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Works notification: West Gate Freeway from Williamstown Road to Newport Rail Bridge

We're continuing to install noise wall panels along the freeway and build new freeway lanes in the outbound direction and middle of the West Gate Freeway.

Work is also ongoing to widen and strengthen Newport Rail Bridge, which will include constructing new bridge barriers and pouring concrete to form the new bridge deck.

We'll also be busy over the summer months as we take advantage of typically lower traffic volumes to excavate and build new traffic lanes in the outbound direction. Below is a summary of construction activities you can expect to see in the area from November 2020 to February 2021.

Freeway widening works

November - ongoing

Work is continuing to widen the freeway in both directions between Williamstown Road and Newport Rail Bridge.

Freeway widening works in both directions will include:

- installing underground cables for freeway lighting
- installing new freeway lighting poles
- installing new drainage pipes
- installing new noise wall panels
- laying asphalt and pavement

From early January, we will be working around the clock for six weeks. Works will involve excavating and building new freeway lanes in the outbound direction between Melbourne Road and Newport Rail Bridge. More information on this will be provided closer to the start of works.

Evening and night works will be required, which will include installing noise wall panels from the freeway side. Advance notice will be provided for noisy works likely to impact residents.

Muir Street walking and cycling overpass and community shuttle bus

Ongoing

We recently installed the new walking and cycling overpass over the West Gate Freeway. Since then we've been working to get it ready for opening, including installing cladding and lighting.

We will be in touch again in coming weeks to let you know when the overpass will be open for use.

In the meantime, the Community Shuttle Service will continue to operate, to provide pedestrians a way to cross between the north and south sides of the West Gate Freeway. Check our website for more details and updates about this service.

Fogarty Avenue - drainage, noise walls and shared use path

Early November – ongoing

Noise walls

From mid-November, new noise wall panels will be installed between the Footscray Hockey Club and Wembley Avenue. See map for location details.

As part of these works, we will need to remove a section of the old timber noise wall to make room for the new concrete noise wall. While we will work to replace the noise wall as soon as possible, please note that there may be up to one week where this section will have no noise wall in place.

Night works will be required. Advance notice will be provided for noisy works likely to impact residents.

Drainage

Work will also start on Fogarty Avenue to replace council drainage pipes. As part of these works, one lane on Fogarty Avenue will be temporarily closed in sections between the Footscray Hockey Club and Wembley Avenue. Access to the sporting clubs, residents and through traffic will be maintained.

These works are expected to start in mid-to-late November for approximately four weeks. Further information will be provided to directly impacted residents closer to the confirmed start date.

Shared use path (SUP) – reserve at eastern end

These works are expected to start from late November. The SUP will go up and over the Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp via a new bridge which will extend the Federation Trail and connect with the new SUP alongside the Hyde Street inbound ramp.

Works will include:

- piling to support the new SUP bridge
- constructing piers to support the new SUP bridge
- installing precast beams and concrete pours to create the SUP bridge deck

Please note that the space required for the works will mean the ongoing closure of the SUP that runs over Stony Creek and through the reserve at the eastern end of Fogarty Avenue. Signed detour route is in place via Benbow Street, please see map over page.

Night works may be required and advance notice will be provided for noisy works likely to impact residents.

Newport Rail Bridge

Ongoing until 2021

We're continuing to widen and strengthen the bridge over Newport Rail, which will include installing bridge barriers and pouring concrete to form the new separated lane bridge deck.

To safely install the bridge barriers and pour the concrete, we'll need to close a section of The Avenue to vehicles from late November for approximately three weeks. During this time, local traffic will be able to access the south and north sides of the freeway via Williamstown Road.

Additional intermittent road closures and stop/go arrangements on The Avenue will be required so we can safely carry out works on the bridge. Further information will be communicated closer to the final dates.

Night works will be required and advance notice will be provided for noisy works likely to impact residents.

Tunnels – Southern Portals

November until mid-2021

Works continue at our southern portal inbound and outbound sites. Here is what you can expect to see in the coming months:

Southern Inbound and Outbound Portals

- Excavating for the dive structure and the southern inbound site and the tunnel boring machine retrieval shafts at the inbound and outbound sites continues
- Continuing construction of the portal roof deck at the southern inbound portal
- Constructing the roof levels of the southern outbound portal has started including installing beams over the next 6 months.

Please note that delivery and access to site is via Kyle Road however, however New Street may be required for occasional delivery of oversize beams.

Hours of work

Our usual hours of work are Monday to Friday between 7am-6pm, and Saturdays between 7am-1pm. However, for a number of the works outlined in this notification night works will be required. When works are scheduled out of hours, or if you are located close to the works, we will provide you with further information before the works start.

What to expect during these works:

- work being completed during the day and at night
- work will be completed behind safety barriers
- construction vehicles including excavators, rollers, water trucks and concrete trucks will be moving in and out of the work areas via our access routes
- construction noise from work activities including machinery and trucks. Vibration might be experienced as we lay new pavement using a roller
- construction vehicles continuing to use designated routes, including local roads, within residential areas
- water spray trucks and road sweepers will be used to manage dust and dirt during works. Trucks removing dirt and rock from the site will be covered
- traffic changes including freeway, ramp, lane and road closures will be required. Signed detours will be in place.

For the latest traffic updates visit westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/traveldisruptions.

Thank you

We appreciate our work can be disruptive and thank you for your understanding and cooperation, particularly during these unprecedented and challenging times.

Please note that works are subject to change and may be rescheduled in the event of unexpected impacts to the construction program. Thank you for your patience during these works.

If you would like to be kept informed via other methods such as email or phone calls, you can also send us your details at info@wgta.vic.gov.au.

For updates and more information about our works, please visit westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au or call us on 1800 105 105.

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