

Media Release

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UPGRADING ROADS FOR MELBOURNE'S WEST

The Andrews Labor Government is investing \$41 million to deliver road projects across Melbourne's west to improve traffic flow and cater to the rapidly growing community.

As part of the \$125.7 million *Metropolitan Road Upgrades Program* as announced in the *2022/23 Victorian Budget*, a number of critical roads in Melbourne's west will be upgraded.

This includes \$18.6 million to improve safety and reduce the risk of crashes and delays, with new traffic lights at the intersection of Derrimut Road at Hopkins Road and Boundary Road in Tarneit.

Servicing several surrounding suburbs, Derrimut Road connects locals to schools, shops, and Tarneit Station. With a significant number of industrial sites nearby it is also a major freight route, and a primary arterial for motorists accessing the Princes Highway.

It's a further boost for motorists who are already benefitting from the duplication of Derrimut Road between Sayers Road and Dohertys Road, with the project adding a lane in each direction and upgrading nine intersections as part of the \$1.8 billion Western Roads Upgrade.

Along the Melton Highway, \$14.9 million will deliver road duplication works between Crown Drive and The Regency intersection in Plumpton, benefitting all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

This builds on \$36.9 million in the November 2020 budget for upgrades to intersections at Melton Highway and Leakes Road in Plumpton, High Street and Coburns Road in Melton, and Norton Drive and High Street in Melton.

In Sunshine North, existing traffic lights will be upgraded at the intersection of McIntyre Road and Phoenix Street to enhance visibility, especially for emergency services accessing nearby Sunshine Fire Station.

The *Metropolitan Roads Upgrades Program* delivering high priority road projects across Melbourne to build a safe, resilient, and sustainable network and meet demand.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"We are delivering an unprecedented level of road projects in Melbourne's West to ensure we keep up with population growth now and well into the future."

"This funding will deliver eight high priority road upgrades across our city, to build a safer and more resilient network, create jobs and connect Melburnians to employment, education and the activities they enjoy."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"Residents throughout Melton and surrounding suburbs will benefit from these upgrades with reduced congestion and improved traffic flow meaning they can get to where they need to go safer and more efficiently."

Quote attributable to Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly

"This project will go a long way in addressing safety and congestion issues on this section of Derrimut Road – while also supporting the significant population growth occurring in our developing suburbs."

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Quote attributable to Member for Sydenham Natalie Hutchins

“Upgrades to the Melton Highway will help reduce delays and improve safety for the thousands of motorists and cyclists who travel along this key route in and out of Plumpton, Fraser Rise and Hillside.”

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

“Increasing the brightness and length of traffic lights at this intersection, we are not only improving the safety of all road users, but it is also enabling other proposed fire station access improvements currently underway in Sunshine North.”