

west gate tunnel project



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Creating community open spaces

The West Gate Tunnel Project will include nearly 9 ha, the equivalent of almost 4 MCGs, of new open spaces, more than 17,000 trees planted along the project and over 14 km of walking and cycling paths.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will connect people with where they want to go - including links to new and improved open spaces.

New community parks and wetlands

Nearly 9 ha of new parks and wetlands will be created, completely transforming the industrial land into spaces for communities to enjoy.

Greening the west

We'll replace trees affected by the project and green the west with over 17,000 trees and tens

of thousands of native and indigenous shrubs and grasses being planted along the roads, waterways and parks.

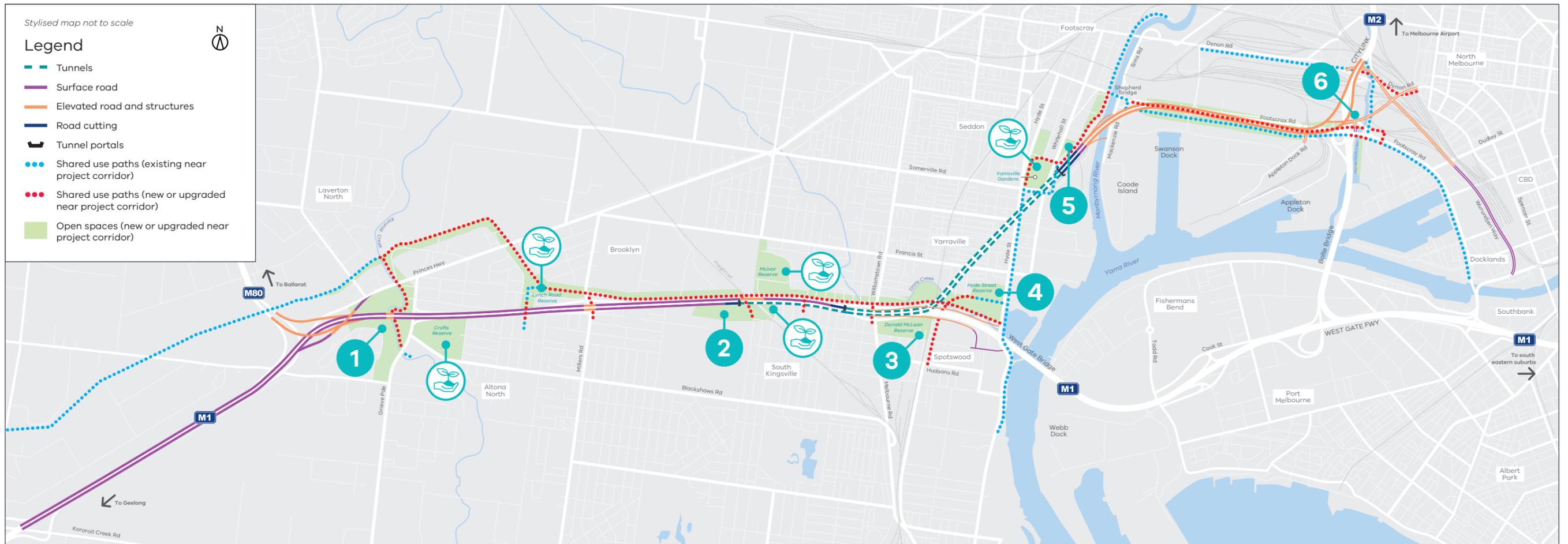
Enhancing waterway environments

We're helping build on the work of local groups to improve the health and habitat of creeks and waterways. Wetlands will be used to treat stormwater naturally and new plantings will help rehabilitate creek banks and develop animal habitats.



New boardwalk and wetlands, Footscray

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1 Kororoit Creek

The final gap in the Kororoit Creek Trail will be completed and enhanced with signage. Hundreds of new trees, shrubs and grasses will be added along the path, creek banks and surrounding parkland to build on the work of local groups to improve the health and habitat of this waterway.



Altona North open space

2 New parklands

A new 3 ha park with native landscaping and recreation area will transform this industrial land into new open space for locals. A new cycling and walking connection under the West Gate Freeway to the completed Federation Trail will help more people reach and enjoy this park.

3 Donald McLean Reserve and Westgate golf course

New planting in the reserve and golf course will increase shade and screen the freeway. A new shared club room will provide improved facilities and much needed space for the cricket, football and golf clubs.

4 Hyde Street Reserve and Stony Creek

Over 1.5 ha of industrial land on the south of the creek will be rehabilitated and returned to open space. The Stony Creek backwash boardwalk entrance will be upgraded with new seating and signage to share information about the area's history and environment. New cycling and walking paths through Hyde Street Reserve and across the creek will help more people access and enjoy this open space.



Federation Trail missing link, Yarraville



West bank of Maribyrnong River, Footscray

5 New park and wetlands

Almost 3 ha of parks and wetlands will feature planting and boardwalks and a walking and cycling link from Yarraville Gardens to the Maribyrnong River, opening up new open space for the growing Maribyrnong community, turning vacant land into community space.

6 Moonee Ponds Creek

Nearly 1.5 ha of industrial land on the creek's west bank will be opened up for community use and rehabilitated with hundreds of native trees, shrubs and grasses. Parklands and a viewing platform with signage to share information about the area's history and environment will provide a new space for recreation and enjoyment of the creek.

Protecting and greening existing open space



The design and our approach to construction will limit impacts to existing open spaces. We have avoided construction in parks where possible and when unavoidable, we've limited our footprint to ensure parks remain open to the community.

Native landscaping and community facilities such as paths, signage, lighting and seating will be added to parks along the project's route.

We will work with councils, communities and environmental groups to develop new and upgrade existing open spaces.

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Connecting open spaces

More than 14 km of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths surrounded by native landscaping will connect community open spaces and waterways along the project corridor – from Kororoit Creek in Laverton right through to Moonee Ponds Creek and the city.

Signage will help people reach new open spaces. Environmental and cultural signage, particularly around waterways and other significant sites, will create destinations that attract people and increase understanding of the areas they pass through.



Moonee Ponds Creek

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About the West Gate Tunnel Project

The West Gate Tunnel Project will deliver a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge, provide quicker and safer journeys, and remove thousands of trucks from local streets.

The project includes widening the West Gate Freeway from 8 to 12 lanes between the M80 and Williamstown Road, new twin tunnels under Yarraville, a bridge over the Maribyrnong River and an elevated road along Footscray Road connecting to the city's north as well as a city bypass.

Construction from early 2018

A comprehensive Environment Effects Statement (EES) is being undertaken. There will be an opportunity to view the EES and have a say when it is publicly exhibited in mid-2017.

Construction will begin after we have planning approvals - expected later this year - with works to be completed by the end of 2022.

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- Look out for updates from the team via newsletters, email, project website and local events

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