



24 April 2023

## **West Gate Tunnel Project – Closure of Footscray Road Over Shepherd Bridge – night of 28 April to morning of 1 May 2023**

The West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) has advised CTAA that it needs to again close Footscray Road over Shepherd Bridge from 8pm this Friday, 28 April to 5.30am, Monday 1 May 2023.

This is again required as works to deliver an oversized girder to site and reinstall the overhead gantry building the bridge structure could not be completed last time due to the weather.

CTAA has again indicated to the Government and the West Gate Tunnel Project consortium that the proposed heavy vehicle detour is not ideal as it does not accommodate the heavier permitted weights for higher productivity freight vehicles (HPFVs).

The WGTP will accommodate supervised movements of HPFVs through the road works on Footscray Road / over Shepherd Bridge if absolutely necessary, but there are no guarantees that there will not be excessive waiting times.

Please also note that CTAA continues to lobby for a safer heavy vehicle detour route for alter in the year when WGTP works will close Wurundjeri Way for a significant length of time. The current detour used for some temporary night closures of Wurundjeri Way this month – being via Harbour Esplanade and Bourke Street, Docklands, is totally inadequate for the longer closure period.

See **CTAA Media Release** on this from 11 April 2023: [HERE](#)

See also media coverage at: <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/west-gate-tunnel-heavy-truck-detour-a-recipe-for-disaster-in-docklands-20230412-p5czu1.html>

### **Message from WGTP re closure of Shepherd Bridge:**

Please be advised that **Shepherd Bridge over Footscray Road will be closed in both directions from 8pm Friday 28 April to 5:30am Monday morning 1 May 2023.**

This is so our crews can remove an overhead gantry sign, allowing for the delivery of an oversized steel girder to site, and then the reinstallation of the gantry.

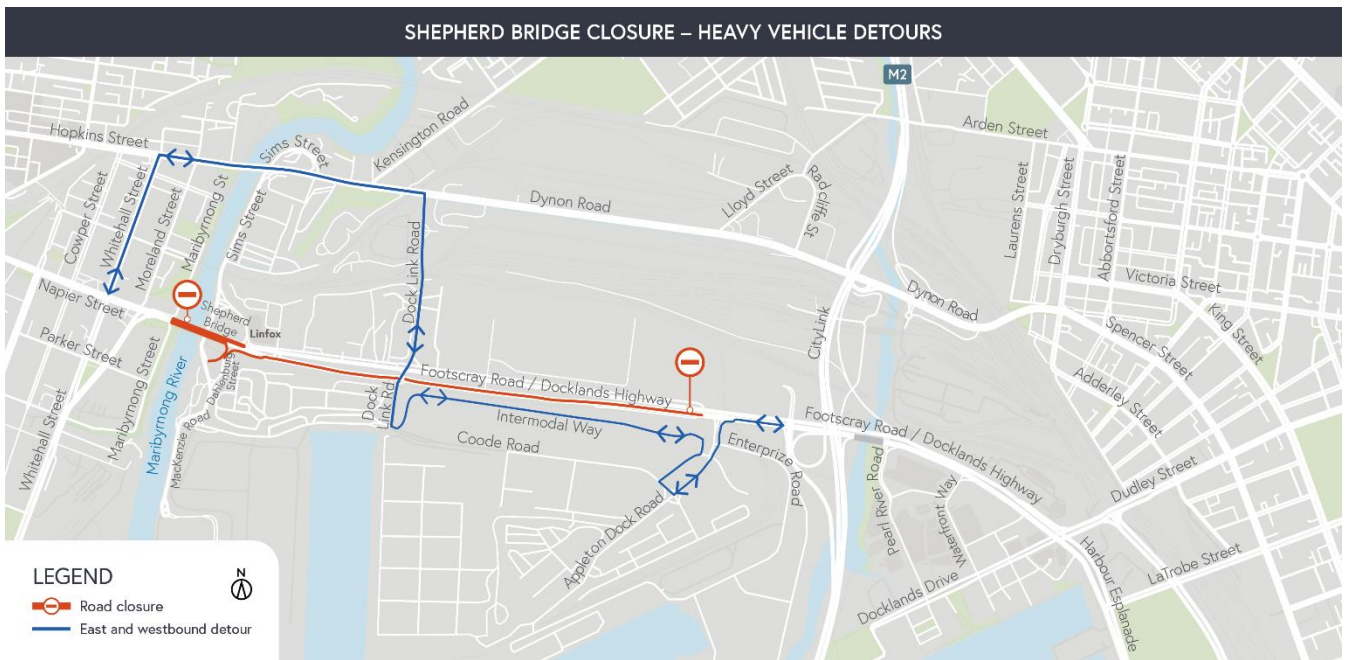
During this time, we recommend heavy vehicles detour **via Intermodal Way > Dock Link Road > Dynon Road > Whitehall Street** (refer to map below).

Please note there is a **weight restriction for the bridge on Dynon Rd over Maribyrnong River of 68.5t and a height restriction for the Dynon Road rail bridge of 4.4m.**

Access will only be granted to HPFVs across Shepherd Bridge if vehicles can't travel along the main detour route due to height or weight requirements. If your vehicles exceed the height and weight limitations mentioned above, escorted access will be granted.

There will be traffic controllers and check points in place along Moreland Street (travelling eastbound) and Footscray Road (travelling westbound) for loaded HPFVs that need to cross Shepherd Bridge. **However, please note there could be delays of up to 3 - 4 hours.**

**Please see heavy vehicle detour below:**



Please remember the **entry and exit lane closures for Linfox and the Sims Street Loop closure is extended until late-May 2023**, with details of specific impacts to be confirmed with Linfox directly.

For more information on the details of these works, please see the attached notification or visit the West Gate Tunnel Project website.

If the weather is poor, or there are any unexpected events, we may need to reschedule these works.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please email us at [info@wgta.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@wgta.vic.gov.au) or call us on **1800 105 105** and ask for the 'East Zone'.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kind regards,

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