



CityLink Tulla Widening

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CityLink Tulla Widening English Street Bridge upgrade

Online survey update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak to us about the upgrade of English Street Bridge, as part of the CityLink Tulla Widening project.

Your feedback

In October 2015, we spoke to businesses in the Essendon Fields and Matthews Avenue area about the upgrade. We invited them to complete an online survey to help us understand their operating needs, so that we can plan for the reconstruction of the bridge to minimise the impact to businesses.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

Below is a summary of key points from the survey about business operations in Essendon Fields and Matthews Avenue.

- It is crucial that access to businesses is maintained at all times.
- The majority of businesses are open standard business hours, but some also have late finishes and early starts.
- Businesses mostly receive deliveries daily or at least more than twice a week.
- The majority of employees drive to work.
- The busiest time of day for businesses at Essendon Fields and Matthews Avenue was weekdays during business hours, followed by weekends.
- The busiest times of the year are November and December followed by September and March.

- Businesses at Matthews Avenue and Essendon Fields rely on the local road network for customer access, employee travel and receiving goods. English Street, Matthews Avenue, Wirraway Road and the Tullamarine Freeway, in particular the on and off ramps for access to Matthews Avenue, were identified as critical roads.

- You also expressed an interest in bicycle access on the English Street Bridge. While most employees do drive their own car to Essendon Fields, we heard that some businesses encourage employees to cycle to work and it was raised whether a bike lane on English Street could be considered during the reconstruction of the bridge.

While a bicycle lane specifically for cyclists is not in the current scope for the project, cyclists will be able to share the road with other road users to access Essendon Fields from English Street Bridge. Bicycle boxes, the green area marked for bicycles at the front of the intersection, will be added at the intersection of Matthews Avenue and English Street to provide increased safety for cyclists to move through traffic signals.

Next steps

As our project office is also based at Essendon Fields, we know how important the English Street Bridge is for businesses here and at Matthews Avenue, not just for getting to work, but for deliveries, customers and emergency services.

In coming months, we will be working with the successful construction company on the detailed design of the bridge reconstruction. Part of this will be planning the reconstruction to minimise disruption by scheduling major work at night or on weekends and during holidays when traffic volumes are at their lowest.

However, the demolition and rebuilding of the bridge is a huge project for us to undertake, so there will be some delays, detours and changes to access, during construction.

Any changes to access, as well as major road or lane closures, will be advertised and communicated to you well in advance to help you, your employees, customers and freight to plan ahead.

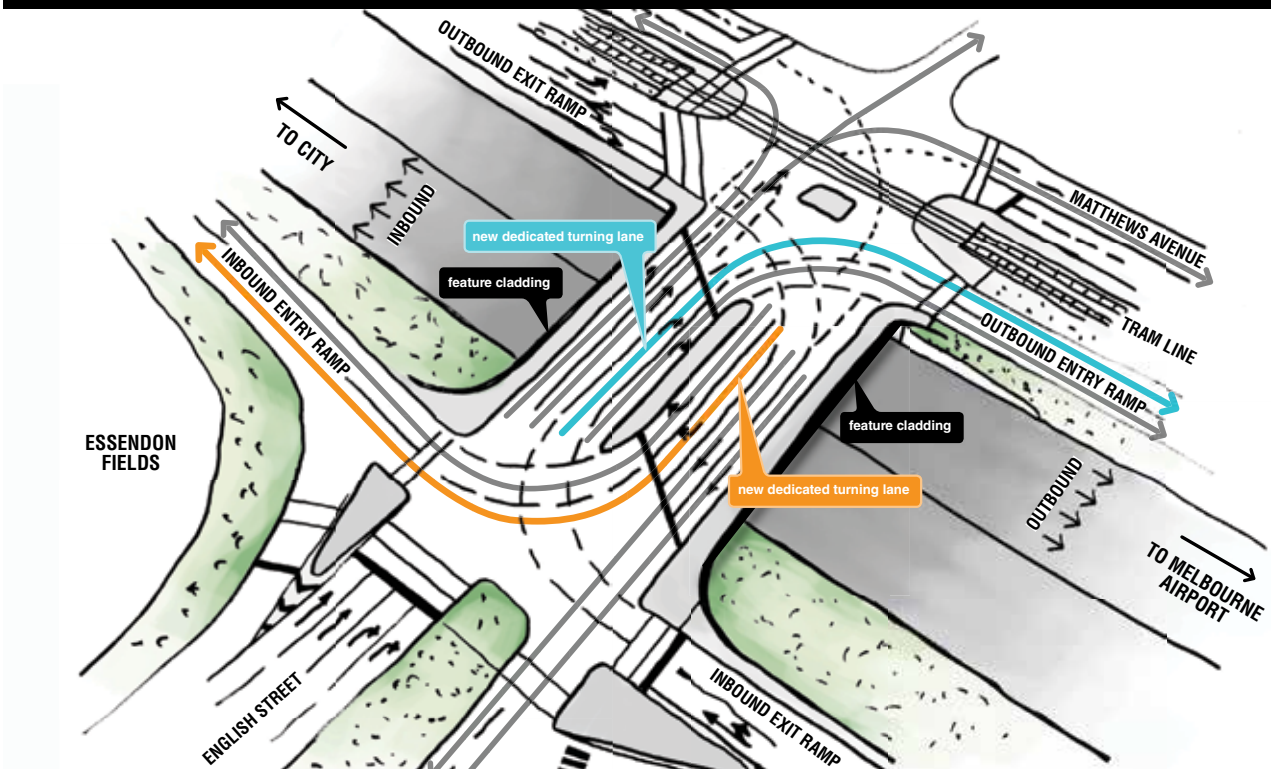
We are also working to make sure there are emergency management plans in place so that access for emergency services based at Essendon Fields is maintained at all times.

Contact us

If you would like more information about the CityLink Tulla Widening project, please email us at citylinktullawidening@roads.vic.gov.au or contact the project team on **1300 783 947**.

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Sketch Perspective View: Reconstructed English Street bridge with new alignment.



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