



## CityLink Tulla Widening

# New inbound exit and separated road to Bell Street

The CityLink Tulla Widening project will increase capacity, ease congestion and provide a smoother and more reliable journey 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.

### About the new separated road

We are building a new two-lane road running parallel to the freeway from the Calder/Tulla interchange to Bell Street. This change will help improve freeway traffic flow and safety by separating Bell Street traffic from general freeway traffic.

When works are complete, drivers heading inbound on either the Calder or Tullamarine Freeway wishing to exit at Bell Street will need to exit the freeway a bit earlier, just before the Calder/Tulla interchange. They will then travel on a separate, dedicated road all the way to Bell Street.

### Why are improvements needed?

We know that traffic flow on the freeway tends to break down when there is a lot of merging and weaving in one location. It slows traffic down, causing delays that are felt right along the freeway.

As pictured in the diagram below, weaving and merging on the approach to Bell Street is also a safety concern. Currently,

traffic entering the freeway from Bulla Road has to merge right onto the freeway at the same point that drivers need to merge left from the freeway to exit at Bell Street. This creates a conflict point and a safety risk that can be addressed by a separated road.

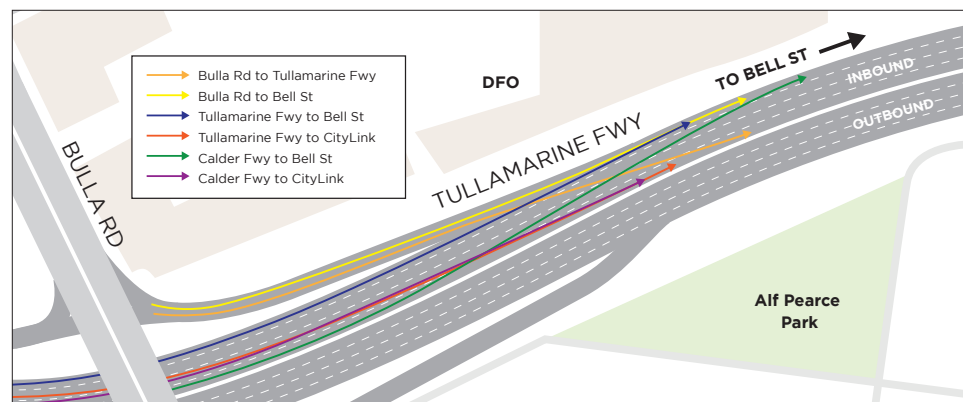
Those who travel towards the city on the Tullamarine Freeway and exit at Bell Street know how difficult it can be to merge across three lanes of freeway traffic to reach the Bell Street exit at peak travel times. It's important to provide an easier and safer way for people to reach Bell Street and improve freeway traffic flow at this busy location.

### How will this help?

We know that separated roads like this help achieve a higher level of safety and reliability on the freeway by:

- reducing weaving and merging movements
- allowing freeway traffic to flow freely without interruption from exiting traffic

Currently there are six conflicting movements made at different speeds and within a short distance, causing congestion and safety concerns.



## How will it work?

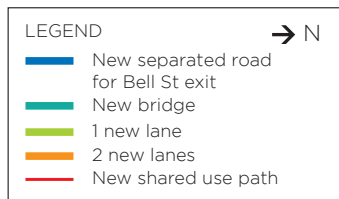
This diagram illustrates how the separated road will look and work to improve safety and freeway traffic flow.

- 1 Drivers heading to Bell Street or Bulla Road exit the freeway earlier.
- 2 Bell Street traffic travels on a separate road which runs under the Bulla Road bridge.
- 3 Drivers entering from Bulla Road can choose to join the freeway or the separated road to Bell Street.
- 4 Reduced weaving and merging on the freeway will improve traffic flow through this area.

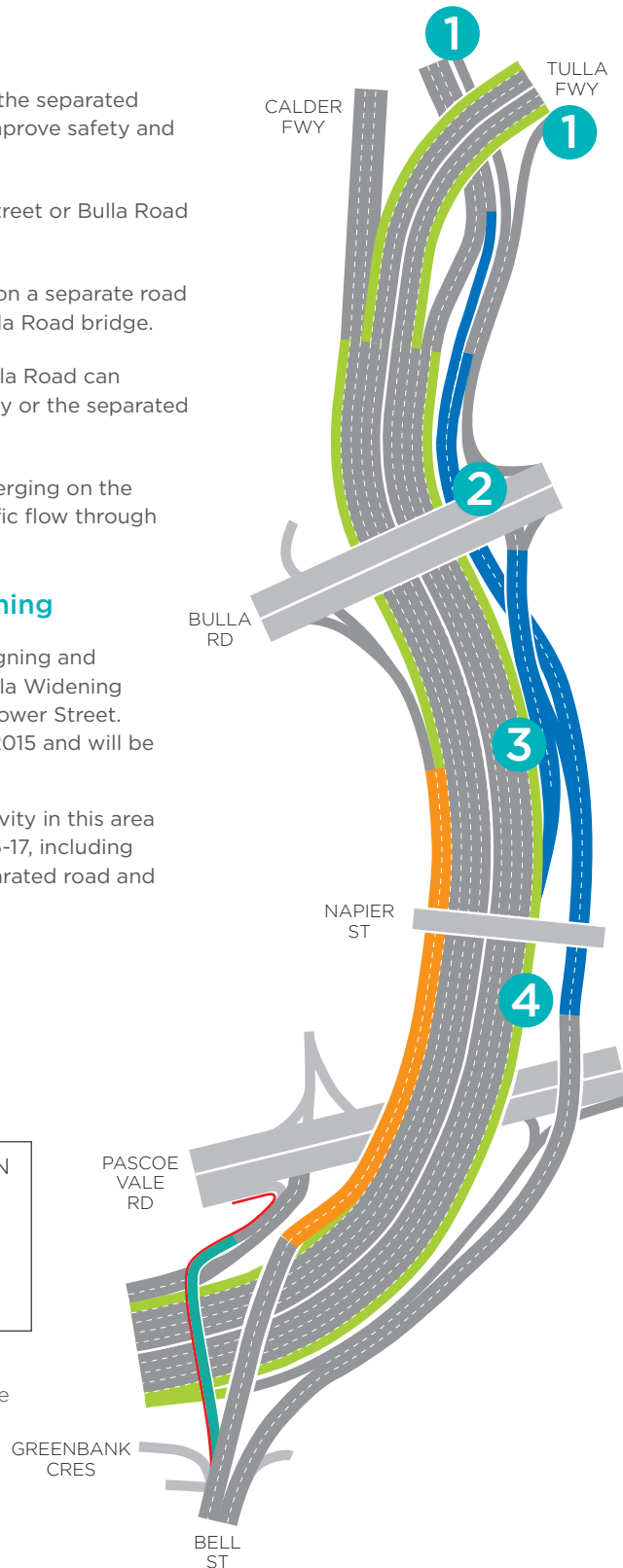
## Project status and timing

Leighton Contractors is designing and constructing the CityLink Tulla Widening project from Bulla Road to Power Street. Works began on 5 October 2015 and will be completed in 2018.

Most major construction activity in this area will be undertaken from 2016-17, including construction of the new separated road and extra lanes on the freeway.



As design is still ongoing, this information is subject to change



## Construction

We acknowledge that works over an extended period of time can be disruptive to residents and businesses. We're doing everything we can to minimise that disruption.

We will keep local residents informed of major works ahead of time, particularly when working outside normal construction hours of 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. Night and weekend works are sometimes necessary to keep workers safe and minimise traffic disruption.

All freeway lanes will remain open during peak travel times to keep traffic moving.

Drivers can expect to see reduced speed limits and there will be overnight lane closures, ramp closures and occasional half or full freeway closures.

We will always provide advance notice of any major disruption and clearly sign and communicate detours.

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