



CityLink Tulla Widening

West Gate Freeway Upgrade - Bolte Bridge to Power Street

The CityLink Tulla Widening project will increase capacity, ease congestion and provide a smoother and more reliable trip for people travelling between Melbourne Airport and the CBD by adding an extra lane in each direction, a state-of-the-art freeway management system and upgrading key interchanges.

Next stage of works start 19 September 2016

CityLink Tulla Widening works on the West Gate Freeway have been in full swing since March 2016. We'd like to thank you for your patience as we continue the works which will ultimately see an extra lane added each way on the Bolte Bridge and inbound from the Bolte Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel.

We also want to thank drivers who have been taking alternative routes when travelling into the city from the north and west, which has helped keep traffic moving through the road work zone.

We've finished the first stage of works and now we need to move the inbound work zone and create a new outbound work zone on the Kings Way entry ramp to the West Gate Freeway.

From mid-September, drivers who travel both directions on the West Gate Freeway between the Bolte Bridge and Power Street will see a few changes as we continue to widen the freeway.

These changes include:

- Shifting the existing work zone at Lorimer Street from the left of the freeway to a new work zone created in the middle of the four inbound traffic lanes.
- Setting up a safe work zone on the outbound Kings Way entry ramp.

These changes will take place progressively over a few weeks, so it may take a little while for drivers to get used to the new traffic conditions.

Our construction crews will continue to work behind the concrete safety barriers so we remind drivers to travel safely

through our work areas and obey the reduced speed limits.

We are working to make sure we minimise the impact of road works but the project is necessary to improve travel times and reliability for drivers in the long run.

During the road works:

- Plan your journey
- Consider alternative routes if you're heading towards the city
- Watch out for on-road signage advice

About the West Gate Freeway upgrade

The CityLink Tulla Widening project will improve traffic conditions and safety by adding a lane in each direction across the Bolte Bridge and an additional lane inbound from the Bolte Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel.

A new Freeway Management System will also be installed to carefully manage traffic flow.



Timeline of works for the West Gate Freeway upgrade

2016

March - September 2016

Inbound pavement widening works

September - November 2016

Pavement and drainage works inbound and relocation of outbound ramp signals

November - December 2016

Inbound preparation for the Summer holiday works

December 2016 - January 2017

Major works in both directions to relocate the centre median of the West Gate Freeway

February - July 2017

Widening the West Gate Freeway from the Bolte Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel

July - November 2017

Road resurfacing and final works

2017

Traffic impacts during construction

Information is subject to change

Heading out of the city?

Drivers travelling away from the city towards the Bolte Bridge or the West Gate Bridge will see a new work zone set up on the Kings Way entry ramp. We will reduce a section of the ramp from three lanes to two and will need to remove the ramp signals to set up a safe work zone.

Drivers heading away from the city on the Kings Way entry ramp will need to choose their lane early, using the left lane to exit to the Bolte Bridge/Todd Road and the right lane to continue on to the West Gate Bridge.

Concrete barriers and new line marking on the Kings Ways entry ramp will be in place to keep drivers and work crews safe during construction.

We will be using variable speed limits and lane use management systems (LUMS) on the ramp to help control the flow of traffic. On-road signage will also help guide drivers safely through the road work zone.

Heading towards the city?

Drivers travelling towards the city will see the existing work zone at Lorimer Street shift from the left of the freeway, to a new work zone created in the middle of the four inbound traffic lanes.

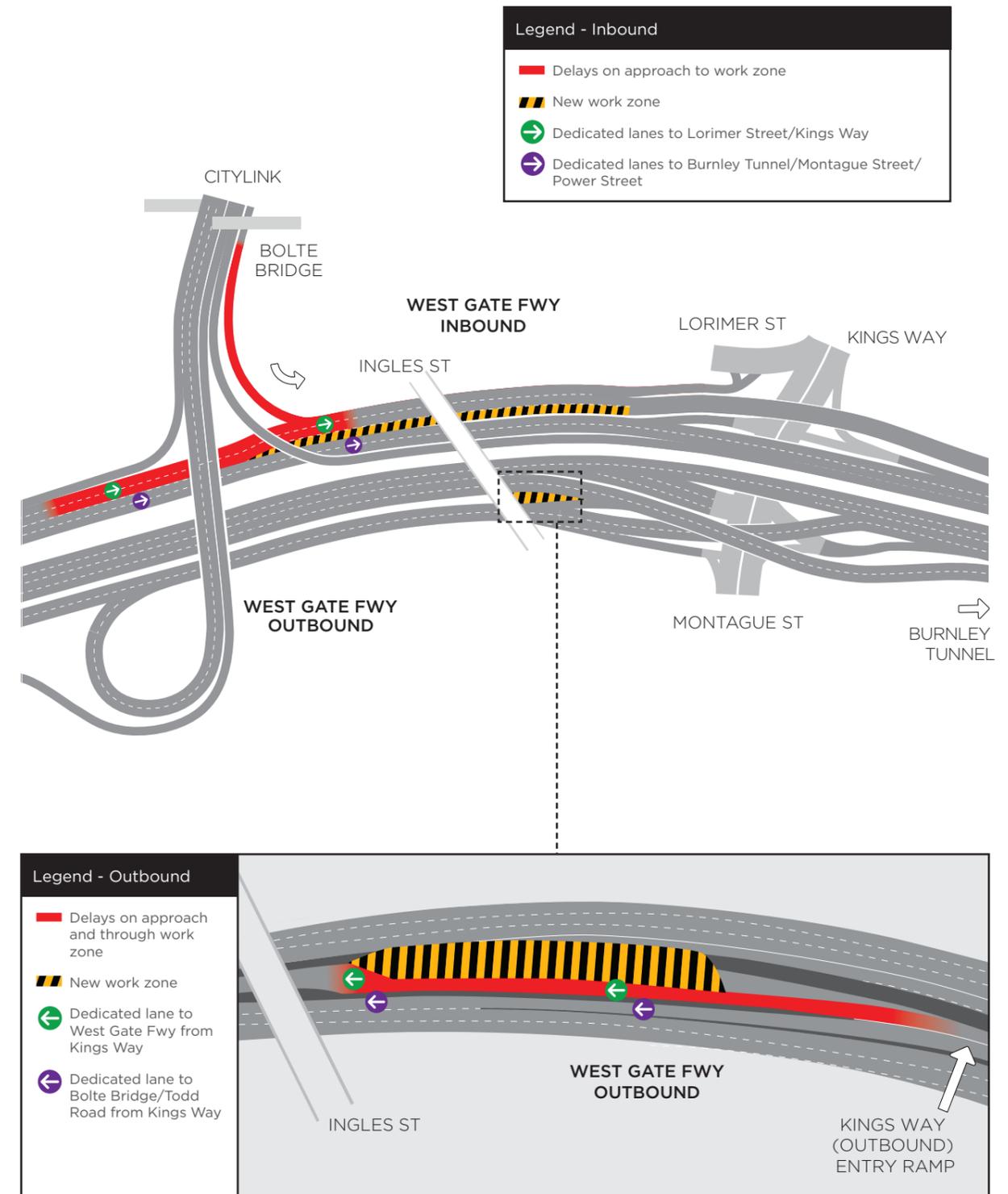
Drivers heading towards the city on the West Gate Freeway and exiting at Lorimer Street/Kings Way will continue to travel in the same lanes and merge with traffic from the Bolte Bridge.

Concrete barriers, new line marking and reduced speed limits on the freeway will be in place to keep drivers and work crews safe during construction.

The temporary ramp signal system will continue to be used to control the flow of traffic merging from the Lorimer Street/Kings Way exit ramp from the Bolte Bridge onto the West Gate Freeway and help drivers merge as safely as possible.

To help ease drivers into these changed traffic conditions on the West Gate Freeway, we will be setting up both inbound and outbound works zones during the September school holidays when the roads are quieter.

West Gate Freeway work zones



Impact on your travel times

As we saw in March 2016 when works in the area started, it might take a few days for drivers to get used to the changed traffic conditions and this may cause initial delays.

Drivers heading away from the city may experience minor delays of up to 10 minutes, especially during the evening peak.

For drivers travelling towards the city, we don't expect there to be any additional delays as a result of these changed conditions.

Delays are significantly increased on the West Gate Freeway when accidents and breakdowns occur so we remind all drivers to be alert and drive carefully through the road work zone.

If you're using West Gate Freeway or CityLink Tullamarine Freeway for your commute to and from the city there are a few things you can do to make your trip smoother:

- Before you get in the car, check the latest travel advice on the VicTraffic app, Twitter, or online at citylinktullawidening.vic.gov.au.
- While you're on the road, listen to radio traffic reports and look out for electronic road signs that will give you the latest travel information.
- Please drive safely in these changed traffic conditions, choose your lane early and stick to the reduced speed limits.

What are the alternative inbound routes?

There are a few alternative routes available to drivers heading towards the city from Melbourne's west or northern suburbs.

From the west:

- Geelong Road to Footscray Road
- Williamstown Road to Footscray Road
- Todd Road to Lorimer Street

From the north:

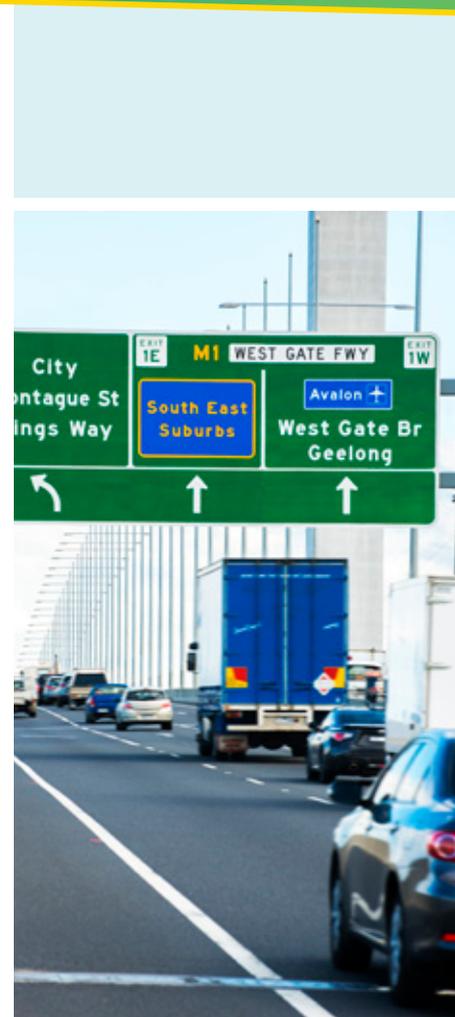
- Footscray Road to Wurundjeri Way
- Dynon Road exit to Kings Street

What are the outbound routes?

The work zone on the Kings Way entry ramp is not as extensive as the inbound section of works so as long as drivers are planning ahead and allowing a little extra time we don't expect they will need to take alternative routes.

Keeping informed about these works and travel times

All major works will be advertised in advance and details of all major traffic impacts will be posted on the project website and Twitter by searching #CTWidening.



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