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WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT PREFERRED BUILDER SELECTED

Transurban announces the CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture as the preferred constructor for the design and construction (D&C) of the West Gate Tunnel Project (formerly known as the Western Distributor).

Transurban CEO Scott Charlton said three tier one consortia submitted proposals that were evaluated through a rigorous and competitive tender process to drive value for Victorian motorists.

“The calibre of the submissions received were of the highest standard with CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture selected to deliver a quality, city-shaping project that will significantly improve transport and liveability for Victorians,” he said.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will deliver a vital second river crossing for Melbourne, relieving pressure across the city’s busy M1 corridor, both to the west and south-east of the city. It will improve safety, reduce congestion and take thousands of trucks off local streets.

The project features two new lanes in each direction along the West Gate Freeway between the M80 Ring Road and Williamstown Road, a 2.8 kilometre tunnel for city-bound traffic and a 4 kilometre tunnel for outbound traffic beneath residential Yarraville, a new bridge over the Maribyrnong River with connections to the Port of Melbourne, CityLink and to the north of the city as well as a new city bypass.

This project will deliver world-leading architecture, urban and landscape design that reflects the rich aboriginal heritage and maritime history of Melbourne’s west and provide new active transport options and additional open space.

The project remains in Stage 4 of the Victorian Government’s Market-led Proposals Guideline process. The design will now be assessed through an independent Environment Effect Statement process, which will be exhibited in mid-2017. D&C contract award and financial close is expected following this process, by the end of 2017.

Details of the project design are available at westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au. The Victorian Government’s media release is attached.



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Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
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ONLY THE BEST FOR THE WEST WITH 6000 NEW JOBS

The design has now been chosen and the builder selected to get to work on the West Gate Tunnel.

Premier Daniel Andrews today announced that a consortium headlined by John Holland and CPB Contractors has been selected to build the West Gate Tunnel Project.

The decision follows an extensive competitive process with the world's most experienced constructors.

The design now includes Victoria's longest road tunnel – at 4 kilometres – which will become the vital new alternative to the West Gate Bridge, slashing travel times from the western suburbs, Geelong, and Ballarat.

The project will create 6,000 new jobs, including 500 apprentices, up to 150 jobs for former auto workers, and around 400 jobs in Melbourne's west.

The two three-lane tunnels, second river crossing, and new freeway above Footscray Road will be built using 93 per cent local content, with around 92 per cent local steel – creating jobs across the supply chain.

The project will give the western suburbs the first-class freeway they deserve, with world-leading architecture and urban design that celebrates the aboriginal heritage and maritime history of Melbourne's west.

The updated design further responds to community feedback with the best quality noise walls in Victoria, a 1 km-longer tunnel that moves the exit and ventilation structure away from homes, and the creation of 9 hectares – nearly 4 MCGs – of new open space and wetlands.

There will be 14km of new and upgraded cycling and walking paths – including a new 2.5km veloway above Footscray Road and new bridges over Whitehall St and Footscray Rd to boost safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

With the West Gate Tunnel, the Labor Government will introduce 24/7 truck bans on Francis St, Somerville Rd, Buckley St and Moore St – a massive win for safety, air quality, and noise in the inner west.

The project will now be assessed through an Environment Effects Statement (EES), which will be publicly exhibited mid-year before final contractual close at the end of the year, and construction in early 2018.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"The West Gate Tunnel will create 6000 jobs, and a long overdue alternative to the West Gate Bridge."

"Drivers will now have a choice – the Tunnel or the Bridge – slashing congestion from Geelong to Pakenham."

Quote attributable to Treasurer Tim Pallas

"We're not just talking about it – we're building the projects that matter, and creating jobs for Victorians."

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan

"By giving trucks an alternative route through the West Gate Tunnel, we can introduce long-awaited 24/7 truck bans on streets in the inner west, while slashing congestion on the West Gate and local roads."