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Why we're building the West Gate Tunnel Project

The West Gate Tunnel will get you moving again



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, with the new road opening in 2022.

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

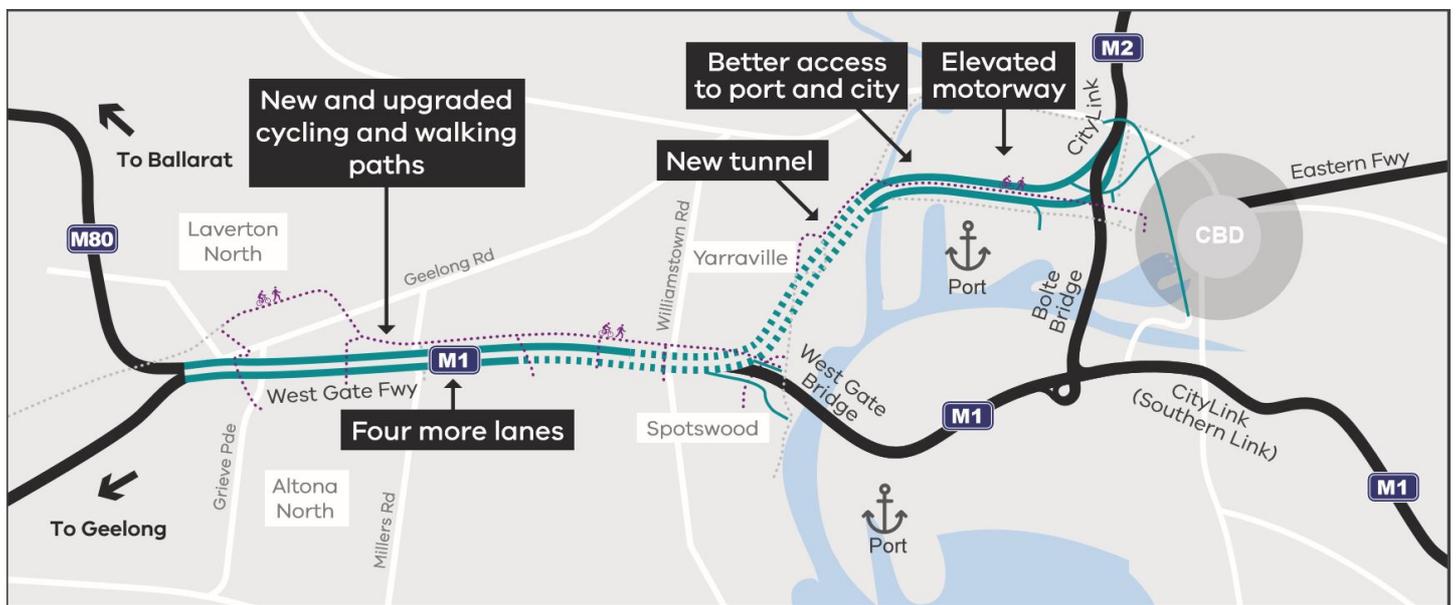
Planting more than 17,000 trees and tens of thousands of native and indigenous shrubs and grasses

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

What we are building



Project scope map. Click image to enlarge.

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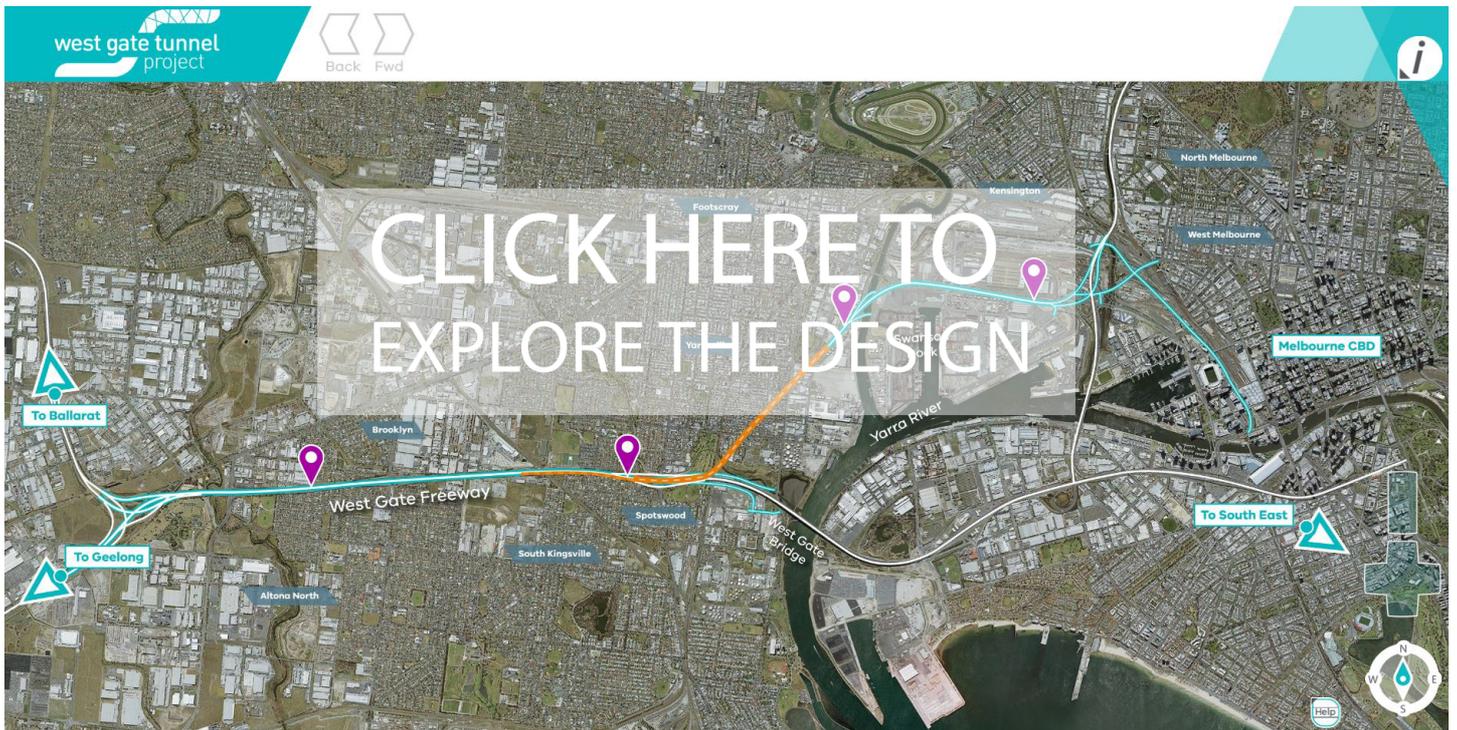
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