

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 a vital second river crossing, quicker and safer journeys and remove thousands of trucks off the West Gate Bridge.

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

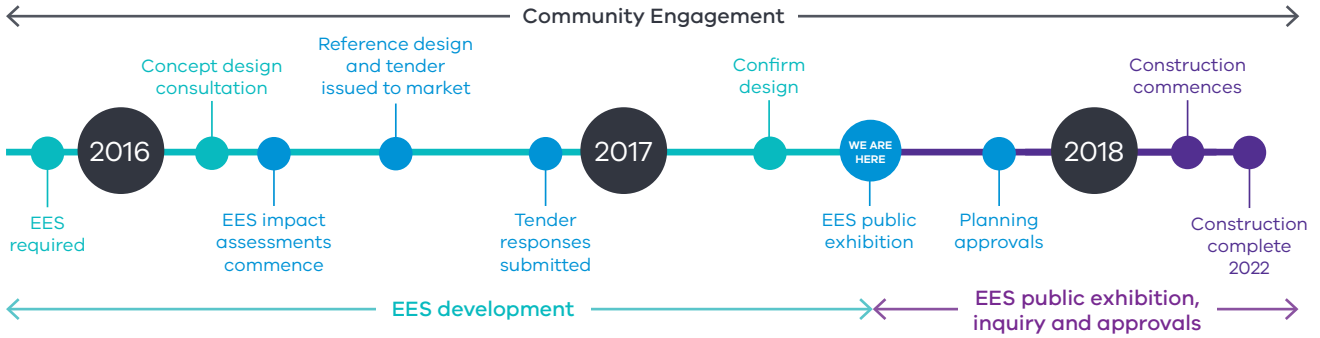


A safer road designed to reduce crashes



Greater flexibility with new route choices and more information

Timeline



Construction from early 2018

Construction will begin after we have planning approvals - expected later this year - with works to be completed by the end of 2022.

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the West Gate Tunnel Project has detailed information about how the project could affect people and the environment and how the impacts will be managed. The EES has assessed potential impacts in 17 areas including transport, air quality, noise, landscape and visual, vibration, business, ecology and human health. To view the EES visit www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/EES.

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