

TO: **Hon Luke Donnellan MP**
Minister for Roads and Road Safety

CQ16000105

CC:

FROM: **Peter Todd**
Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT: CONSTITUENCY QUESTION NO: 7029 – CITYLINK TULLA
WIDENING PROJECT**

PURPOSE

1. To respond to Constituency Question No: 7029, raised in the Legislative Assembly by Mr Ben Carroll MP, Member for Niddrie, regarding the CityLink Tulla Widening Project.

BACKGROUND

2. Drivers who use the West Gate Bridge and the Lorimer Street off ramp are affected by the construction of an extra lane off the Bolte Bridge and along the West Gate Freeway.
3. Traffic travelling down the Lorimer Street ramp no longer has a dedicated lane and needs to merge with the West Gate Freeway traffic travelling from the West Gate Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel.
4. This stage of construction will have the most impact on motorists during the three-year project, with delays expected for up to 18 months.

ISSUES

5. While every effort is being made to minimise the impact on traffic, this work is causing significant disruption.
6. VicRoads is requesting motorists to consider alternate routes or transport modes, plan their journey and allow extra time, particularly during the first weeks of the works while traffic settles into new patterns and drivers get used to new conditions.

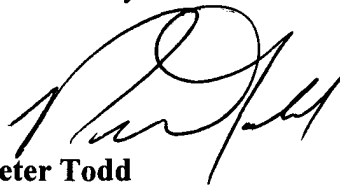
RECOMMENDATION

7. I recommend that the attached response be tabled.

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ANSWERS TO CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS

Niddrie Electorate

Question 7029
Question asked by: Mr Carroll (Member for Niddrie)
Directed to: Hon Luke Donnellan MP
Asked on: 24 March 2016

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QUESTION:

My question is to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, and I ask: how will the most recent works on the CityLink Tullamarine widening project affect commuters in my electorate, and what measures should they take to avoid delays? Last week construction started on an extra lane off the Bolte Bridge and along the West Gate Freeway through to the Burnley Tunnel. The construction of these extra lanes is an important part of the CityLink Tullamarine widening project and is scheduled to take 18 months. It is great to see that the Andrews Labor government is making progress on this important project which will deliver relief from traffic congestion for so many road users in my electorate. Importantly VicRoads and Transurban are using modern technology to help commuters by tracking journey times and providing alerts. I ask: what additional measures can be taken by my constituents to avoid delays?

REPLY

Drivers who use the West Gate Bridge and the Lorimer Street off-ramp are affected by the construction of an extra lane off the Bolte Bridge and along the West Gate Freeway. Traffic travelling down the Lorimer Street ramp no longer has a dedicated lane and is now merging with the West Gate Freeway traffic travelling from the West Gate Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel.

This construction is affecting city-bound drivers coming from the west and north, including the Niddrie electorate.

VicRoads encourages drivers to plan their journey, allow extra travel time and consider other modes of transport or alternate routes.

Once traffic begins to settle into new patterns, drivers travelling into the city in the morning peak should expect their trip to take up to 15 minutes longer. The evening peak period will not be affected by the construction.

Several alternate routes are available to drivers heading inbound on the West Gate Bridge or the CityLink Tullamarine Freeway. From the West Gate Bridge, drivers can take the Geelong Road exit to Footscray Road, the Williamstown Road exit to Footscray Road or the Todd Road exit to Lorimer Street. From CityLink, drivers can take the Footscray Road exit to Wurundjeri Way or the Dynon Road exit to Kings Street.

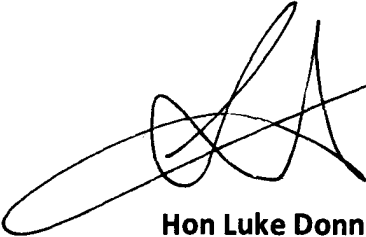
For drivers who cannot take an alternate route, a temporary ramp signal system will be used to regulate the volume of traffic merging from the Lorimer Street exit to the West Gate Freeway. This will assist in controlling the flow of traffic onto the West Gate Freeway and help drivers merge more easily.

New linemarkings on the freeway, concrete barriers and reduced speed limits will also be in place to keep drivers and work crews safe during construction.

VicRoads recommends that drivers move into their preferred lane early and avoid changing lanes where possible.

The latest Bluetooth technology will provide up-to-the-minute information about delays and alternative routes, so drivers are also asked to switch on their Bluetooth before heading out.

The information from the Bluetooth network will help drivers stay up-to-date and plan their journey through the VicTraffic app or via citylinktullawidening.vic.gov.au. On Twitter, drivers can follow @VicRoads and @CityLinkMelb or search for #CTWidening.



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TO: **Hon Luke Donnellan MP**
Minister for Roads and Road Safety

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CC:

FROM: **Peter Todd**
Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: CONSTITUENCY QUESTION NO: 6963 – SUNBURY ELECTORATE

PURPOSE

1. To respond to Constituency Question No: 6963, raised in the Legislative Assembly by Mr Josh Bull MP, Member for Sunbury, regarding the CityLink Tulla Widening Project.

BACKGROUND

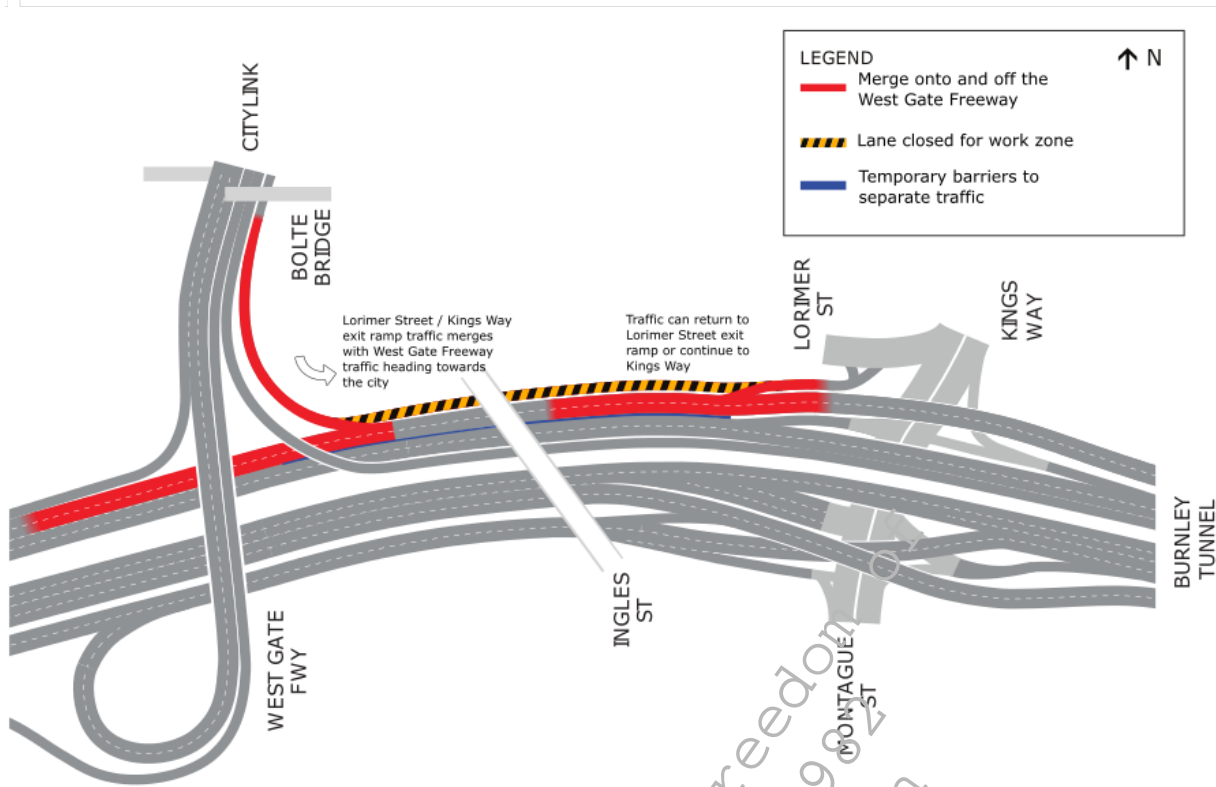
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3. Traffic travelling down the Lorimer Street ramp no longer has a dedicated lane and needs to merge with the West Gate Freeway traffic travelling from the West Gate Bridge to the Burnley Tunnel (refer to the attached diagram).
4. This stage of construction will have the most impact on motorists during the three-year project, with delays expected for up to 18 months.

ISSUES

5. While every effort is being made to minimise the impact on traffic, this will cause significant disruption.
6. VicRoads is requesting motorists to consider alternate routes or transport modes, plan their journey and allow extra time, particularly during the first weeks of the works while traffic settles into new patterns and drivers get used to new conditions.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Diagram.



RECOMMENDATION

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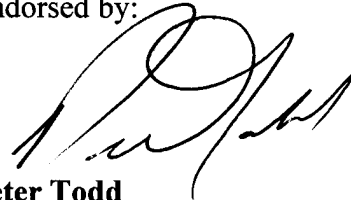
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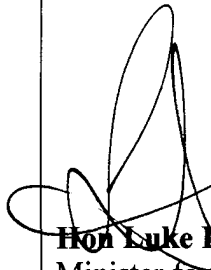


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**ANSWERS TO CONSTITUENCY QUESTIONS
Sunbury Electorate**

Question 6963
Question asked by: Mr Bull (Member for Sunbury)
Directed to: Hon Luke Donnellan MP
Asked on: 9 March 2016

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QUESTION:

My question is for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety. Last week the minister announced that delays can be expected on the West Gate Freeway and the Bolte Bridge due to the major construction of an extra lane off the Bolte Bridge and along the West Gate Freeway. The minister advised that the works would help to untangle a congested piece of road that has a major impact on the performance of the M1 corridor, Melbourne's economic spine. The minister has advised that the project will create 1400 jobs, improve travel times and reduce accidents by 20 per cent. Nearly three-quarters of residents in my electorate travel in their cars to and from work each day, and these works will have a significant impact on their daily commute. Can the minister provide information on these expected delays and ways in which VicRoads is working to minimise these?

REPLY

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VicRoads and Transurban will continue to assess conditions to ensure that the impacts of the works can be mitigated as much as possible.



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