

# Upcoming Freeway Disruptions



Works Notification

May 2026

We're upgrading the Eastern Freeway with new express lanes, new traffic management technology, Melbourne's first express busway and a seamless connection to North East Link.



**From 10pm, Friday 15 May to 5am, Monday 18 May**

Eastern Freeway closed in both directions between Bulleen and Tram roads.

We'll close the Eastern Freeway in both directions between Bulleen Road and Tram Road, to carry out the next stage of asphaltting for the new freeway lanes.

Additional freeway closures will take place throughout 2026, and we'll notify you ahead of time.

**Delays of up to 60 minutes are expected during peak travel times.**

We encourage motorists to plan ahead during these closures, seek alternative routes and allow extra time.

## Keeping you moving

During this closure we'll implement a range of measures to manage traffic flow and ease congestion on the detour route, including:

- closing some freeway ramps and banning some right-hand turns
- installing no stopping signs on major roads
- monitoring and adjusting traffic signals where needed.

### Detour: Eastern Freeway closure between Bulleen and Tram roads



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## What we're doing

- Removing existing road surface, laying new asphalt, applying line marking and complete traffic signal works
- Building noise and retaining walls between Bulleen Road and Elgar Road
- Removing old and installing new safety barriers between Bulleen Road and Tram Road
- Removing temporary structures and piles
- Installing new on-road technology installing drainage, concrete works and completing watermain works along the freeway
- Carrying out concrete works for the new Doncaster Road bridge
- Installing drainage on the Doncaster Road citybound exit ramp, at the intersection of Winfield Road. Winfield Road will remain closed during this time
- Earthworks and demolishing embankments for the permanent Doncaster Road Ringwood-bound entry ramp
- Placing new concrete, building new kerbs, installing traffic barriers and carrying out earthworks near Thompsons Road
- Continuing works to widen and strengthen the Bulleen Road bridge
- Continuing works on the new elevated ramps at Bulleen Road interchange
- Cutting and removing metal sheets between the Eastern Freeway and the Bulleen Road citybound exit ramp
- Laying asphalt, realigning safety barriers and placing line marking between the Estelle Street Bridge and Doncaster Road Ringwood-bound, to safely move traffic onto new freeway lanes.

## Managing impacts

During these works we'll manage impacts by:

- monitoring noise, dust and vibration levels during works, when required
- directing lighting away from residential properties
- completing noisier works earlier in the night, where possible
- providing signage, traffic controllers and detours, to guide you around the area.

## What to expect

### Eastern Freeway closure in both directions

- from 10pm, Friday 15 May to 5am, Monday 18 May

During this weekend, the Eastern Freeway will be closed in both directions between Bulleen Road and Tram Road.

There will be:

- delays of up to 60 minutes
- citybound and Ringwood-bound entry ramp closures and bans for some right turn movements on detour routes to help spread traffic and ease congestion
- adjusted traffic signal timing at key intersections to create better traffic flow
- no parking or stopping allowed on Doncaster Road citybound, between Longview and Burke roads
- detour via Tram, Williamsons, Manningham and Thompsons roads
- changes to bus services:
  - Bus route 906 will not service the bus stops on Blackburn Road south of Doncaster Road or on the citybound freeway ramps at Blackburn Road and Wetherby Road. Buses will be detoured during the closure.
  - Bus routes 907 and 908 will not service the bus stop on the Doncaster Road citybound entry ramp and will be detoured during the closure.
- directional lighting used while working at night
- medium to high levels of noise and vibration from machinery and equipment.

## Keeping in touch

We'll be out talking to residents and businesses about these works in more detail, including how we'll be managing any local impacts.

Call **1800 105 105** anytime or visit the **Project Information Centre**:  
284 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North  
Tuesday to Thursday  
9am to 12 midday and 1pm to 3pm



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