

Bicycle Victoria Brief: HA Smith Reserve

BACKGROUND:

The Monash-CityLink-West Gate upgrade is a \$1 billion project to improve traffic flow and safety on one of the state's busiest freeway.

As part of the project, Transurban is upgrading CityLink's SouthernLink, to accommodate an additional operating lane of traffic in each direction between the eastern tunnel portals and where CityLink joins the Monash Freeway just east of Glenferrie Road.

In order to prepare for construction, the following off road work will be occurring in the vicinity of HA Smith Reserve area from early August, which will impact the bike path.

PLEASE NOTE: ACCESS TO THE BIKE PATH WILL BE MAINTAINED.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is happening?

A. The SouthernLink project team will be establishing a site office under CityLink's SouthernLink, adjacent to HA Smith Reserve, in preparation for construction scheduled to begin mid September.

It also needs to realign the bicycle path slightly to the north, to accommodate the construction zone.

Q. When is this happening?

A. Throughout August, with the main activities expected to impact the bike path occurring from mid August.

Q. Why is this happening?

A. The timing is to allow for construction to be able to begin in this area from mid September, to co-occur with the school holiday period.

The construction works are to widen the road by approximately three metres on the northern side for a length of approximately 800 metres, to allow for an additional lane to be added in each direction on CityLink's SouthernLink.

Q. What will this mean for the bike path?

A. In the short term, the only impact will be vehicles occasionally accessing the site office off Glenferrie Road.

However during peak commuter periods when frequent traffic is anticipated, it is intended to position a traffic control officer at the site entrance to facilitate safe entry of vehicles to the site, being mindful of the amount of cyclists who use this popular path.

From mid August, the SouthernLink project team will build a new bike path slightly to the north of the current alignment, in a plan discussed with the City of Boroondara and Bicycle Victoria.

The existing path will remain while the new alignment is built, meaning access to the path will be maintained.

Q. What consultation has occurred as part of this plan?

A. Stakeholders such as the Cities of Boroondara and Stonnington, Parks Victoria, Bicycle Victoria and Scotch and St Kevin's Colleges have been consulted regarding these works and provided their input.

Q. Where can I find further information regarding the project?

A. For more information please call 1300 88 11 37 or visit www.mcwupgrade.com.au