

Media Release

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IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW FROM CLAYTON SOUTH TO CHELSEA HEIGHTS

The Andrews Labor Government has improved traffic flow along a 10-kilometre stretch between Clayton South and Chelsea Heights thanks to a comprehensive traffic light review of Boundary and Wells roads.

A specialist team of signal engineers has reviewed and recalibrated traffic lights at 18 intersections and pedestrian crossings along this busy stretch of road in Melbourne's south east, shaving more than a minute off average afternoon peak trips from Heatherton Road to Thames Promenade.

Recalibrating the signals has shortened the time it takes to complete a full light cycle at multiple intersections – by up to 20 per cent at some locations – meaning all cars, buses, trucks, cyclists and pedestrians are getting through intersections quicker.

Any adjustments also took into consideration the traffic changes resulting from the recent opening of Mordialloc Freeway – building on the benefits of this new corridor.

By adjusting the timing of lights at Thames Promenade, Wells Road and entry to the Mornington Peninsula Freeway (heading south), crews have reduced the congestion causing gridlock in the afternoon school peak.

At the signalised pedestrian crossing near the Langslow Road bus stop, people now have half as long to wait for the lights to change to cross Wells Road outside peak times. Side road traffic is also getting onto Boundary/Wells Road faster at many of the optimised intersections.

Part of the Labor Government's Smarter Roads program, the team of signal engineers is undertaking the biggest review of traffic lights in Melbourne's history to improve traffic flow.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"The combination of our specialist engineers and the latest technology, we have been able to make journeys on Wells Road and Boundary Road more reliable – getting motorists where they need to go quicker and more safely."

Quote attributable to Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos

"The optimisation of lights, starting in Clayton South, is going to go a long way to reducing gridlock and congestion in peak times."

Quote attributable to Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson

"These changes mean faster, smoother and more predictable journeys for all transport modes and better traffic flow for motorists in Aspendale through to Chelsea Heights."

Quote attributable to Member for Clarinda Meng Heang Tak

"We are ensuring all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians experience a reliable and smooth trip on our major roads in the local area."