

Notification

WORK ABOVE FOOTSCRAY ROAD
WURUNDJERI WAY EXTENSION
SEPTEMBER 2023



Heavy vehicle detour requirements

Footscray Road and Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street closures

The West Gate Tunnel Project will be installing steel supports over Footscray Road near CityLink, then at Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street, requiring road closures.

From the night of **6 October until 5am on 9 October**, Footscray Road is due to be closed in both directions between Appleton Dock Road and CityLink, as will the Footscray Road outbound exit ramp from CityLink.

After this closure ends, there will be lane closures on Footscray Road until late 2023 to complete other work between Shepherd Bridge (over Maribyrnong River) and Pearl River Road.

From the night of **8 October**, the Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street intersection—as well as Wurundjeri Way between Dudley Street and Bourke Street—is due to be closed until **the morning of 2 December**.

If Footscray Road and Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street intersection are closed at the same time on the **night of 8 October**, heavy vehicles will be safely guided through the Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street intersection by the West Gate Tunnel Project team, until the intersection fully closes to all traffic from **5am on 9 October**.

Wurundjeri Way is also due to close again in January 2024 for further work at Dudley Street.

Transurban—the operator of CityLink—has made temporary changes to restrictions on the Bolte Bridge during these closures, enabling a heavy vehicle detour route.

Remember that in the same area, the West Gate Freeway overpass that connects with the Bolte Bridge will be temporarily restricted to a vehicle weight limit of 44 tonnes for safety reasons while Transurban strengthens the overpass.

Footscray Road closure detour route for heavy vehicles

During the 6–9 October closure of Footscray Road and CityLink ramp, vehicles weighing more than 44 tonnes and/or greater than 4.3 metres in height will need to take the heavy vehicle detour route.

Vehicles will be guided around the closure by West Gate Tunnel Project personnel through the project's work site. This ensures the safety of everyone in the area while keeping vehicles moving in and out of the Port of Melbourne. Drivers will be asked to pause at the closure point, communicate with traffic managers via UHF radio, and wait to be guided.

Northbound vehicles from Webb Dock can continue to use Wurundjeri Way, Dudley Street and Footscray Road to access the local detour route.

Southbound vehicles from Swanson Dock can access the local detour and enter the CityLink ramp, exiting at Lorimer Street exit. Heavy vehicles will temporarily be allowed to use the Bolte Bridge subject to requirements based on vehicle type.

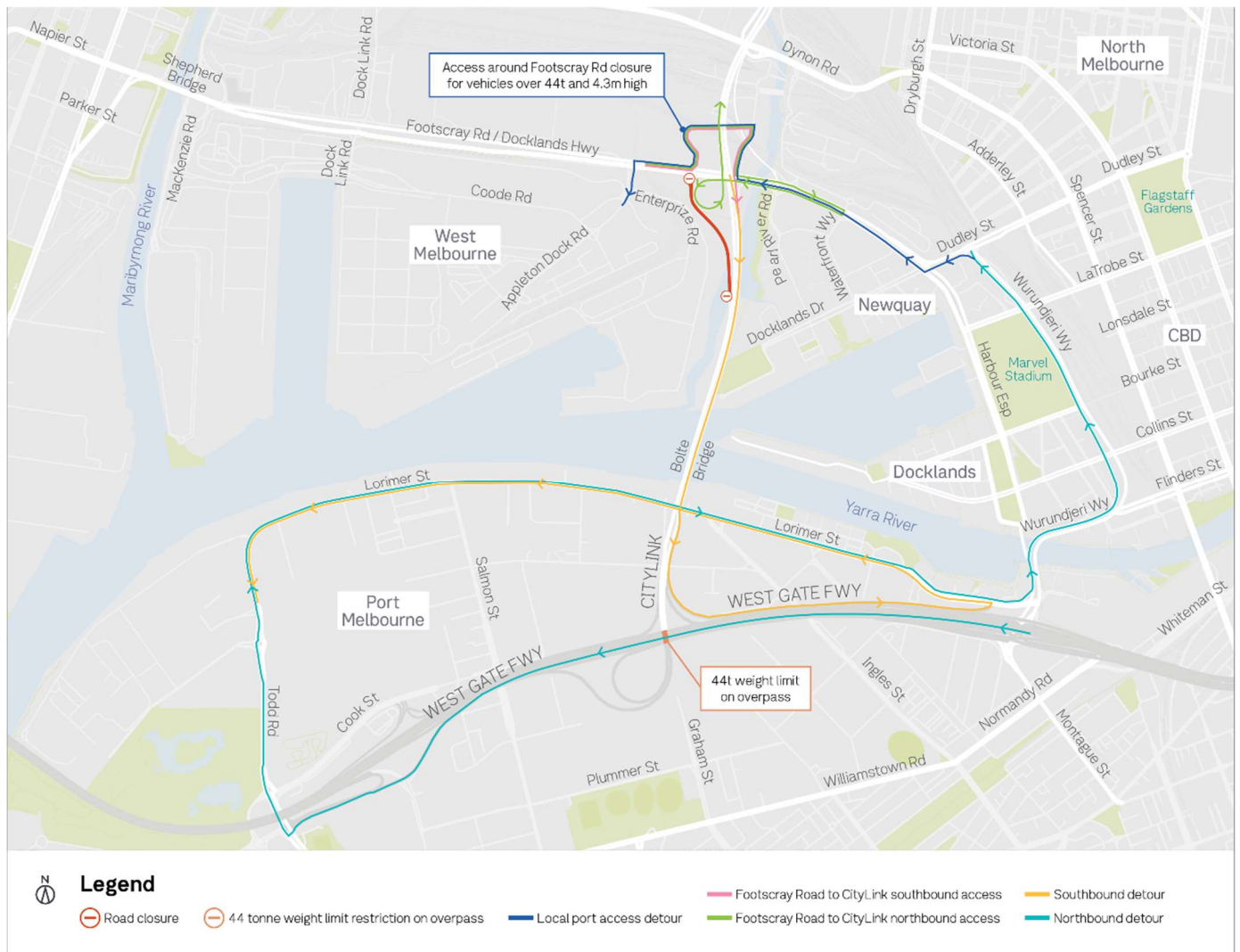
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Footscray Road closure detour route for heavy vehicles



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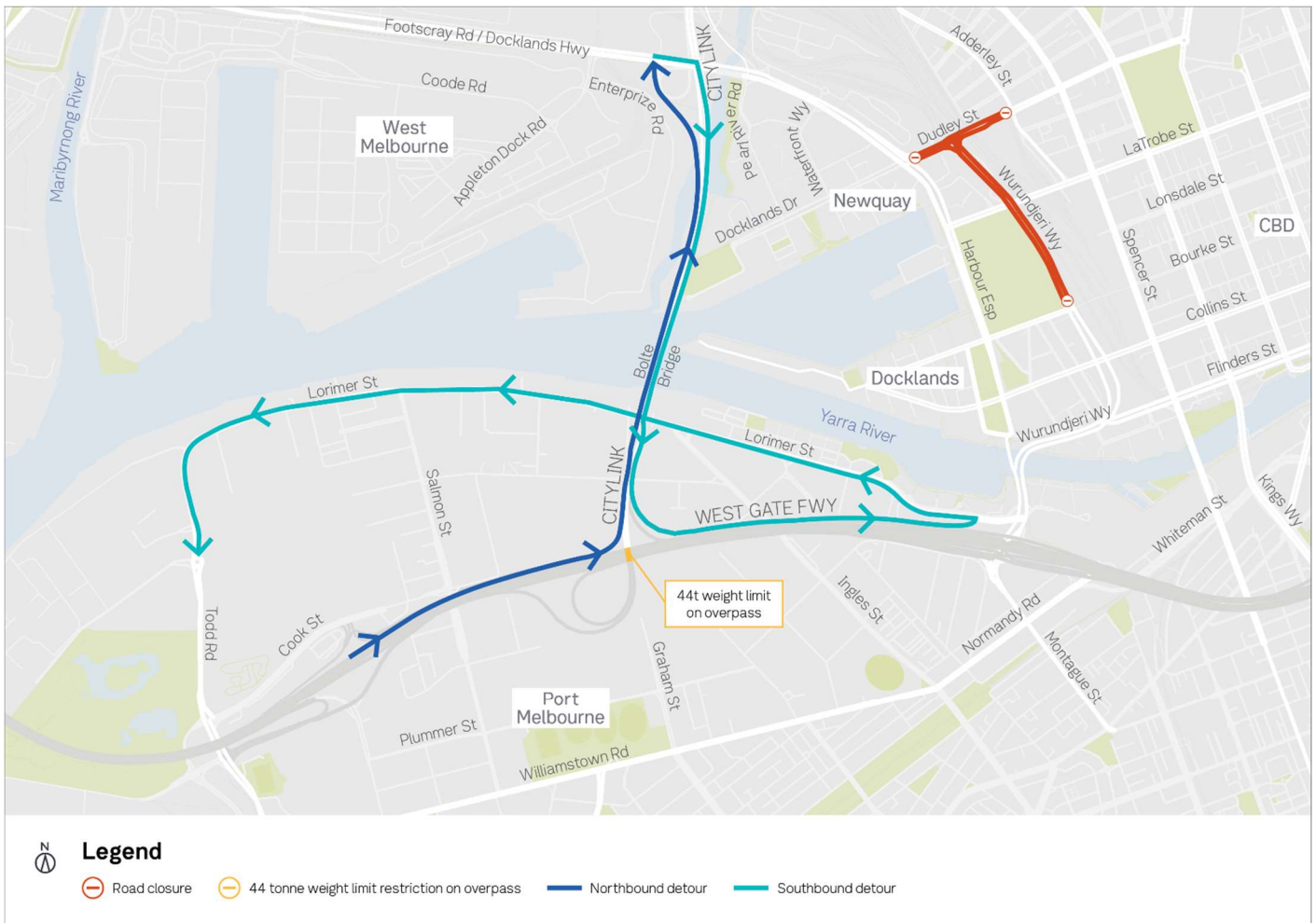
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Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street closure detour route for heavy vehicles

While the Wurundjeri Way/Dudley Street intersection is closed from 9 October to 2 December, and during the subsequent closure due to happen early 2024, heavy vehicles will temporarily be allowed to use the Bolte Bridge subject to requirements based on vehicle type.



Performance based standards (PBS) vehicles weighing 68.5 to 85.5 tonnes

These vehicles will be temporarily allowed to use the Bolte Bridge with lane restrictions, if the operator:

- Is travelling under the National Class 2 PBS Notice or has as an active PBS permit issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) that refers to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) heavy vehicle maps on the VicRoads website; or obtains a pre-approved PBS permit issued by the NHVR
- Complies with the changed conditions on the Bolte Bridge as described on DTP's heavy vehicle maps
- Travels in the left-most lane available to them.

Please note: no route is available over the West Gate Freeway overpass that connects with the Bolte Bridge due to weight limits.

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PBS vehicles and Super B-Doubles weighing 85.5 to 117 tonnes

These vehicles will be temporarily allowed to use the Bolte Bridge with lane and travel time restrictions, including:

- For PBS combinations:
 - The operator is travelling under the National Class 2 PBS Notice; or has an active PBS permit issued by the NHVR that refers to the DTP heavy vehicle maps on the VicRoads website; or obtains a pre-approved PBS permit issued by the NHVR
- For Super B-Doubles:
 - The operator refers to amended permit(s), which will describe the specific route that must be followed
- Travel along the heavy load platform (HLP) route. See attached information sheet for details
- Travel between 10:30pm and 4:30am, Monday to Thursday, and between 11:30pm and 4:30am, Friday to Sunday.

Please note: if travel is required outside of approved hours, follow the regular permit process facilitated by NHVR to lodge a request. No route available over the West Gate Freeway overpass to the Bolte Bridge due to weight limits.

Oversize and overmass (OSOM) vehicles

These vehicles will be temporarily allowed to use the Bolte Bridge with a permit:

- Follow the regular permit process facilitated by NHVR.
- DTP and Transurban will work with NHVR to assess each permit application.
- Conditions (such as time of travel and lane use requirements) may apply, and these will be outlined in the permit issued via NHVR.
- The permit process will enable Transurban, DTP and NHVR to consider the use of Bolte Bridge during the daytime as requested by operators.

This information may be subject to change

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Thank you

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'.

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Route Description for PBS & Super B-Double 68.5t – 85.5t Heavy Vehicles – Bolte Bridge Travel

Use of Bolte Bridge during WGTP works on Wurundjeri Way

Who can travel on the Bolte Bridge?

The Bolte Bridge is available to Performance Based Standards (PBS) & Super B-Double vehicles operating between 68.5t – 85.5t, whilst West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) works on Wurundjeri Way are being completed. PBS vehicles within this bracket that are conditionally approved for travel across the Bolte Bridge have had their respective Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) [Heavy Vehicle Maps](#) updated for their class.

Please check to confirm the configuration you're using is 'Conditionally Approved' for travel & familiarise yourself with the conditions that are applicable for travel whilst on the Bolte Bridge & respective ramps. Super B-Doubles will have their permits updated. **No ramps outside of the conditionally approved ramps are to be used.**

If you're operating a PBS vehicle or Super B-Double between 85.5 – 117t, please see the 'HLP Route Description for PBS & Super B-Double 85.5t - 117t Heavy Vehicles – Bolte Bridge Travel' document.

Please note: the West Gate Freeway overpass that connects with the Bolte Bridge (known as the Graham Street Bridge) will be temporarily restricted to a vehicle weight limit of 44 tonnes for safety reasons while Transurban strengthens the overpass.

What time can travel across the Bolte Bridge occur?

With the conditional approval, no time restriction is applied.

How do I safely travel across the Bolte Bridge?

To safely travel across the Bolte Bridge, lane restrictions have been put in place for heavy vehicles operating between 68.5 - 85.5t. **When travelling across the Bolte Bridge, both Northbound & Southbound, drivers are required to stay in the left most lane available to them.**

Where do I enter and exit the Bolte Bridge from?

The DTP Heavy Vehicle Maps have been updated to clearly indicate which conditionally approved ramps are to be used. Please familiarize yourself with the conditions that are applicable for travel on the Bolte Bridge & respective ramps. Simply, vehicles headed Northbound are to enter the Bolte Bridge from the Eastbound West Gate Freeway ramp and are to exit at Footscray Road. Vehicles headed Southbound are to enter at Footscray Road Inbound Entry and must exit towards Exit 2A, Lorimer St.

How long is this conditional approval in place?

The DTP Heavy Vehicle Maps & Super B-Double permits have been altered to conditionally approve travel across the Bolte Bridge whilst WGTP works along Wurundjeri Way are being completed. Once Wurundjeri Way works are complete, the maps will be returned to 'restricted' travel across the Bolte Bridge & permits will be altered again.

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HLP Route Description for PBS & Super B Double 85.5t – 117t Heavy Vehicles – Bolte Bridge Travel

Use of Bolte Bridge during WGTP Works on Wurundjeri Way

What are HLP lanes / what is the HLP route?

The Heavy Load Platform (HLP) lanes are lanes that have been strengthened to have an additional load carrying capacity to facilitate the transport of heavy vehicles. These lanes are strengthened to carry a design vehicle load of up to 400t. The HLP route is derived from the positioning of the HLP lanes and is attached to this document in the below appendix items.

Who should use the HLP route?

The HLP Route is to be utilised by Performance Based Standards (PBS) & Super B-Double vehicles operating between 85.5t – 117t, whilst travelling across the Bolte Bridge. PBS vehicles within this bracket that are conditionally approved for travel across the Bolte Bridge have had their respective Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) [Heavy Vehicle Maps](#) updated for their class.

Please check to confirm the configuration you're using is '*Conditionally Approved*' for travel & familiarise yourself with the conditions that are applicable for travel whilst on the Bolte Bridge & respective ramps.

Super B-Doubles have had their permits updated.

No ramps outside of the conditionally approved ramps are to be used and the HLP Route must be followed whilst travelling across the Bolte Bridge and along ramps.

Please note: the West Gate Freeway overpass that connects with the Bolte Bridge (known as the Graham Street Bridge) will be temporarily restricted to a vehicle weight limit of 44 tonnes for safety reasons while Transurban strengthens the overpass.

What time can travel across the Bolte Bridge occur?

With the conditional approval, a time restriction of 10:30pm and 4:30am, Monday to Thursday, and between 11:30pm and 4:30am, Friday to Sunday, is applied.

How do I follow the HLP route?

To successfully follow the HLP route, please see **Appendix A. HLP Route Written Description & Appendix B. Visual HLP Route Description.**

How long is this conditional approval in place?

The DTP Heavy Vehicle Maps & Super B-Double permits have been altered to conditionally approve travel across the Bolte Bridge whilst West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) works along Wurundjeri Way are being completed.

Once Wurundjeri Way works are complete, the maps will be returned to '*restricted*' travel across the Bolte Bridge. Super B-Double permits will also be altered accordingly.

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Appendix A. HLP Route Written Description

Bolte Bridge Lane Restriction Northbound

- From the southernmost abutment or expansion joint, travel in the centreline of the structure (see Figure 1).
- Across the Bolte Bridge, travel in the centreline of the structure, stay within **lane 2** from the left (see Figure 2).
- When exiting at Footscray Rd, prior to the chevron line marking and prior to the gantry, safely move to the centreline of the ramp (see Figure 3).
- Along the Footscray Rd exit ramp, travel in the centreline of the ramp until the last expansion joint (see Figure 4).

Bolte Bridge Lane Restriction Southbound

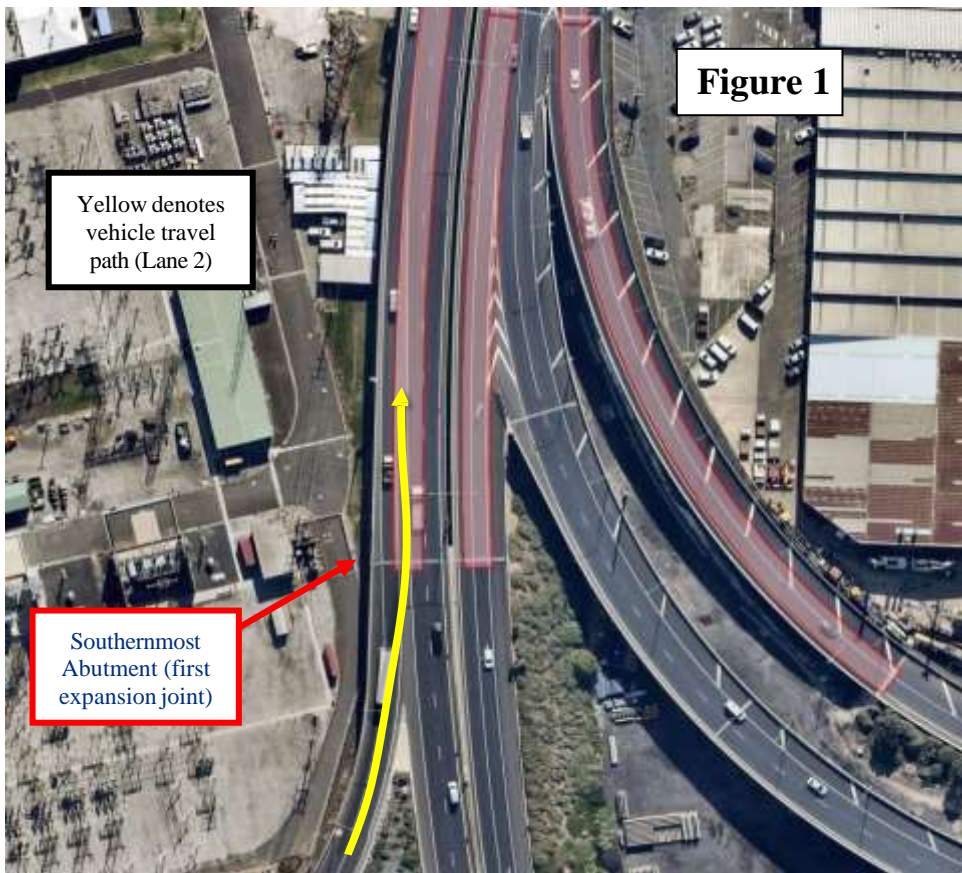
- Along the Footscray Rd entry ramp, travel in the centreline of the ramp at all times and merge across dotted lines (see Figure 5)
- Across the Bolte Bridge, travel in the centreline of the structure, stay within **lane 2** from the left (see Figure 6).
- When exiting to Lorimer St, merge left in advance of the sign gantry noting Convention Centre and truck tip over advisory signs above Turner St (see Figure 7 and 8).
- Along the Lorimer St exit ramp, travel in the centreline of the ramp (i.e. on the inside of the chevrons) until passing the southernmost expansion joint (see Figure 9).

Bolte Bridge Speed Restriction (Northbound & Southbound)

- When travelling on the Bolte Bridge, travel at **no greater than 40km/h**.

Appendix B. Visual HLP Route Description

Northbound Travel

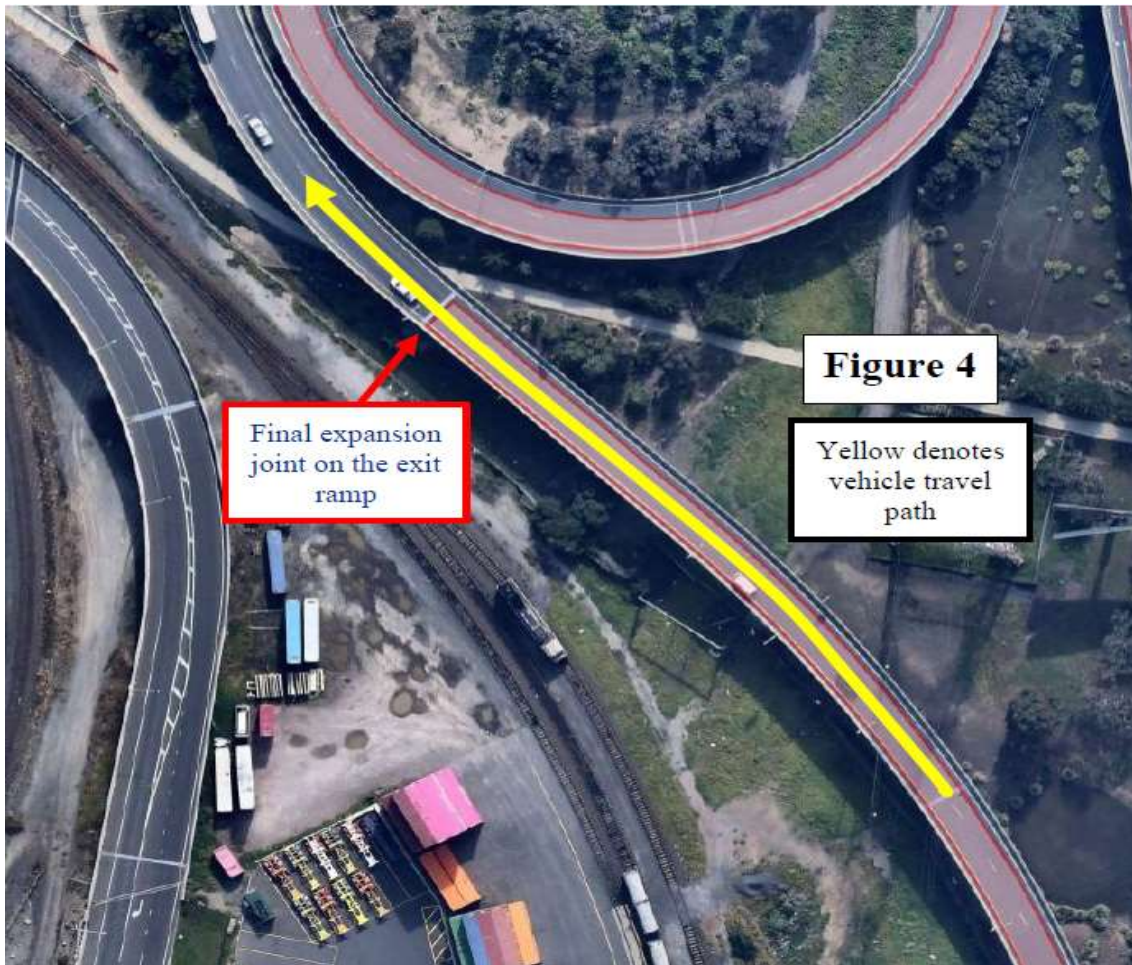
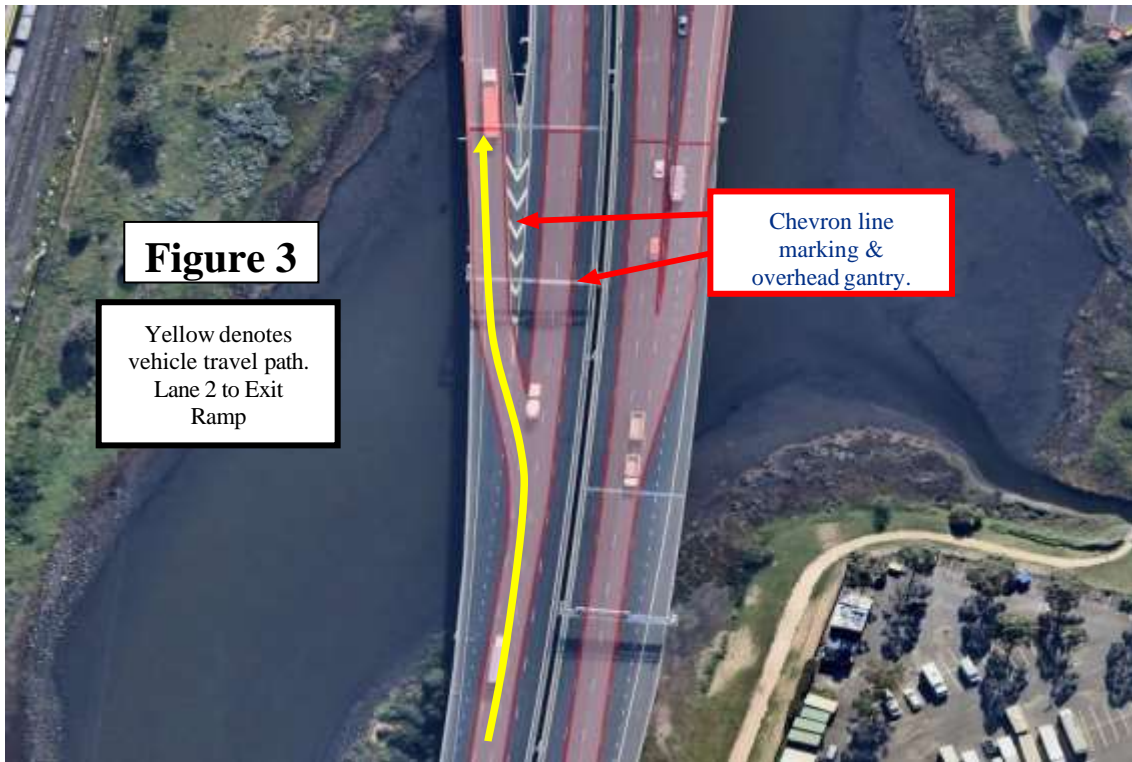


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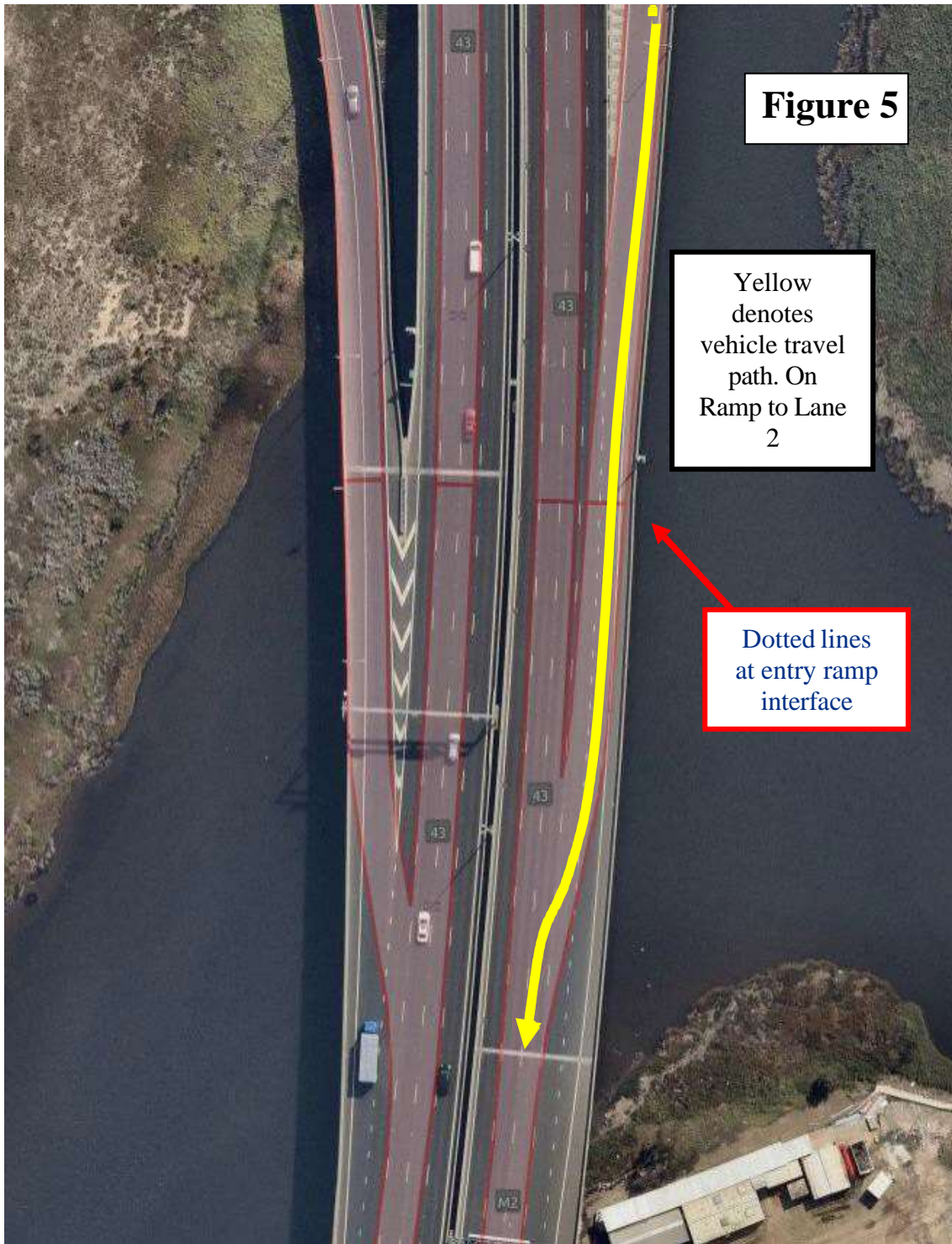
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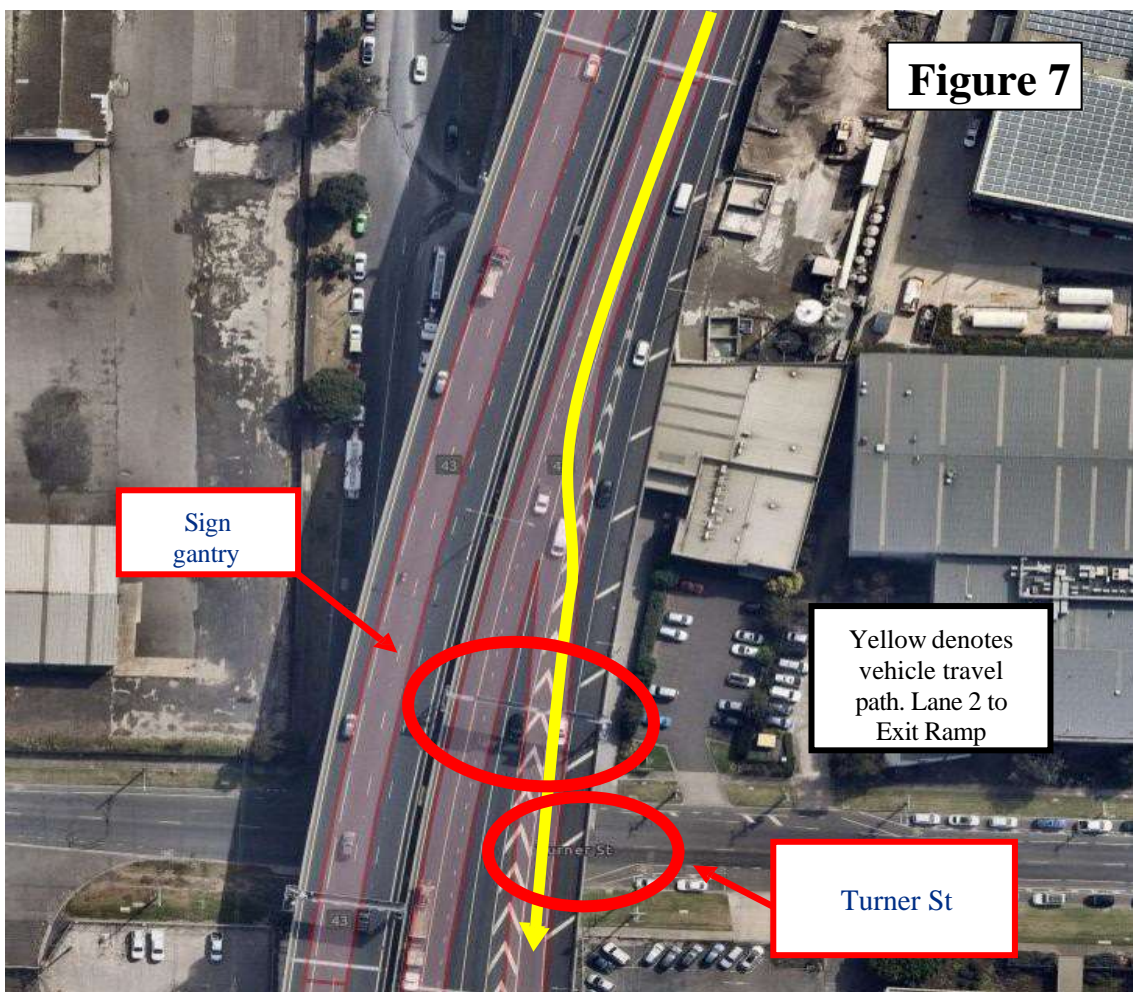
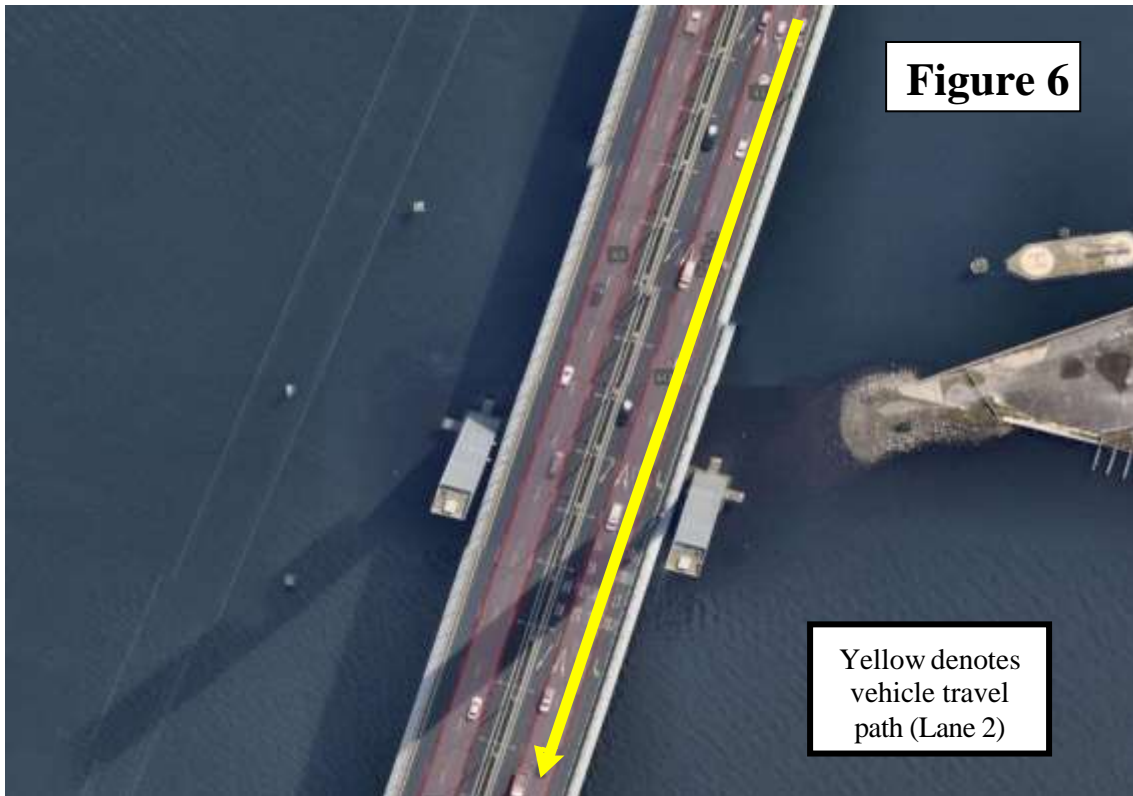


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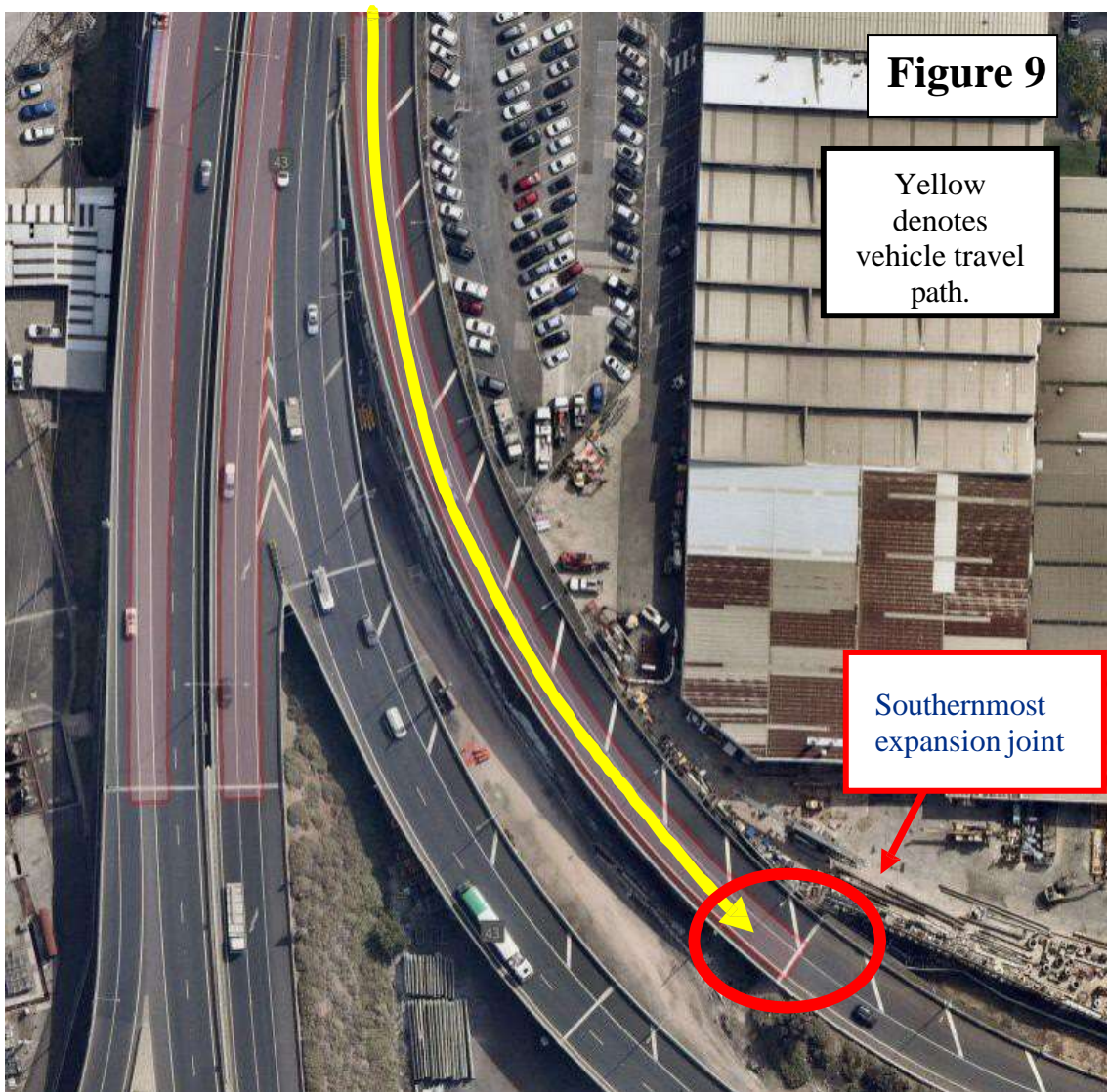


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