roads.

We've already started testing cameras to get ready to enforce the no truck zones.

The cameras will be able to:

- Spot trucks going in both directions
- Record images using video and number plate recognition technology
- Gather information to help the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator enforce the no truck zones.



The screenshot displays a roadside monitoring system interface. On the left, a camera view shows a truck on a road. On the right, a form titled 'Plate Read' contains the following information:

- Date: Tue 28 May 2024
- Time: 10:27:03 am
- Lane: Somerville Road Eastbound
- Plate Image: [Redacted]
- Licence Plate: [Redacted]
- Camera: Somerville Rd East Bound

Below the form, there are two image thumbnails: one showing a truck from a rear perspective and another showing a truck from a front perspective. The interface also includes a 'Transaction Details' section with the following information:

- Transaction Details:
  - Entry Read: Date: 28/05/2024, Time: 07:15:09 AM, Lane: Somerville Road, Location: Willamstown
  - Exit Read: Date: 28/05/2024, Time: 10:09:49 AM, Lane: Somerville Road, Location: Willamstown
- Offence Summary:
  - Status: Curfew Breach
  - Zone: Willamstown
  - Time: 28/05/2024 10:08:49 AM
  - Duration: 02:53:40
  - Pop No. \* [Redacted]
  - Remember No. [Redacted]
  - Licence User: admin
  - Officer \* [Redacted]
  - Comments: [Redacted]
- Decision:
  - Infractions: Curfew Breach, Stopped in a No Stopping Area (NK 957)
  - Buttons: Confirm, Denies, Compliance History

At the bottom, there are two tables:

Journey Details						
Start Time	End Time	Dwell Time	Location	Status	Outcome	
29 Aug 2023 7:15 AM	29 Aug 2023 10:06 AM	02:53:40	Willamstown	Curfew Breach	Suspected	

Permit Details							
Permit No.	Licence Plate	Type	IsActive	Valid From	Valid To	Location	Deleted

# Vehicles subject to the no truck zones and exemptions

## Exemptions

- Some exemptions will apply to trucks with origins or destinations in the no truck zone or where there are no alternative routes that trucks are allowed to operate on.
- This ensures that goods can be delivered to local homes and businesses while also allowing heavy vehicles like buses and garbage trucks.

## Vehicles subject to the no truck zones

- When the tunnel opens in 2025, six roads will have 24-hour no truck zones.
- The no truck zones will cover Francis Street, Somerville Road, Buckley Street, Moore Street, Blackshaws Road, and Hudsons Road.
- Trucks heading to the port or empty container parks won't be able to use any no truck zones roads in Melbourne's inner west when the tunnel opens.
- New roadside cameras will monitor trucks in no truck zones to make sure drivers are following the rules.
- New ramps to and from Hyde Street will cater to trucks carrying dangerous goods or restricted from using the new tunnels, such as too high or placard loads.

# Next steps

We're committed to staying connected and working with the community to tackle truck impacts in the Inner West.

- Installing brand-new/upgraded cameras and preparing new No Truck Zone signage.
- Preparing fact sheets, web content and videos to support building awareness of No Truck Zones.
- We're also teaming up with the NHVR to ensure fairness and consistency in enforcing these new rules.
- In 2025, we will start our comms campaign, including industry education and community information.
- Once the tunnel opens, we'll also present the community with an annual report on the effectiveness of the no-truck zones.

# Engaging with community

## **Preparation phase (current – March 2025):**

- Continue providing updates about construction progress and disruptions
- Expanding on existing and building important new relationships with community
- Build awareness of project completion in late 2025
- Build awareness of the education phase and what it will entail for the community

## **Events:**

- Shopping centre activations including District Docklands, Altona Gate & Pacific Werribee
- Lunar New Year events including Footscray, Sunshine & Wyndham
- Festivals including Djerriwarrh, Antipodes, St Albans, Yarraville and Pako Festa

# Engaging with community

## **Education phase (March 2025 through to road opening):**

- Educate community about how to use the new assets and what to expect at opening
- Tailored user experiences such as a driving simulator and virtual reality experiences
- Build excitement for the benefits that will be realised upon opening

## **Events:**

- Hero activations across regional Victoria and metro Melbourne shopping centres
- Major events such as Formula 1, Avalon Airshow, Moomba & Royal Melbourne Show
- Major regional events such as Begonia Festival, Bendigo Easter Festival & Royal Geelong Show
- Tailored community engagement forums

# Construction and Community Update





# Tunnel Zone Update



# Tunnel Zone Community Engagement

## **Community concerns/interests:**

- Completion of landscaping and concrete pavement at western end of Harris Street
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## **Engagement:**

- Emailed and door knocked locals and businesses around drainage works happening in Northern Portal
  - Preparing to meet with Youell Street businesses to occur in week of 25/11
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## **Works Notifications:**

- Timber net delivery
- Works northern entry and exit works DL

# Timber net and diagrid installation



# Northern Portal



# Harris Street



# West Zone Update



# West Zone Community Engagement

## **Community concerns/interests:**

- Federation Trail resurfacing works update
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## **Engagement:**

- Williamstown Road business check-ins
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## **Works notifications:**

- Freeway noisy works DL – 18 November

# West Gate Freeway summer works (Jan to Feb)



## Impacts

- Outbound lanes along the West Gate Freeway closed between Williamstown Road and Millers Road
- Millers Road outbound exit ramp closed
- Williamstown Road outbound entry ramp
- Single citybound single lane closure along the West Gate Freeway at Williamstown Road



# West Gate Freeway summer works (Feb to March)



## Impacts

- Citybound lanes along the West Gate Freeway closed between Millers Road and Williamstown Road
- Grieve Parade citybound entry ramp closed
- Millers Road citybound entry ramp closed
- Williamstown Road citybound exit ramp closed
- Williamstown Road outbound entry ramp closed

# Federation Trail – Millers Road to Kororoit Creek Trail



# Walking and cycling bridge over West Gate Freeway Inbound Exit Ramp onto Williamstown Road



# East Zone Update



# East Zone Community Engagement

## **Community concerns/interests:**

- Walking and cycling path openings
  - Maribyrnong River access for boat users
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## **Engagement:**

- Footscray Road business check-ins during asphaltting works on the eastbound carriageway
  - Site tours with Docklands business stakeholders and Docklands Primary School
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## **Notifications:**

- Anderson, Stawell and Dryburgh Street utility works and footpath closure.

# Maribyrnong River Bridge cladding installation



# Veloway/Footscray Road



# Elevated Road





# Walking and cycling bridge opening





**Break – 10 minutes**

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# Graffiti update

## October - November 2024

- **October:** Graffiti removal from noise wall at Fogarty Avenue.
- **Late October:** Graffiti removal from the noise wall at Williamstown Road citybound ramp
- **October:** Graffiti removed from Footscray Road bridge.
- **October:** Graffiti removed from Grieve Parade bridge.

# Member questions



# 2025 meeting dates

The first five meetings for next year will be on the following dates:

- Thursday 6 February
- Thursday 20 March
- Thursday 1 May
- Thursday 12 June
- Thursday 24 July



# Thank you and close

Next meeting: 6 February 2025

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