

Project benefits

Why we're building the West Gate Tunnel Project

The West Gate Tunnel Project is more than just a road. It will make Melbourne's west and north an even better place to live, work and play.

The Victorian Government has partnered with Transurban to deliver the West Gate Tunnel Project, which will give Melbourne a second freeway link between the west and the city.

Construction is underway to build your alternative to the West Gate Bridge.

Overcoming Melbourne's transport challenges

Currently more than 200,000 vehicles a day rely on the West Gate Bridge, and a single incident can stop traffic. In addition, trucks in the west have no alternative but to use local roads just to get to the Port.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will end Melbourne's reliance on the West Gate Bridge by building a new tunnel and new links to the port, CityLink and the City.



Twin tunnels



Second river crossing



Four new lanes on the West Gate Freeway



Express Lanes

Key benefits

Everyone's travel made easy

- Giving people a choice - the tunnel or the bridge
- Getting 9,000 trucks off local streets in the inner west
- Enabling [24 hour truck bans](#) on six local roads
- Better connecting Melbourne's freeway network, to help people and goods move around
- Better managing traffic flows and incidents through smart technology
- Over 14 kilometres of new and upgraded [walking and cycling paths](#)

Better health and wellbeing

- Improving air and noise by [removing trucks](#) from local streets
- Taking noise walls to the next level by [upgrading and adding new noise walls](#)
- Reduced noise at parks and sports grounds including Crofts Reserve, McIvor Reserve, Donald McLean Reserve and Hyde Street Reserve.
- Moving the westbound tunnel exit further away from homes
- New [cycling and walking links](#) to popular trails and parks, with new crossings over the West Gate Freeway and major roads
- Riding high on a 2.5 kilometre [elevated veloway](#) above Footscray Road

Improving local amenity and the environment

- Creating nearly 9 hectares of [new parks and wetlands](#)
- Planting more than 17,000 trees and tens of thousands of native and indigenous shrubs and grasses
- Enhancing [waterway environments](#) – wetlands used to treat stormwater and new plantings to rehabilitate creek banks and develop animal habitats
- [Improving landscaping](#) along Maribyrnong River and Kororoit, Stony and Moonee Ponds creeks
- [World-class architecture, urban and landscape design](#) that celebrates the Aboriginal heritage and maritime history of Melbourne's west

