

# Monash Freeway UPGRADE



## Changed traffic conditions during major works

The Monash Freeway Upgrade is working to improve traffic flow for the 200,000 motorists who use the freeway every day. The upgrade will widen the freeway by adding a lane in each direction between EastLink and Clyde Road.

During construction, the current number of lanes will be maintained during the day to keep drivers moving. Traffic will be shifted to use temporary lanes while widening works are completed in the centre median. Temporary yellow line marking is used to differentiate the new lanes, with temporary barriers installed on either side of the work zone.

As a result, speed limits are reduced to 80km/h as temporary lanes are narrower and sight distances reduced. The speed reduction helps motorists adjust to the changed conditions safely. It also provides a safer work environment for our workers who are constructing the road behind the barriers.

We thank you for your patience while we build you a better freeway, to get you home sooner and safer.

### Why use yellow lines?

- Yellow lines are highly visible for clear lane marking
- It highlights to drivers that road conditions have changed
- In dark or wet conditions, yellow lines can be easier to see and follow
- Saves confusion from partially visible markings

Below: Sections on the Monash Freeway from EastLink Interchange to Clyde Road have been marked with yellow lines to remain the current number of lanes for drivers during day time while major upgrades take place.



## Changed conditions

Temporary yellow lines marked on the road help drivers navigate the changed traffic conditions safely. Drivers must drive within the yellow lines, not the white lines they're used to. Signage installed on the freeway gives drivers warning they are about to enter the yellow line marking zone.

The temporary lines are added without removing the existing white lines as removing and replacing lines can increase driver confusion.



Removing the old white lines can cause 'ghost' lines. These shadow lines become visible in various conditions such as wet weather and sun glare.

## Safety barriers

Barriers are installed along the work zones to increase worker and driver safety during construction. The bulk of construction works will be done behind the barriers so please observe the reduced speed limit.

The temporary steel barriers used are built to modern specifications, designed to absorb heavy impacts from vehicles at the signed speed limit. They are built with 'gawk screens' mounted to the top, which mean drivers cannot see the work site beyond. This reduces driver distraction and improves safety for all on the road.

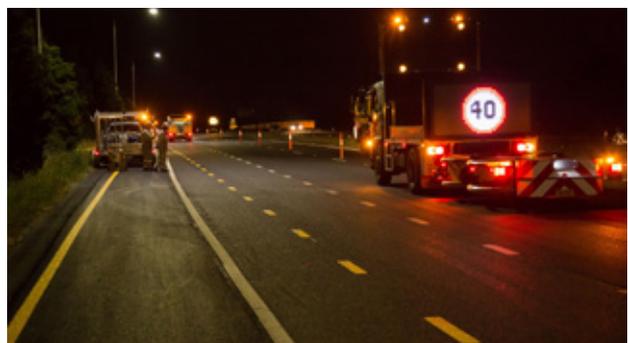


Barrier being installed to the median area of the Monash Freeway sections from EastLink to Clyde Road to create work zone for workers.

## Reduced speed limits

Speed limits are reduced to 80km/h while construction zones are in place. These reductions are to maintain driver safety when travelling on the narrower lanes and close to barriers. Shorter sight distances and changed conditions on the road mean it is vital drivers obey reduced speed limits, even if they are not able to see workers behind the barriers. Work zone speed limits will be enforced for driver and worker safety. Upon completion of works and removal of the temporary barriers, the speed limit will return to 100km/h.

Additional lanes may be closed at night where it is necessary to conduct works on the freeway or its ramps. Speed limits will reduce further while these activities are completed. Works will be planned to ensure minimal impacts to drivers.



Speed limits can be temporarily reduced for a short time in some work zones to enable upgrading works.