Community update

Public hearings for the West Gate Tunnel Project Environment Effects Statement have wrapped up after five weeks of hearing from councils, community groups and residents.

The EES has assessed the potential effects of the project on topics like transport, air quality, noise and ecology.

The Independent Inquiry and Advisory Committee will now consider information from the EES, submissions and the hearings to develop a report to the Minister for Planning.

Find out more at www.planning.vic.gov.au/west-gate-tunnel-project-hearing

LATEST NEWS

More truck bans for the west

In response to community feedback, more 24/7 truck bans have been announced for when the West Gate Tunnel opens in 2022.

Truck bans will apply on:
- Blackshaws Road, Altona North/Newport
- Hudsons Road, Spotswood
- Francis Street, Yarraville
- Somerville Road, Yarraville
- Moore Street, Footscray
- Buckley Street, Footscray/Seddon

The project will put trucks underground away from schools and homes.

Extra noise walls protect parks and sporting grounds

High-quality noise walls will be built along the West Gate Freeway to reduce traffic noise for residents.

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project, extra sections of noise walls will also be added to reduce noise at:
- Crofts Reserve, Altona North
- McIvor Reserve, Yarraville
- Hyde Street Reserve, Yarraville
- Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood.
Fewer crashes, safer travel

The West Gate Tunnel Project will reduce congestion and provide an alternative to the West Gate Bridge with extra lanes on the West Gate Freeway, a tunnel under Yarraville and connections to the port, CityLink and the city’s north.

The project will reduce vehicle crashes by around 16 percent overall, providing a safer journey for hundreds of thousands of Victorians.

Inner-west streets will be safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers with 140 less crashes per year compared to if the project is not built.

More off-road cycling and walking paths will boost safety by separating cyclists and pedestrians from traffic.

A 2.5 km veloway – a cycling highway from Footscray to Docklands – will remove six intersections for cyclists, making trips safer and quicker.

At 4 metres it allows plenty of room for high numbers of cyclists and space to stop and fix a tyre when needed.

Safety features include:
- lighting, an open air roof with mesh cover, and perforated side panels to allow light and air through
- two emergency exits
- access for emergency vehicles
- CCTV coverage monitored 24/7.