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Major disruptions for motorists this weekend

Motorists are warned of major delays and detours as full freeway and lane closures progress across the M1 corridor from the West Gate Bridge to Warrigal Road this weekend as further work proceeds on the \$1.39 billion upgrade of the M1.

Acting M1 Project Director, Andrew Williams said this weekend's works included a full closure of the Monash Freeway and CityLink (including tunnels) between Kings Way and Warrigal Road on Saturday night from 9pm, until 9am Sunday morning. He said the Swan Street Bridge would also be partially closed during the weekend.

"A full signed detour route will be in place for motorists via Kings Way, Queens Road, Princes Highway and Warrigal Road."

Mr Williams said works were also being carried out east of the tunnels on CityLink and the Monash Freeway all weekend. Lane closures will be in place on CityLink inbound between Toorak Road and the Domain tunnel. These lane closures will be in place from tonight until the early hours of Monday morning.

Weekend works on the West Gate Bridge will require lane closures from 5.30am tomorrow morning, Saturday 21 March to 11am. Two lanes will be closed in both directions across the bridge.

Single lane closures will be in place on the West Gate Freeway outbound between Power Street and Montague Street from 5am Saturday 21 March to 5am Sunday 22 March 2008.

Motorists using the West Gate, CityLink, Monash corridor can expect delays and should allow extra time for their journeys, plan each trip and be aware of diversion routes.

Motorists are also advised that there will be works on the Swan Street Bridge from 9pm Friday 20 March until 5.30am Monday 23 March and are urged not to use the bridge as a diversion route for the tunnel and freeway closure.

"We thank motorists for their patience during these important works to upgrade one of the State's busiest roads and I urge all motorists to take care when travelling on

this corridor throughout construction, for your own safety and for the safety of workers and other motorists,” Mr Williams said.

A map of the changed conditions and further information is available on project website at www.mcwupgrade.com.au

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