

# Upcoming works Hoddle Street to Burke

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**EASTERN FREEWAY**

Works notification  
February 2026

We're upgrading the Eastern Freeway with a new Eastern Busway, better walking and cycling connections, smart technology and a link to North East Link - supporting faster, safe and more reliable travel in Melbourne's east.

## What we're doing

We're building safe work areas to support future construction activities. We're also continuing works on the Eastern Freeway to install new traffic management technology including trenching, underground boring and some vegetation removal.

## When are we working?

-  **Day works** 7am to 7pm from Monday to Friday and 7am to 3pm Saturdays and Sundays
-  **Night works** 7pm to 7am from Monday to Saturday
-  **Day / night works** at times during day and night works hours

We use water carts, street sweepers and noise blankets wherever possible to reduce dust, mud tracking and noise while we work. We'll be in touch with impacted residents regarding specific times for construction activities.

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## Upcoming freeway disruptions

Freeway disruptions are expected as part of these works. Expect overnight lane, ramp and carriageway closures.

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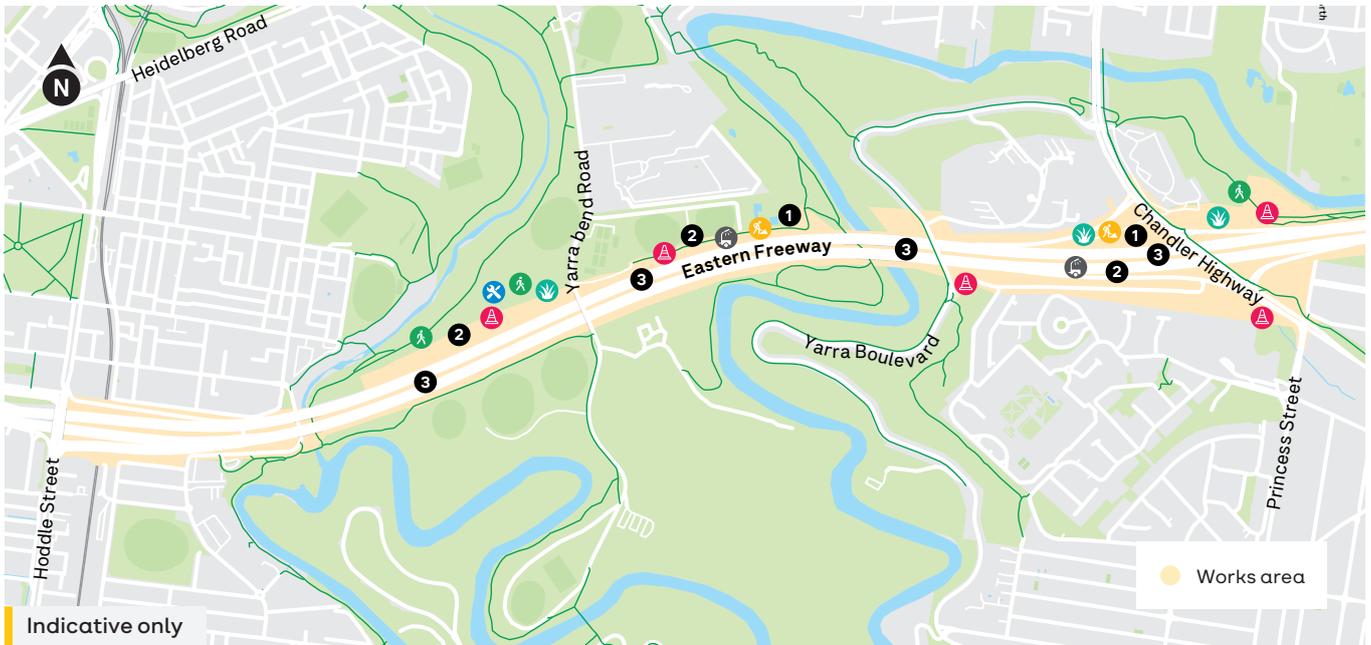


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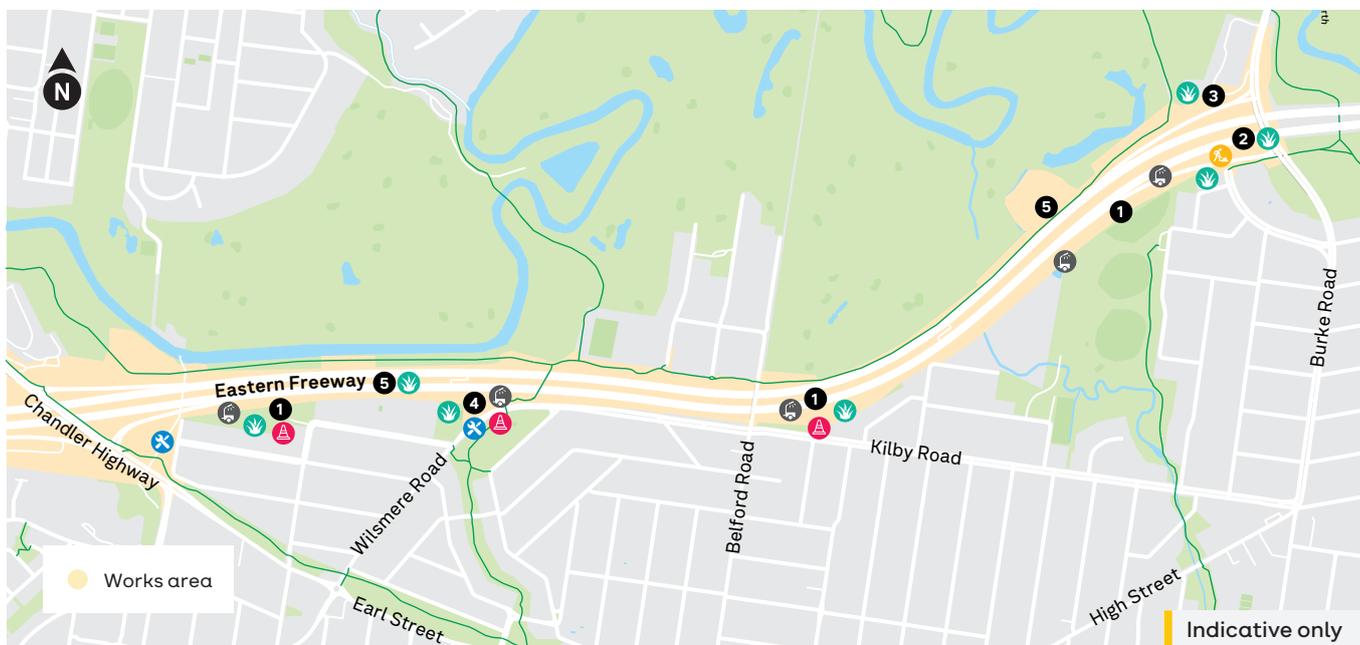


## Zone 1: Hoddle Street to Chandler Highway

### New and ongoing works

-  Construction compound
-  Pedestrian detour
-  Day works
-  Day / night works
-  Night works
-  Utility works
-  Local traffic management
-  Worker facilities
-  Vegetation removal

Where	Activity	What to expect
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Chandler Highway north, west of Chandler Highway bridge and adjacent to the Eastern Freeway</p> <p>River Circuit Trail, between Yarra Bend Road and Yarra Boulevard</p> <p>Early February to mid April 2026</p>	<p> <b>Site establishment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installing temporary fencing and traffic barriers</li> <li>- Installing temporary worker facilities</li> <li>- Constructing access into the construction site</li> <li>- Excavation and earthworks</li> <li>- Clearing trees and vegetation</li> <li>- Building equipment and material storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic controllers and signage</li> <li>- Temporary diversion of the River Circuit Trail refer to local signage</li> <li>- Tree tagging and removal</li> <li>- Intermittent lane closures and traffic changes</li> <li>- Low to moderate noise, vibration and dust</li> <li>- Use of directional lighting</li> <li>- Use of water carts and street sweepers to manage dust and mud tracking</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Yarra Bend Park, between Merri Creek and Yarra Bend Road</p> <p>River Circuit Trail, between Yarra Bend Road and Yarra Boulevard</p> <p>Wiltshire Drive, between Yarra Boulevard and Chandler Highway</p> <p>Early February to mid April 2026</p>	<p> <b>Traffic management technology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installing temporary facilities to support works in the area</li> <li>- Installing temporary fencing and traffic barriers</li> <li>- Installing underground cables</li> <li>- Excavation and earthworks</li> <li>- Clearing trees and vegetation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic controllers and signage</li> <li>- Lane and footpath closures</li> <li>- Informal path closures on walking trails</li> <li>- Local signage and diversions in place</li> <li>- Use of directional lighting</li> <li>- Low to moderate noise, vibration and dust</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Eastern Freeway between Hoddle Street and Chandler Highway</p> <p>Ongoing until late 2027</p>	<p> <b>Temporary road re-alignment works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demolition of the centre median including earthworks and utility works</li> <li>- Installing traffic barriers</li> <li>- Removing the top layer of asphalt and installing temporary line marking</li> <li>- Building construction access roads</li> <li>- Removal of overhead gantries and light poles</li> <li>- Installing electronic signage and lighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic controllers and signage</li> <li>- Overnight lane and ramp closures</li> <li>- Moderate to high noise, vibration and dust</li> </ul>



## Zone 2: Chandler Highway to Burke Road

### New and ongoing works

-  Construction compound
-  Vegetation removal
-  Day works
-  Day / night works
-  Night works
-  Utility works
-  Local traffic management
-  Worker facilities

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<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Kate Campbell Reserve, between Princess Street and Wilsmere Road</p> <p>Eastern Freeway road reserve, near Hays Paddock</p> <p>Eastern Freeway road reserve, between Belford Road and Minogue Street</p> <p>Ongoing until late March</p>	<p><b>Traffic management technology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Installing temporary fencing</li> <li> - Installing temporary worker facilities</li> <li> - Excavation and earthworks</li> <li> - Installing underground cables</li> <li> - Tree tagging and removal of some trees and vegetation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate to high levels of noise, dust and vibration at times</li> <li>- Construction vehicles and equipment in the area</li> <li>- No pedestrian access to Kate Campbell Reserve via Princess Street, detour via Kellett Grove refer to local signage</li> <li>- Use of water carts and street sweepers to manage dust and mud tracking</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Eastern Freeway citybound ramp, near Burke Road</p> <p>Ongoing until April 2026</p>	<p><b>Construction of Burke Compound:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Barrier and fencing installation</li> <li> - Installing temporary site facilities and buildings</li> <li> - Construction of access into the construction site</li> <li> - Excavation, earthworks and vegetation removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low to moderate levels of noise, dust and vibration</li> <li>- Construction vehicles and equipment in the area</li> <li>- Out of hour deliveries</li> <li>- Use of directional lighting</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Burke Road Ringwood-bound off ramp</p> <p>February until mid 2026</p>	<p><b>Temporary road realignment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Modifying the intersection at Burke Road including lane closures, traffic barriers and signage</li> <li> - Installing traffic barriers and temporary line marking</li> <li> - Excavation and earthworks</li> <li> - Removal of some vegetation next to the freeway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate to high levels of noise, dust and vibration</li> <li>- Overnight lane closures</li> <li>- Construction vehicles and equipment in the area</li> <li>- Overnight deliveries</li> <li>- Use of directional lighting</li> </ul>

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<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Jack O'Toole Reserve, near the corner of Kilby and Willsmere roads</p> <p>Late February until mid 2026</p>	<p><b>Site establishment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Building a safe works area</li> <li>- Installing temporary fencing and construction vehicle access gates</li> <li>- Construction of hardstands for future works</li> <li>- Installing temporary worker facilities</li> <li> - Tree tagging and removal of some trees and vegetation</li> <li>- Installing underground cables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low to moderate noise, dust and vibration at times</li> <li>- Construction vehicles and equipment in the area</li> <li>- Traffic management in place on local roads including Kellett Grove, Willsmere Road, Kilby Road and White Avenue.</li> <li>- Changes to bus stop 630, at corner of Kilby Road and White Avenue. Refer to bus stop signage</li> <li>- Use of water carts and street sweepers to manage dust and mud tracking</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Eastern Freeway between Chandler Highway and Burke Road</p> <p>Ongoing until mid 2026</p>	<p><b>Temporary road re-alignment and drainage works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Installing traffic barriers</li> <li>- Removing the top layer of asphalt and installing temporary line marking</li> <li>- Building construction vehicle access points</li> <li>- Removal of overhead gantries and light poles</li> <li>- Installing electronic signage and temporary lighting</li> <li>- Demolition of the centre median including earthworks and utility works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traffic controllers and signage</li> <li>- Low to moderate levels of noise, dust and vibration</li> <li>- Construction vehicles and equipment in the area</li> <li>- Overnight deliveries</li> <li>- Use of directional lighting</li> <li>- Use of water carts and street sweepers to manage dust and mud tracking</li> </ul>

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