

## Montague city-bound ramp closed from Sunday 18 May

Motorists are urged to plan their journeys and allow for some additional travel time following the closure of the Montague Street city-bound on-ramp from this Sunday 18 May.

Monash-CityLink-West Gate upgrade Project Director, John Cunningham, said the city-bound on-ramp would be closed for 18 months from 10.00pm this Sunday to allow for construction of new and additional freeway lanes eastbound to Kings Way.

Mr Cunningham said motorists who normally used the Montague Street city-bound on-ramp should allow some extra time for their journey, especially during peak periods, be aware of diversion routes, plan each trip, and consider catching public transport if possible.

“The signed detour route to CityLink during the 18-month closure is via Normanby Road, Clarendon Street, City Road and Power Street. Drivers can also continue along Power Street via Sturt Street to access Kings Way,” he said.

“While this is the signed detour route there are a number of alternative routes motorists could choose which may suit their particular journeys better.

“The closure of the ramp is part of the upgrade of the Monash-CityLink-West Gate (M1) corridor and is necessary for us to start major works along this section of the Freeway,” he said.

“We will be constructing new lanes along the West Gate Freeway as well as building new Montague Street and Bolte Bridge ramps to reduce the difficult weaving and merging movements and allow traffic to travel directly to its destination.

“Many motorists are familiar with the merge from the Bolte off ramp to get to the tunnels and with the construction of a new ramp from the Bolte Bridge we will be making this part of the freeway safer and more reliable for all users.

“The M1 upgrade will improve safety, reliability and increase throughput on the State’s busiest freight and traffic corridor,” Mr Cunningham said.

The upgrade to the Monash-CityLink-West Gate corridor stretches the 75km route and motorists can expect some delays along all sections while works are being completed.

The Monash and CityLink Sections will be completed by the end of 2009 and the upgrade of the corridor completed by the end of 2010.

Mr Cunningham said motorists wanting more information about diversion routes and road works associated with the upgrade should go to [www.mcwupgrade.com.au](http://www.mcwupgrade.com.au)

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