



# west gate tunnel project



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## Giving local communities a say

### Engagement and project development

The West Gate Tunnel Project will provide a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge with a new tunnel and second river crossing and will remove thousands of trucks from local streets.

The West Gate Tunnel Project includes extra lanes on the West Gate Freeway between the M80 and Williamstown Road; a tunnel under Yarraville; a bridge over the Maribyrnong River; and an elevated road above Footscray Road to directly connect with the Port of Melbourne, CityLink and the city.

It is an opportunity to deliver real improvements to Melbourne's transport network by relieving pressure on the West Gate Bridge, reducing trucks on local roads, improving travel times and boosting safety and liveability for our community.

Input from people who live, work and travel in and around Melbourne's west has helped us develop a design which will be assessed through an Environment Effects Statement (EES). That is why community consultation has been integral in the development of the project's design, planning and procurement.

There will be the opportunity to view the EES and have a say when it is publicly exhibited in mid-2017, and formal feedback will be considered by an independent Inquiry Panel and public hearing.

Here is an overview of the community engagement phases.

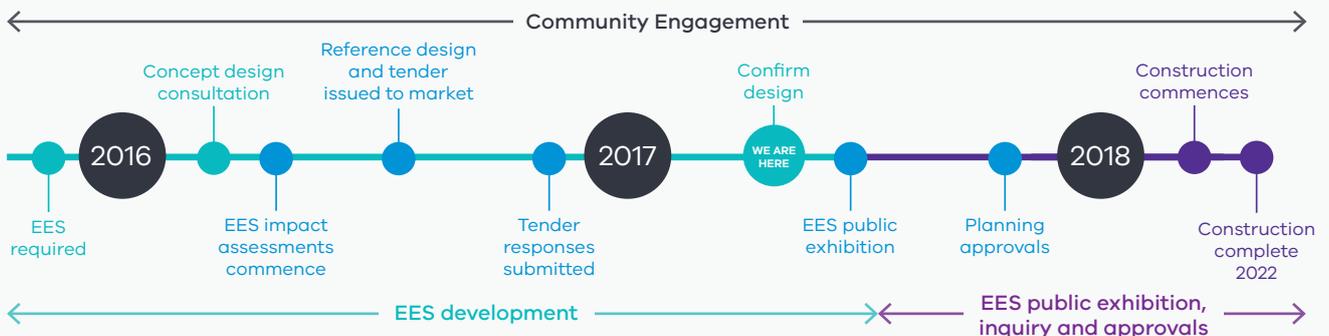
Phase	1 Proposal design	2 Concept design	3 Reference design	4 Tender response and EES	5 Final project
We want to...	Understand what's important to you	Discuss key issues and opportunities	Have ongoing discussions with communities	Explain the design and help you participate in the EES	Give regular updates and prepare for construction
Your feedback informs...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transurban's proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact assessments</li> <li>How the project is built</li> <li>Design options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact assessments</li> <li>Tenderer design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning approvals</li> <li>Design refinements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction</li> </ul>
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A comprehensive planning and approvals process is well underway, through the EES preparation.

# Community and stakeholder inputs to planning and design

This chart shows how the West Gate Tunnel Project is being developed through a five-phase consultation, design and planning process.

Phase	Engagement	Planning, design and procurement
<b>PHASE 1</b>		
<b>Proposal design</b> <b>2015</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>	Understanding what's important Feedback from people who live, work and travel through the area informs Transurban's proposal	Confirm technical assumptions and feasibility with on-site investigations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of underground and overhead utilities</li> <li>• Bridge and structure inspections</li> <li>• Targeted drilling to test ground conditions</li> <li>• Flora, fauna and waterway surveys</li> <li>• Develop Concept design</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE 2</b>		
<b>Concept design</b> <b>Early – mid 2016</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>	<b>In-depth discussion of community priorities</b> Discuss issues, ideas and options to inform the design, EES* and requirements for tender construction <i>Through</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online feedback</li> <li>• Local sessions, discussion forums &amp; workshops</li> <li>• Community Liaison Group (CLG)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue on-site technical investigations</li> <li>• Conduct environmental existing conditions studies</li> <li>• Continue gathering community and specialist inputs (including through local councils) to develop a Reference design</li> <li>• Consult on urban design principles</li> <li>• EES Scoping Requirements finalised after public comment</li> <li>• Expressions of Interest released to construction market</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE 3</b>		
<b>Reference design</b> <b>Mid – late 2016</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>	<b>Ongoing engagement as design develops</b> Keep people informed, respond to ideas and concerns and engage on localised issues for EES <i>Through</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular CLG meetings</li> <li>• Meetings and workshops</li> <li>• Regular newsletter and events</li> <li>• Meetings with landowners and tenants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release reference design and tender specifications to bidders</li> <li>• Tenderers prepare response</li> <li>• Conduct impact assessments including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- traffic and transport</li> <li>- social and business</li> <li>- air quality, visual, noise, vibration</li> <li>- surface water, groundwater and soil</li> <li>- heritage, planning and land use</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>PHASE 4</b>		
<b>Tender response &amp; EES</b> <b>Early to mid 2017</b>	<b>Public exhibition and panel hearings</b> Community consultation sessions support input to the formal planning process CLG meetings continue	EES documentation on public exhibition including assessment of tender design
<b>PHASE 5</b>		
<b>Detailed design</b> <b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Updates on planning approvals</b> Provide information on how planning process outcomes will inform final design and construction approach <i>Through</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular CLG meetings</li> <li>• Continued engagement with local communities and landowners</li> </ul>	Decision on planning approvals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sets out the project area</li> <li>• may identify design changes</li> <li>• confirms requirements contractor must follow during construction</li> <li>• establishes conditions of approval</li> </ul>



\*An Environment Effects Statement (EES) is being prepared for the West Gate Tunnel Project. More information about this process is available at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au)