



TUNNELS

# Karawanks Tunnel

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The Karawanks Tunnel is a single-lane road tunnel, 7,86 m long, built between 1986 and 1991 beneath the Karawanks mountain range.

It forms part of the European route E61, connecting the Austrian A11 motorway with the Slovenian A2 motorway. The tunnel itself measures 7.87 km in length, while the total distance between the two portals is 8 km. Due to the high traffic volume, a permanent speed limit of 80 km/h is enforced within the tunnel.

From September 2015 to October 2017, construction was carried out on a 250-meter stretch of new road before the future portal on the Austrian side, along with a 350-meter bridge leading to the new tunnel tube, which began excavation in September 2018. The project is set to be completed by June 2025, at which point all traffic will be moved to the new tube, and the existing tunnel will undergo renovations, scheduled for completion by mid-2027. The new eastern tube will be 7,95 m long, with 4.4 km in Austria and 3.5 km in Slovenia.



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