

# OUR TUNNEL...

## will be renovated and restored

**Maastunnel:  
from 3 July 2017  
until September 2019  
closed in southbound  
direction (Zuid)**

On 3 July 2017, large-scale renovation and restoration of the Maastunnel has begun. For this reason, the motorway tunnel will be closed in the southbound direction until September 2019. The works are necessary to repair damage to the concrete, to renovate the tunnel to meet the latest safety requirements and to restore it as a monument.

#### **Why are we doing this?**

The renovation is necessary since it was established in 2011 that the concrete has been affected over the years. Additionally, by 2019 the Maastunnel must comply with the newest laws and regulation for safety in tunnels. If the Maastunnel doesn't meet the standards it will be closed.

#### **For whom are doing this?**

For the residents, entrepreneurs and visitors of Rotterdam so that we can continue to safely use the Maastunnel for another 50 years.

#### **How will we do this?**

It was decided to close the Maastunnel one side at a time during the construction. So one side of the tunnel will be open for traffic at almost all times. Cars in the northbound direction (Noord) can continue to make use of the Maastunnel. This means that the city and the Erasmus Medical Center remain accessible. Also, in this way the transport route for emergency and rescue services to the Erasmus MC are kept in tact. Traffic in the southbound direction (Zuid) is diverted over the city ring, Willemsbrug or the Erasmusbrug. If possible, it is better to make use of alternative modes of transportation such as bicycle or public transportation. The bicycle and pedestrian pathways will remain accessible during this period and will be included in the next renovation after 2019. Also then, the tunnel will remain accessible to cyclists and pedestrians.



#### **When is the tunnel closed to southbound traffic?**

The tunnel will be closed in southbound direction (Zuid) from 3 July 2017 to September 2019. The closure has been coordinated with Rijkswaterstaat so this does not take place at the same time as large road works along the Rotterdam city ring. On a few occasions during the summer periods, the tunnel will be closed off completely for a few weeks at a time in order to test the new installations. The official reopening is expected to take place in September 2019.

#### **Will Rotterdam continue to be accessible?**

To keep the city accessible, attractive and safe, we must carry out renovations regularly. And if you need to get from A to B, then this might sometimes be inconvenient for you. However, that doesn't mean you cannot get to where you need to be. Before leaving, check [www.rotterdamonderweg.nl](http://www.rotterdamonderweg.nl) and avoid any surprises on the road. Choose the mode of transportation best suited to you or your journey and find out how to reach your destination.

#### **Did you know?**

- Construction began in 1937 and was completed in 1942
- The Maastunnel was the first 'sunken' motorway tunnel of the Netherlands
- The length of the tunnel is 1,070.13 m, of which 584.35 m is under water. Including the tunnel entrances, the total length is 1,373 m.

- The Maastunnel is a national monument and a true technical achievement
- Each day, more than 60,000 vehicles, 5,000 to 7,000 cyclists and a few hundred pedestrians pass through the Maastunnel
- On 14 February 2017, the Maastunnel celebrated its 75th birthday

#### **More information**

For more information about the renovation of the Maastunnel, visit [www.maastunnel.nl](http://www.maastunnel.nl) or join the conversation on [facebook.com/maastunnel](https://www.facebook.com/maastunnel) and [twitter.com/maastunnel010](https://twitter.com/maastunnel010).

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