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DOCKLANDS' NEW CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO OPEN

Faster and safer trips between the city and inner west will become a reality for pedestrians and bike riders with the bright green walking and cycling bridge into the heart of the Docklands now open to the public, as part of the Allan Labor Government's West Gate Tunnel Project.

The Labor Government has opened the elevated crossing over Footscray Road, that will make it easier and safer for people to walk and ride to and from the CBD.

Inspired by the West Gate Bridge design and suspended from two 40-metre tall steel pylons by a series of cables, the 220-metre long bridge takes bike riders diagonally over busy Footscray Road – linking to the Docklands retail precinct, the Capital City trail, the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail and soon-to-be-completed elevated Veloway.

The bridge now provides a safe and dedicated elevated crossing over the busy Footscray Road and Waterfront Way intersection – linking the Capital City Trail seamlessly to the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail, enhancing one of Melbourne's key strategic cycling corridors.

More children and their families can look forward to safer walking, scooting and riding their bike to Docklands Primary School thanks to the new bridge.

It's the next step in transforming the Footscray Road corridor into Australia's premiere cycling super-highway, with the bridge forming a critical part of a bike connection to the 2.5-kilometre veloway, which opens later this year.

The West Gate Tunnel Project will transform travel in Melbourne's west – providing a much-needed second river crossing, cutting congestion and taking 9,000 trucks a day off local roads.

More than 14 kilometres of new and upgraded paths being delivered to make it safer and easier for more people to cycle.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams

"This new bridge over Footscray Road is a game-changer – a big step towards transforming the corridor into an elevated cycling super-highway between the city and the west."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"We are making it safer and easier for cyclists and pedestrians to get into Docklands or the city on this dedicated off-road express route."