

STAGED CONSTRUCTION WORKS

As we enter the third year of construction on the West Gate Freeway upgrade, drivers will start to see significant changes in the road network. As part of the staged construction process, new ramps and sections of road will become available to the travelling public, including the new structures around Montague Street.

Major traffic switches will take place in late 2009, with new ramps and road areas being made available in both directions on the West Gate Freeway. These traffic shifts will allow the West Gate Freeway Alliance to begin work on some of the asphalt resurfacing and structural maintenance activities on the existing freeway, with the new ramps being used to carry traffic while these extensive roadworks are being carried out.

Throughout October, November and December 2009 major resurfacing works will take place overnight and at weekends between Montague Street and the CityLink tunnels, with substantial traffic management measures to be implemented – including a number of partial and full closures of the freeway. Further asphalt works will also take place towards the western end of the project in early 2010. For details of all these works keep an eye on the project website, [www.m1upgrade.com.au](http://www.m1upgrade.com.au), or call the project enquiry line on 1300 88 11 37.

The opening of the new ramps in October will also see the introduction of one of the project's key aims – 'Separation by Destination'. This concept involves the use of dedicated lanes on the freeway, improving traffic flows by reducing merging and weaving. A key aspect of this new road design is the requirement for drivers to make early decisions about where they want to go – in some cases, you will need to take an exit ramp well ahead of your actual destination point. New road signage will be installed to advise drivers of the new lane layout, and drivers are encouraged to pay particular attention to directional signs.

# Stage 1



- In the first stage, a number of new ramps will be made available, as shown on the map. Please refer to the colour-coded arrows for details of each new ramp:
- 1** New westbound entry ramp at Kings Way for drivers heading to the West Gate Bridge, Bolte Bridge or Todd Road (please note drivers will no longer be able to get on at Kings Way and get off at Montague Street)
  - 2** New westbound ramp for drivers who have come through the Domain Tunnel and are heading to Bolte Bridge or Todd Road
  - 3** New westbound entry ramp at Montague Street for drivers heading to Bolte Bridge or Todd Road (the existing entry ramp will remain open for drivers heading to the West Gate Bridge)
  - 4** Eastbound entry ramp at Montague Street for drivers heading to Power Street or the Burnley Tunnel (this will replace the old entry ramp which was closed for demolition in May 2008)
  - 5** New connection to the eastbound entry ramp at Kings Way, accessible from City Road, for drivers heading to the Burnley Tunnel
  - 6** Closure of existing eastbound entry ramp at Power Street (drivers heading to the Burnley Tunnel will need to access the new entry ramp connection from City Road, as listed above)

# Stage 2



The works in the second stage will involve intensive construction activities over one weekend in late 2009. Once finished, the following new routes will be open for drivers:

- 1** New eastbound ramp from Bolte Bridge for drivers heading to Power Street or the CityLink tunnels
- 2** Drivers coming from the Bolte Bridge heading towards Lorimer Street or Kings Way will take the existing eastbound Bolte Bridge ramp to the West Gate Freeway, however new barriers will be in place on the freeway to separate traffic coming from the West Gate Bridge
- 3** New ramp over Montague Street for drivers heading to Kings Way

Traffic will be shifted at several intervals over this weekend until works are complete to allow the new ramps to become available. Due to the nature of these changes, it is important to remember to plan your route in advance, and to keep checking our website for ongoing changes to traffic conditions.

Although the new ramps will ultimately improve traffic flows and help the freeway network operate more efficiently, there will be some significant traffic impacts while ongoing works take place into mid-2010. We thank all drivers in advance for your patience and ask that you continue to pay attention to speed limits and road safety signage while works are taking place.