

Media Release

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NEW WURUNDJERI WAY EXTENSION TO OPEN NEXT MONTH

The Allan Labor Government is delivering Melbourne's first CBD bypass in 25 years with the West Gate Tunnel Project set to open the new Wurundjeri Way extension next month.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams today announced the new road will open to traffic on Monday, 27 October – giving Victorians more options to move around the city before the West Gate Tunnel opens later this year.

The new Wurundjeri Way extension will link Dynon Road at West Melbourne to Wurundjeri Way at Docklands, reducing the number of cars needing to rely on Spencer and King streets.

It will also have the capacity to carry more than 10,000 vehicles a day on opening, increasing to around 15,000 when the tunnels and elevated Footscray Road open – improving connections across Melbourne's inner west, the CBD, Docklands, South Melbourne and beyond.

Since construction began, crews have built a new bridge over Dudley Street and a 1.5-kilometre, four lane connection to Dynon Road. In addition, Wurundjeri Way has been widened to six lanes between Dudley Street and Flinders Street to increase capacity.

The Wurundjeri Way extension will give motorists another way to travel to events at Marvel Stadium and will also cater for the busy Docklands precinct where more than 73,000 people work and some 17,500 people call home.

It will also allow people to travel seamlessly to the West Gate Tunnel when it opens later this year – delivering a smoother journey to the west, including Werribee, Geelong and the Surf Coast.

To learn more and to test drive the new connections online, visit westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive and check out the 'Explore your Journey' tool.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams

"The Wurundjeri Way extension is Melbourne's first new city bypass in 25 years – and it's set to give drivers more choice, better connect the west, and take pressure off some of the CBD's busiest streets."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Next month we'll see the Wurundjeri Way extension give more options to motorists travelling across Melbourne's west and the city."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"Melbourne's newest CBD bypass will give thousands of drivers in Melbourne's west more reliable and direct journeys, with less time in the car and more time doing the things they love."