

WesternDISTRIBUTOR



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We have been talking about the Western Distributor's design, planning and assessment with communities, councils and industry. We have received lots of useful feedback and will continue discussions as part of the project's ongoing development. Over the coming months our focus will be on the competitive tender process and preparation of an Environment Effects Statement.

The Western Distributor is now entering **Phase Three** of our planning and consultation process. This is the **Reference design and tender phase** that runs from now into early 2017.

Thanks for your feedback

During April and May 2016, we asked communities, councils and industry for feedback on the Western Distributor Concept design and other key topics including construction management, air quality, traffic noise, urban design and walking and cycling.

We have used your feedback to inform the project's development, including:

- an updated design called the Reference design
- requirements for construction tenderers, including urban design guidance
- impact assessments for the project's Environment Effects Statement

Detailed information about the consultation process, what we heard and how we are using this feedback is available in the **Western Distributor Consultation Report September 2015 – May 2016**.

You can view this report on the Western Distributor website or contact us to get a copy.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate.

What is Western Distributor?

The Western Distributor will provide a much needed alternative to the West Gate Bridge, enhance freight connections and take thousands of trucks out of local streets in Melbourne's inner west. It includes:

- widening from 8 to 12 lanes and other improvements along the West Gate Freeway
- a new road tunnel under Yarraville and a new road connecting the West Gate Freeway and the Port of Melbourne, CityLink and the CBD
- a bridge over the Maribyrnong River joining an elevated road above Footscray Road
- an eastern interchange connecting to CityLink, inner northern suburbs and the city.



650+ face-to-face
discussions through...

- 7 community consultation sessions
- A freight industry consultation session
- A bus industry consultation session
- Door knocking local residents



9000 visits
to the online
consultation
hub with over 10,000
documents downloaded



2500+ comments
via community consultation
sessions, online engagement
tools, emails, submissions
and calls



Project advisory groups
Regular meetings of the
Community Liaison Group
and Technical Reference
Group

What happens now?

Competitive tender process underway

A Design and Construct (D&C) tender for the Western Distributor has been released to three highly experienced construction consortia.

The tenderers have until later this year to respond and explain in detail how they would construct their design and how much it would cost.

In preparing their responses, tenderers will draw on information provided by the project team – including technical documentation, the Reference design and regular interactive guidance workshops. All this information has been informed by technical studies, standards and guidelines, as well as stakeholder and community input gathered through consultation.

Talk to us about the Reference design

The Western Distributor design has been updated following consultation with councils and communities.

The Reference design provides a base for tenderers to develop their own, more detailed design. It outlines the functional requirements of the project in a visual way, complementing other technical information used by tenderers to develop their response.

The Reference design, as well as changes proposed by tenderers will be assessed in the project's Environment Effects Statement (EES).

Get to know the Reference design

- Explore the route and view 3D visuals and design maps on our website interactive map
- Download the Reference design and consultation update and other key documents on the website

Specialist studies begin

Over the coming months, 17 specialist studies will be undertaken to assess the environmental, social and economic effects of the project and reported on in the project's EES.

These studies cover topics including transport, air quality, contamination, groundwater, human health, landscape and visual, land use planning, noise and vibration, social and business impacts.

You will have the opportunity to view and make a submission on the EES after it is finalised and released in early 2017.

Find out more about this process in the **EES and Specialist Studies** discussion paper on the project website or by contacting us.

Get to know your local representative

The Western Distributor Community Liaison Group (CLG) regularly meets to exchange views and information about topics that are important to the community. Learn more about the CLG members and get in touch with them through our website.

We're touring the west – come and visit us

We're holding pop-up information sessions along the project corridor so that people can drop-in, meet the project team and speak with the technical experts to learn more about the Reference design and the next steps in the planning process. During July, August and September, we will be travelling to different locations to listen to your questions and concerns and encouraging you to share your views. We'll advertise details on the Western Distributor website, Facebook, via e-News and in local papers.

Find out more and stay involved

- Sign up to email updates or ask a question through our website
- Visit our pop-ups in your area during July, August and September
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- Talk with your local Community Liaison Group member to stay informed or to provide feedback for the project team to consider
- Look out for updates from the team via newsletters, email, our website and at local events.

