



East West Link

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Attachment D : Enabling works

East West Link Stage One

- A transport network analysis has shown that maximising the benefits of the East West Link (EWL) Stage One requires delivery of the following four integral elements:
 - The 6 km tolled road link between Eastern Freeway and CityLink (with north and south connections).
 - The widening of Eastern Freeway from Hoddle Street to possibly Tram Road, Doncaster including managed motor ways (possibly to Springvale Road).
 - The widening of CityLink generally between M1 and Bulla Road including managed motorways.
 - Traffic priority enhancements for Doncaster buses and north-south trams on approaches to the central business district (CBD).
- The Eastern Freeway and Citylink works constitute 'enabling works'.
- The traffic priority enhancements constitute public transport 'integrated works'.

Enabling works

- A provision of \$200m for enabling works aligns with the investment decision previously made by the Budget and Expenditure Review Committee (BERC) on 8 April 2013.
- Scalable investment options, including a \$200m (nominal) package, will be developed to support Government decision making on enabling works at the time of procurement of the East West Link PPP contract.
- The Eastern Freeway enabling works focus on developing scalable solutions for possible widening between Yarra Bend Road and Tram Road and possible implementation of managed motorways between Hoddle Street and Springvale Road.

Enabling works cont.

- The economic analysis has utilised preliminary costings for the Eastern Freeway enabling works assuming maximum use of emergency stopping lanes for normal traffic running.
- Further work will be undertaken by VicRoads to prepare detailed designs and costings.
- The final scope will be subject to a full HVHR business case submission to BERC in the second quarter of 2014.
- The timing of delivery of the Eastern Freeway enabling works will be in the 2018-2019 period, with a similar timing appropriate for CityLink enabling works, subject to negotiation with Transurban.

Integrated works

- The Public Transport improvement works, together with works to support the urban renewal of Alexandra Parade, (collectively the integrated works) will be delivered within a \$200m budget separately approved by BERC for these works on 8 April 2013.
- The integrated works include upgrades to North South tram routes Nos. 1, 8, 86, 96 and 112, as well as improved priority for bus movements from the Eastern Freeway via Hoddle Street and Victoria Parade to the CBD.
- The final scope and costings will be determined through preparation of a HVHR Business Case for BERC consideration.

Other Project Opportunities

- The analysis has also identified other projects of merit which could be considered for delivery in the same time frame as East West Link Stage One.
 - Chandler Highway duplication
 - Eastern Freeway upgrading to Springvale Road
 - Tullamarine Freeway upgrading to Melbourne Airport
- A business case for the Chandler Highway project is currently being prepared by VicRoads for BERC consideration in 2014/15.
- Further development work will be undertaken on the additional Eastern Freeway and Tullamarine Freeway improvements to allow further consideration by BERC.