

Changes to traffic management on the Bolte bridge

October 2023

Important information for heavy vehicles

Changes to lane closure and traffic management on the Bolte Bridge between Footscray Road and Dynon Road.

The West Gate Tunnel Project is undertaking important works to install steel beams over the intersection of Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street to support the new elevated bridge that will connect Wurundjeri Way and Dynon Road.

The Project, in collaboration with Transurban—the operator of CityLink—has reviewed the current traffic management arrangements on the Bolte Bridge. This review analysed driver behaviour, compliance with the current traffic management set up, and engineering considerations for the bridge.

We continue to listen to the industry's representative groups, and we are transitioning the outbound slow lane closure on CityLink between the Footscray Road exit and Dynon Road to a 'soft' closure. This area currently has temporary traffic management devices overnight for enforcement.

A soft closure will see the removal of these traffic management devices, with the lane closure remaining in place. The overhead gantry will still display this lane being closed. **It's still important for heavy vehicles to follow the prescribed route on the Bolte Bridge** that we shared in our previous industry update—see September update. To assist with following this route, you may have noticed **yellow markings** have been laid down on the carriageway. These yellow markings will help heavy vehicles identify the HLP route to follow.

This change is due happen from the night of **18 October 2023**.

If this alteration to the lane closure should be successful, and if motorists remain compliant on the outbound carriageway, Transurban can consider making the same change on the inbound carriageway. This change could allow Transurban to increase the timeslot available to Heavy Vehicles to travel on the Bolte Bridge, as no temporary devices would need to be set-up or removed.

This change will benefit industry, as the Bolte Bridge's **usage hours for permitted heavy vehicles will be extended** to 10 pm - 5 am Mondays - Thursdays, and 11 pm - 5 am Fridays to Sundays.

We are continuously reviewing use of the Bolte Bridge, and operation the ramps on and off CityLink as well as Footscray Road, while Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street are closed. The West Gate Tunnel Project, Transurban, and the Department of Transport and Planning will continue to review network operations and adjust the sequencing of traffic lights in these areas to reduce delays.

Other work at Footscray Road, CityLink, and Port of Melbourne

As the main connection between CityLink and the twin tunnels, Footscray Road will continue to experience construction up until the project is complete. While the project has made significant progress over the last 12 months, we still need to finish building the connections to the elevated roadway, resurface the motorway, and install the suspended cycling 'veloway' over

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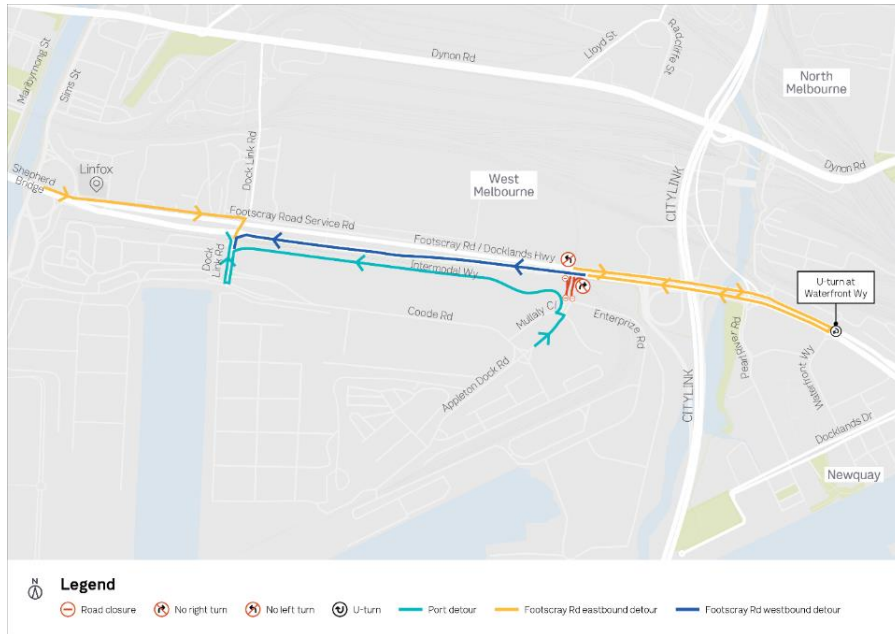
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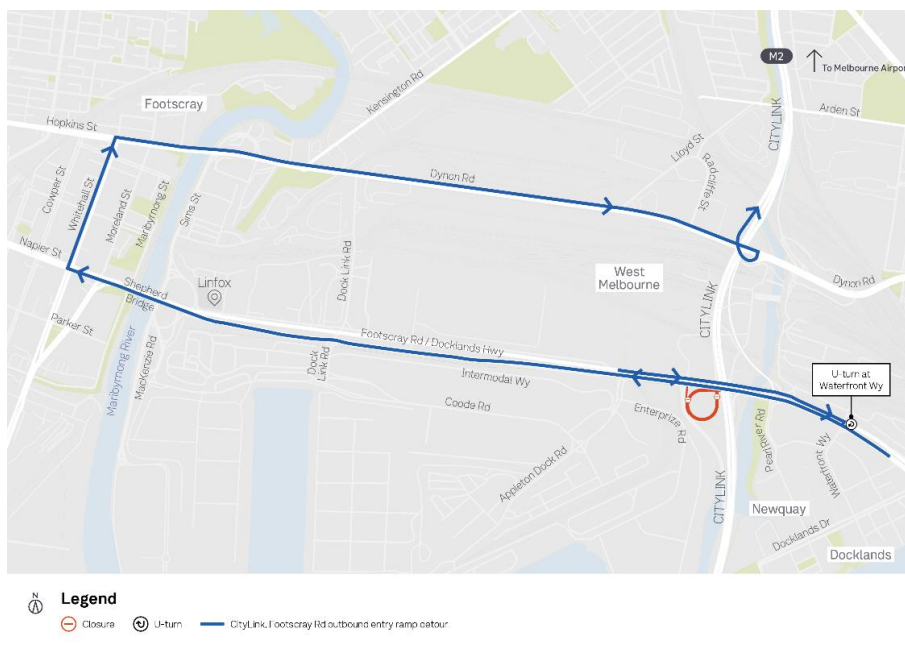
Footscray Road. Over the coming months, there will continue to be significant impacts to the Footscray Road precinct, with regular closures, detours, and contraflow arrangements.

To continue safely building the bridges connecting the elevated roadway into CityLink, there are due to be lane, ramp and carriageway closures on CityLink over the coming months.

On **Wednesday 18 October 2023**, Appleton Dock Road between Footscray Road and Enterprize Road will be closed.



The CityLink Footscray Road outbound entry ramp is due to be closed from **6am Saturday 28 October 2023 to 6am Sunday 29 October 2023**, and again from **9pm Friday 17 November 2023 to 5am Sunday 19 November 2023**.



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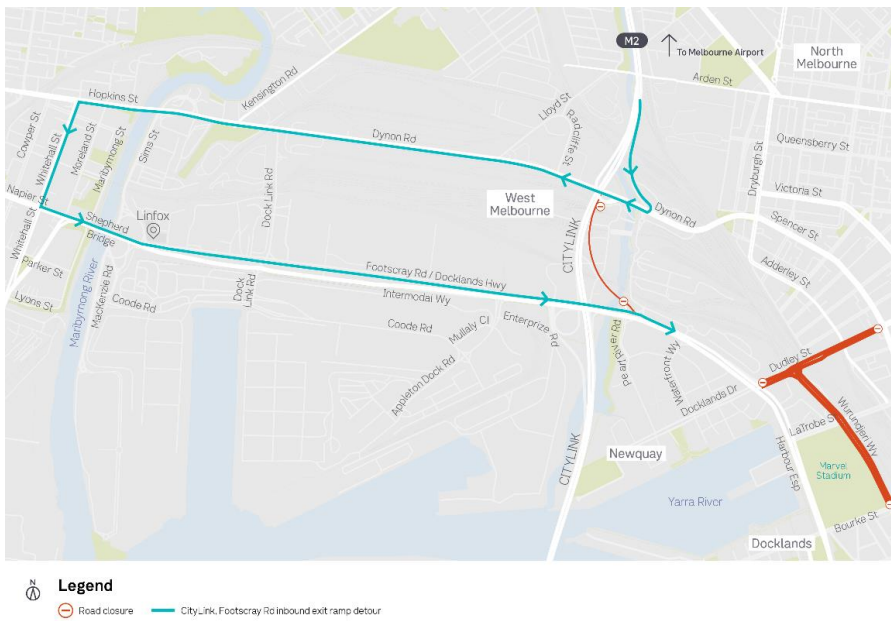
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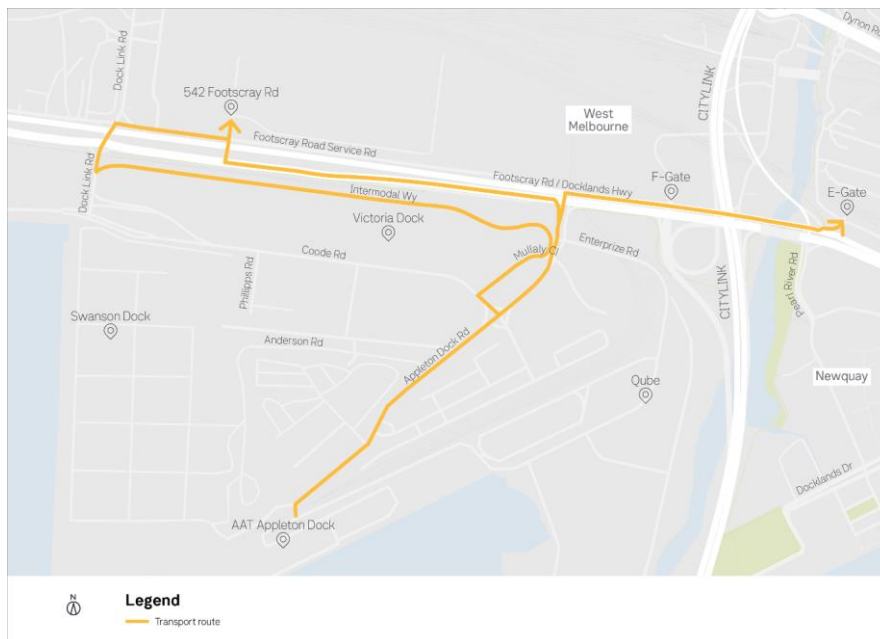
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The CityLink Footscray Road inbound exit ramp is due to be closed from **5am Saturday 11 November 2023 to 5am Sunday 19 November 2023**.



The project is due to be transporting oversized steel beams from AAT Appleton Dock to 542 Footscray Road and E-Gate **from Sunday 22 October to Thursday 9 November 2023**. The beams are expected to be transported along Appleton Dock Road, Intermodal Way, Dock Link Road and Footscray Road **between 10:30pm and 5am**.



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Thanks for your patience as we ensure the safety of everyone in the area while we carry out this critical work for West Gate Tunnel Project.

If you have queries or feedback about this work, please call our 24-hour hotline on **1800 105 105** and ask for the '**East Zone**'.

Please pass this update on to anyone else who might find the information useful.

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