

# Right-hand lane truck ban suspension

We're upgrading the Monash Freeway to transform journeys in Melbourne's south-east, by relieving congestion and reducing travel times, making journeys quicker, easier and safer for the 470,000 drivers using the freeway every day.

## Project overview

As part of stage 2 of the Monash Freeway Upgrade, we're adding 36kms of new lanes on the Monash and Princes freeways between:

- Warrigal Road and EastLink outbound
- EastLink and Springvale Road inbound
- Clyde Road and Cardinia Road in both directions.

We'll also:

- connect Police Road to the freeway with an outbound on-ramp
- connect the Jacksons Road outbound ramp directly to EastLink with a separate road
- upgrade the Beaconsfield interchange by adding an inbound freeway off-ramp and an outbound freeway on-ramp
- upgrade O'Shea Road to three lanes in each direction between Clyde Road and Soldiers Road and extending it to join the Beaconsfield interchange
- install smart on-road technology between the South Gippsland Freeway and the Beaconsfield interchange.

## Construction

Construction commenced on stage 2 of the Monash Freeway Upgrade in early 2020, with the project expected to be complete in 2022.

As we prepare to add the new lanes, we've built a temporary lane on the shoulder of the freeway, shifted existing lanes sideways, changed line marking and installed safety barriers along the centre median of the freeway.

This has allowed us to maintain the same number of traffic lanes on the freeway during construction and establish a work zone.

## Right-hand lane truck ban

In January 2018, the Victorian Government announced a nine-month trial banning trucks over 4.5 tonnes from the right-hand lane of the Monash Freeway between Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverley and Jacksons Road, Noble Park.

This ban was put in place to improve safety by reducing the number of lane changes undertaken by cars and trucks.

Compliance with the ban was monitored by on-road cameras and vehicle operators and over the nine-month trial it was found that 98% of trucks complied with the ban.

Due to the success of the trial, the ban was made permanent in October 2018.

## Temporary suspension of the ban

To allow construction trucks to access our work zone in the centre median of the freeway, we'll temporarily suspend the right-hand lane truck ban on the Monash Freeway between Huntingdale Road and Jacksons Road in both directions.

The ban will be suspended for the duration of the Monash Freeway Upgrade, and will be reinstated upon project completion in 2022.

While the ban is suspended, trucks are still encouraged to avoid travelling in the right-hand lane, so that construction vehicles can safely enter and exit the work zone.

For safety, the speed limit in the construction area on the Monash Freeway will be reduced.

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