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West Gate Tunnel Project opening in Melbourne

Following the Victorian Government's announcement today, Transurban announces that the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) will open to traffic on Sunday 14th December 2025, delivering a city-shaping transport solution for Melbourne. This Project provides a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge and is expected to improve freight access to the Port of Melbourne, and enhance liveability for communities across the West.

The Project's key features include almost 6.8 kilometres of twin tunnels, connecting the West Gate Freeway to the Port of Melbourne and CityLink, offering an alternative to the West Gate Bridge and saving up to 20 minutes on a trip to and from the city and the west¹. A new elevated roadway along Footscray Road will link the newly created tunnels to CityLink and the CBD. Multiple new bridges and ramps, including a second crossing of the Maribyrnong River, are expected to enhance broader network connectivity. The West Gate Freeway has been widened from eight to 12 lanes, with express lanes² and upgraded ramps to enhance traffic flow.

Direct connections to the Port of Melbourne are expected to streamline freight movements and support Victoria's economic growth. The Project is also anticipated to remove more than 9,000 trucks per day from residential streets³, which is expected to improve liveability, safety and reduce noise and emissions for local communities.

The West Gate Tunnel will provide greater flexibility for customers with time-of-day pricing for certain trips while also simplifying travel with a single, capped toll for Heavy and Long Heavy Commercial vehicles across both CityLink and the West Gate Tunnel⁴. Additionally, freight operators are able to access multi trip and night time discounts for heavy vehicles, which is expected to reduce congestion during peak travel periods.

Finally, the Project will deliver over 14 kilometres of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths, including a state-of-the-art 2.5-kilometre elevated veloway above Footscray Road, which opened to the public on Sunday 7 December 2025, creating safer and more sustainable travel options. In addition, more than nine hectares of new parks and wetlands will be created, providing green spaces for recreation and environmental renewal.

¹ Victoria Big Build Website – Benefits for commuters: <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au>.

² The West Gate Freeway has been split into two carriageways, or express lanes, in both directions, which is designed to create better traffic flow as it reduces weaving and merging. There are new dedicated express lanes in place for people travelling directly to the West Gate Bridge, Geelong and Ballarat, with dedicated exit lanes at Grieve Parade and Millers Road.

³ Victoria Big Build Website – Removing trucks from inner west streets: <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au>.

⁴ Tolls and the West Gate Tunnel: <https://www.transurban.com/west-gate-tunnel-tolls>.

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Transurban CEO Michelle Jablko said:

"The West Gate Tunnel Project will transform how people and goods move around Melbourne. By providing faster, safer and more reliable journeys, removing thousands of trucks from local streets, and delivering new and upgraded cycling and walking paths, this project delivers significant benefits for motorists, freight operators and communities alike."

"A project of this scale is only possible thanks to the dedication of our government, community and construction partners, including the incredible efforts of more than 6,000 people – engineers, construction workers, road technology specialists, and many others. On behalf of Transurban, I also extend our sincere thanks to the local community for your patience and support throughout construction."

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