

Monash Freeway **UPGRADE**



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Major works have kicked off

Major works have now started on the Monash Freeway Upgrade. Widening works commenced in the centre median in the lead up to Christmas and will continue for around the next 18 months. Once complete, the Monash Freeway will feature additional lanes and smart technology to improve traffic flow. These additions will improve safety, reliability, and streamline your journey between the city and the south east.

Yellow lines down and traffic shifted

Early works to prepare the emergency lanes for the traffic switch were completed in October and November. This paved the way for temporary line marking to be installed so traffic could be moved to the left. This traffic switch has allowed us to maintain the current number of lanes and keep you moving during works.

The yellow line marking has been used successfully on other projects in Australia and around the world. The yellow lines make it easier for road users to differentiate the new lanes while signalling to motorists that they are entering a work zone.





The temporary lines have been added without removing the existing white lines. Removing old white lines can sometimes leave shadow lines – or ghost lines – on the road. In the wet or glare, it can be hard to tell the difference between shadow lines and new lines. Temporary lanes are narrower so speed limits have been reduced to 80km/h to ensure the safety of our crews working in the centre median and to increase driver safety during construction.

Beam lift a traffic stopper

As we go to print with this Community Update, preparations are being made for some significant works on the freeway. In early February, we're planning to close a section of the outbound freeway over three nights between Heatherton Road and Belgrave-Hallam Road.

The freeway needs to be closed to traffic to safely lift and secure bridge beams at the Monash Freeway bridge over South Gippsland Freeway. These beams will join the existing two bridges in the middle and cater for additional lanes. Keep any eye out for further detail on our website as we get closer to the closure time.

What's next?

We have a lot of work taking place over the coming months and will be sharing information via on-road information, advertising, our website and our social media channels to keep you in the loop. Here are some of the works we will be completing:

Location	Works
Warrigal Road, Wellington Road and Jacksons Road ramps	Construction works to widen on ramps
Ferntree Gully Road	Realigning and widening off ramp
Monash bridges over Dandenong Creek, Eumemmering Creek, Magid Drive, Troups Creeks East and West, Narre Warren main drain and Sweeney Drive/Pakenham rail line	Works on structures including installing new bridge piers to support new decks that will join bridges together and carry new lanes
Monash bridge over South Gippsland Freeway	With bridge beams placed, installation of new deck to carry new lanes
Beaconsfield-Nar Nar Goon Road and Clyde Road outbound, Cardinia Road ramps	Works to prepare for installation of ramp signals

To keep up to date about the project and to hear what works are to be happening when, visit the website at westernistributorproject.vic.gov.au/monash and fill out the registration form, being sure to tick the Monash Freeway Upgrade box. We'll make sure you're in the know!