

Media Release

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TRANSPORT WORKS IN THE SOUTH EAST THIS SPRING

Road and rail upgrades delivering better transport connections and supporting tens of thousands of jobs are set to ramp up over spring.

Victorians are being asked to prepare for disruptions on six road intersections as well as on the Frankston Line this in the coming months as work begins.

Works will include the completion of major construction on the Western Port Highway and the Golf Links Road roundabout as part of the \$25 billion in Big Build investment in the south east, as well as continued works on the South Road and Narre Warren North Upgrades.

The new intersection at Frankston-Dandenong, Lathams and Hall roads will reopen to traffic in all directions in late October as part of the Lathams Road Upgrade. The upgraded intersection includes additional through and turning lanes providing improved connectivity within the area and to the surrounding freeway network.

As part of the Pound Road West Upgrade, outbound turning lanes on the South Gippsland Highway in Dandenong South between Carter Way and Pound Road West will be closed for two weeks in October.

The intersection of Tucker Road and South Road in Bentleigh will be safer for pedestrians with a new signalised crossing to be installed as part of the South Road Upgrade. The intersection will be closed over two weekends from Friday 9 September to Monday 12 September and Friday 16 September to Monday 19 September to complete this vital work.

The Tucker Road intersection is the fifth and final intersection to be upgraded as part of the South Road Upgrade.

On the Frankston Line, works will continue to remove two dangerous and congested level crossings at Glen Huntly. Express trains will be replaced with trains stopping all stations from mid-December until mid-2023, to minimise the amount of time the rail line is closed.

Construction is also underway to build new southbound lanes on the Narre Warren North Road Upgrade. Memorial Drive will be closed until the end of September while crews work to upgrade the intersection. Works to upgrade the Crawley Road and Brundett Road intersections will also begin this spring.

The Hallam North and Heatherton Road Upgrade continues with a partial closure of Hallam North Road at the Heatherton Road intersection from 26 August through to 12 September. The project will add an extra lane between Heatherton Road and James Cook Drive, upgraded intersections and new walking and cycling paths.

Victorians are asked to check for delays before they travel at bigbuild.vic.gov.au, as well as continue to wear a mask while on public transport.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"The Big Build upgrades show we are getting on with the job of delivering better roads and rail infrastructure for the south east. These upgrades not only deliver improved safety outcomes and travel times for users but also represent investment in the future growth of the area and support thousands of Victorian jobs"

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“We are delivering the biggest investment in transport infrastructure in the state’s history. Our plans include new roads, new stations, road widenings, new bridges and the removal of 85 level crossings across the state”

Quote attributable to Member for Bentleigh Nick Staikos

“The South Road Upgrade will reduce bottlenecks, improve traffic flow and make South Road safer for all road users. More than 40,000 vehicles use South Road each day, and this upgrade will increase capacity at key intersections and make journey times more reliable.”