

Media Release

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Express Lanes Getting Closer

Construction of new express lanes on the M2 Hills Motorway has taken a major step forward with the installation of four large toll gantries at the Main Toll Plaza.

“This represents an important milestone in Transurban’s plan to create free-flowing traffic conditions on the M2. Express Lanes mean that, for the first time on the M2, motorists with an e-TAG® device will be able to pay the toll without slowing down” said M2 Hills Motorway Operations Manager, John Collier. Currently, motorists with Tags have to slow down to 40 km per hour to pass through the boom gate.

The recently installed gantries are approximately 15 metres high. Electronic tolling equipment will be attached to these structures, so that tags can be ‘read’ as vehicles pass underneath.

“Motorists would have noticed substantial changes in traffic arrangements at the Main Toll Plaza, associated with the introduction of express lanes. When completed, the new lanes will result in a smoother and safer trip for all motorists. In the meantime, we would like to thank motorists for their patience during this construction period”, said John Collier.

The next stage in construction is to install toll gantries at the Pennant Hills Road on-ramp and off-ramp.

Continuing through November and December, a range of smaller construction activities will be undertaken at the Main Toll Plaza and Pennant Hills Toll Plaza. These activities include line marking, cabling, installation of tolling equipment, drainage works and road realignment.

To minimise disruption to traffic during the busy December period, the toll booths and boom gates that are no longer required will be removed in January to coincide with the holiday period when traffic levels on the M2 are lower.

To get set to use the M2 express lanes, motorists can get a **Roam** e-TAG now by calling **13 ROAM** (13 76 26).

As a special offer, motorists who open a **Roam** e-TAG account by November 12 receive \$50 worth of free travel on Westlink M7. The new 40 kilometre M7 motorway opens in December and links the M2, M4 and M5.

Westlink M7 will be Sydney's first distance based fully electronic toll road where you will only pay for the distance you travel.

While the \$50 toll credits are valid for Westlink M7 only, it's important to note that Roam e-TAGs work on ALL toll roads, bridges and tunnels across Australia.

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