

Media Release

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UPGRADING SAFETY ON THE BASS HIGHWAY

The Andrews Labor Government is making travel on the Bass Highway in Kilcunda safer and more accessible with upgrades to improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll said a \$7.8 million investment will deliver a series of safety upgrades on the main road through the popular tourist town.

Improvements to the road will include new pedestrian operated traffic light signals, turning lanes and better parking facilities along the Bass Highway, providing better connections for a growing local community.

A new and more visible crossing for the Bass Coast Rail Trail will provide safer access to the trail as well as the beach and make it easier for everyone to cross the Bass Highway.

New pedestrian operated traffic signals on the Bass Highway between Peppermint Road and Carew Street will make it safer and easier for pedestrians and motorists to move around the town and protect our most vulnerable road users.

The highway will also receive intersection improvements including dedicated turning lanes at Peppermint Road, Carew Street and Holiday Retreat Road providing safer overtaking opportunities for drivers and reducing the risk of head-on and run-off road crashes.

Improved parking facilities and a new bus stop will also be completed as part of the project, better connecting locals with public transport services in the area.

Early works on this project will commence after the peak summer period in 2023 and be completed by early 2025.

This project is part of a Labor Government \$226.7 million investment to improve safety on high-priority roads and intersections across Victoria, including the Gippsland regions Strzelecki Highway near Mirboo North and Morwell.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"We're improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists sharing this section of the Bass Highway through Kilcunda by delivering the upgrades needed most."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"We're investing in both pedestrian and road safety along this busy highway which is also a much loved destination for locals and our visitors alike with its glorious walking trails, stunning seascape and showcase of local businesses and their offerings."