**Swan Street Bridge Upgrade Project – April 2017**

**Closure of the riverside trails under Swan Street Bridge due to demolition and construction works**

The Capital City Trail is a shared pedestrian and cyclist trail on the west or Alexandra Ave side of the Yarra River that travels under the Swan Street Bridge.

The Main Yarra Trail is a shared pedestrian and cyclist trail on the east or Batman Ave side of the Yarra that also travels under the Swan Street Bridge.

Due to demolition, excavation and construction activities on the bridge and piling around the abutments (where the bridge is secured to the riverbank) as part of the project, the riverside trails must be closed for the safety of trail users. As there are no alternate crossings of the bridge parallel with the trails, pedestrians and cyclists must detour.

**West detour due to riverside trail closure from Friday 28 April to mid-June**

The inbound detour for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists uses signalised lights to cross Alexandra Ave, Linlithgow Ave and back across Alexandra Ave to resume on the trail. The reverse detour applies when heading outbound.

This detour using The Tan is almost 900 metres. It adds about seven minutes to walk using the pedestrian crossings.

**East detour due to riverside trail closure from Monday 1 May to mid-June**

The detour involves two sets of signalised lights to cross Batman Ave on either side of the bridge, and a third to cross Olympic Blvd.

The detour takes about four minutes to walk, allowing for lights to activate, and adds 90 metres compared with using the riverside trail under the bridge.

**About the project**

The Swan Street Bridge Upgrade is a State Government-funded project to add an extra lane outbound across the bridge towards Richmond and widen Olympic Blvd outbound at Rod Laver Arena to two lanes.

The plans for the project also include a new:

- safer and wider pedestrian and cycling path on each side of the bridge, separated from road traffic
- pedestrian crossing on Alexandra Avenue (city side of the bridge)

**Timing**: construction began in March 2017 with works expected to be completed by December 2017

VicRoads is the state agency overseeing delivery of the project and has appointed Seymour Whyte Constructions as the principal contractor to design, manage and construct the project.

To find out more about the project:

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