

LABOR'S ROAD BLITZ CONTINUES WITH THREE NEW PROJECTS **ANNOUNCED**

The Albanese Labor Government is building Victoria's future, announcing three more projects in the \$1.2 billion Road Blitz to upgrade roads, cut congestion and improve safety in Melbourne's growing suburbs.

Melbourne's outer suburbs are some of the fastest-growing in Australia.

These projects will help commuters get home sooner and safer, so they are spending less time on the road and more time with their families.

In partnership with the Allan Labor Government, three projects will share in \$38.5 million to help fix some of Melbourne's most notorious roads, including:

- \$25 million for planning and development at the Five-Ways intersection, Warrandyte South;
- \$10 million to plan for upgrades to the High Street Road and Mowbray Drive intersection, Wantirna South;
- \$3.5 million towards planning work to upgrade the Maroondah Highway and Yarra Road intersection, Croydon North.

We're investing \$25 million towards planning and development work to help fix the notorious "Five-Ways" intersection at Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Croydon Road, Husseys Lane and Brumbys Road in Warrandyte South.

The upgrade will cut congestion and boost safety for the 8,000 vehicles that drive through it every day – helping to prevent collisions, with the area reporting five crashes between 2020 and 2024.

Further South, \$10 million will go towards planning for upgrades to the High Street Road and Mowbray Drive intersection in Wantirna South to identify ways to ease congestion and reduce travel times as the area grows.

The funding will go towards early development of a new signalised T-intersection to enhance the safety of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists turning into High Street while improving connectivity to the Blind Creek Trail for the local community.

In Croydon North, \$3.5 million will develop a business case to improve the intersection of Maroondah Highway and Yarra Road.

With five schools in the vicinity, Yarra Road can be significantly congested during drop off and pick up hours. This project will explore ways to ease congestion, improve safety and pedestrian accessibility, including on Kent Avenue.

These projects are part of the Albanese and Allan Labor Government's joint \$1.2 billion Road Blitz, with contributions of \$1 billion from the Australian Government in the 2025-26 Budget and \$200 million from the Victorian Government.

This funding follows the Victorian Government's existing near billion-dollar road blitz across the state.

The Liberals short-changed Victoria for a decade.

We're playing catch up, delivering the critical infrastructure Victorian Communities need. Only a Labor Government will deliver for Victoria.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"We're giving Victorians the infrastructure they deserve after being short-changed by the former Coalition government.

"We're fixing roads right across the state; we've doubled our road maintenance funding to local councils, reinstated road maintenance indexation that was scrapped under the former government, and are investing heavily in our regions and cities.

"We're fixing these notorious choke points and planning future road improvements to cater for our growing suburbs."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams

"As Melbourne's population continues to grow, we are investing in critical projects that will create better journeys for motorists."

"We are getting on delivering vital road upgrades across wider Melbourne that will provide safer and faster journeys for motorists."

"After ten years of neglect from the Federal Liberal Government, it's great to have a partner in Canberra that can find Victoria on a map and help deliver critical projects that people rely on every day."

Quote attributable to Federal Member for Aston Mary Doyle:

"As a local who drives through this intersection regularly, I know building traffic signals will potentially save the lives of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians."

Quotes attributable to Federal Labor Candidate for Deakin Matt Gregg:

"Planning improvements at this intersection will improve road safety, ease congestion and make it easier for pedestrians in Croydon North to get across the road."

"Only a re-elected Labor Government will provide the lifesaving safety improvements the Five Ways Intersection needs."

Quotes attributable to Federal Labor Candidate for Menzies Gabriel Ng:

"The 5-Ways intersection has been the site of a number of accidents and near misses.

"As a lawyer working in the area of transport accidents, I understand the devastating impact of the road trauma. That's why I'm proud that a re-elected Albanese will upgrade the Five Ways Intersection to reduce congestion and get people home safely."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Member for Northern Metropolitan Sonja Terpstra

“These upgrades will change the way people move for the better – cutting congestion and delivering safer journeys for motorists.”

“We are upgrading roads across Melbourne’s growing suburbs so that families can get home sooner and safer.”

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