

# west gate tunnel project

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## Benefits for Ballarat

The West Gate Tunnel Project means less congestion and more reliable travel between Ballarat and Melbourne.

Right now, it's not unusual to experience bumper-to-bumper traffic on the West Gate Freeway or incidents that bring traffic to a stand-still. An incident on the West Gate Bridge can triple travel times for motorists.

The project will provide quicker and safer journeys, remove thousands of trucks off the West Gate Bridge, and give drivers a choice - the tunnel or the bridge.

### The Project includes

- **Four more lanes on the West Gate Freeway** between the M80 and the West Gate Bridge
- Three **express lanes** in each direction – M80 to West Gate Bridge
- **Twin tunnels and a second river crossing** providing an alternative to the West Gate Bridge and new connections to the city's north
- **Smart technology** linking with other freeway systems across the city to manage traffic flow and incidents and display travel information



Inbound tunnel portal - night view

Artist impression only - does not include detailed design



**Better access to Melbourne**  
to support  
Ballarat's growth



**More reliable and quicker trips**



**Less congestion** with traffic better distributed across two routes



Creating **6,000 jobs** in Victoria



**Greater flexibility** with new route choices and more information

## Construction from early 2018

The West Gate Tunnel Project will be built over five years and will be open to traffic in 2022.

The project is a partnership between the Victorian Government and Transurban and will be built by construction contractors CPB Contractors and John Holland.

During construction, our focus is on safety and on minimising disruption to motorists, communities and businesses.

We'll be working hard to make things as easy as possible for residents, commuters and truck drivers as we get the work done.

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## Project map

