

west gate tunnel project

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Community update

Public hearings for the West Gate Tunnel Project Environment Effects Statement have wrapped up after five weeks of hearing from councils, community groups and residents.

The EES has assessed the potential effects of the project on topics like transport, air quality, noise and ecology.

The Independent Inquiry and Advisory Committee will now consider information from the EES, submissions and the hearings to develop a report to the Minister for Planning.

Find out more at www.planning.vic.gov.au/west-gate-tunnel-project-hearing

LATEST NEWS

More truck bans for the west

In response to community feedback, more 24/7 truck bans have been announced for when the West Gate Tunnel opens in 2022.

Truck bans will apply on:

- Blackshaws Road, Altona North/Newport
- Hudsons Road, Spotswood
- Francis Street, Yarraville
- Somerville Road, Yarraville
- Moore Street, Footscray
- Buckley Street, Footscray/Seddon

The project will put trucks underground away from schools and homes.



Extra noise walls protect parks and sporting grounds

High-quality noise walls will be built along the West Gate Freeway to reduce traffic noise for residents.

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project, extra sections of noise walls will also be added to reduce noise at:

- Crofts Reserve, Altona North
- McIvor Reserve, Yarraville
- Hyde Street Reserve, Yarraville
- Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood.



Scholarships to support local students

Students in Melbourne's west will have a chance to break into the construction industry with scholarships funded through the West Gate Tunnel Project and cadetships working on the project.

In 2018, five students will receive a scholarship through Western Chances. The scholarships will provide \$5000 to help with educational costs and a cadetship working on the project in their second year of tertiary education.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will create around 6000 jobs, with 500 of these for people entering the workforce such as apprentices, trainees and graduates, and 400 jobs dedicated to people from the west.

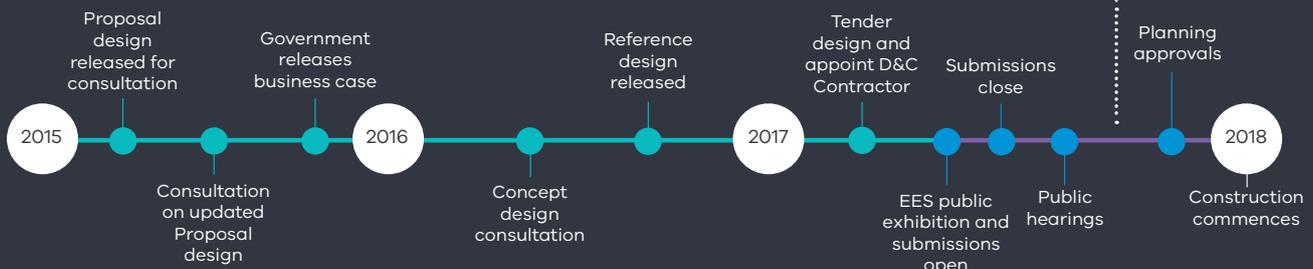
Millers Road update

We have listened to feedback and are making changes to reduce the number of trucks and noise on Millers Road in the future when the West Gate Tunnel Project opens.

Noise reduction for residents: We will work one-on-one with residents of Millers Road, to make their homes quieter using measures such as double glazing, insulation and air conditioning.

A single toll point: Only one truck toll point will be used instead of two on the upgraded West Gate Freeway. New traffic modelling shows the additional trucks using Millers Road in 2031 will reduce by 3000 by only having one truck toll point on the West Gate Freeway east of Millers Road, rather than one of either side.

Project timeline



Fewer crashes, safer travel

The West Gate Tunnel Project will reduce congestion and provide an alternative to the West Gate Bridge with extra lanes on the West Gate Freeway, a tunnel under Yarraville and connections to the port, CityLink and the city's north.

The project will reduce vehicle crashes by around 16 percent overall, providing a safer journey for hundreds of thousands of Victorians.

Inner-west streets will be safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers with 140 less crashes per year compared to if the project is not built.

More off-road cycling and walking paths will boost safety by separating cyclists and pedestrians from traffic.

A 2.5 km veloway – a cycling highway from Footscray to Docklands – will remove six intersections for cyclists, making trips safer and quicker.

At 4 metres it allows plenty of room for high numbers of cyclists and space to stop and fix a tyre when needed.

Safety features include:

- lighting, an open air roof with mesh cover, and perforated side panels to allow light and air through
- two emergency exits
- access for emergency vehicles
- CCTV coverage monitored 24/7.

