

Media Release

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REPAIRS UNDERWAY ON MCIVOR HIGHWAY FOLLOWING FLOODS

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering long-term repairs to Victoria's most badly damaged roads following the devastating floods last year.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne said work is underway to repair the McIvor Highway between Axedale and Longlea, to ensure motorists can keep moving safely.

Construction will take place in Axedale at the bridge over the Campaspe River as well as in Longlea where a landslip occurred at Axe Creek.

Crews will completely remove and replace the asphalt road surface at the bridge in Axedale, as well as repair damage to the bridge's barriers and road shoulder caused by the flooding.

These works follow significant emergency repairs that took place in October last year one week after the flooding to allow the highway to reopen at the bridge in Axedale.

Repair works are also taking place on the McIvor Highway in Longlea where a landslip occurred at Axe Creek reducing the highway to one lane. Crews will complete works to strengthen the creek bank and repair the road pavement and barriers allowing all lanes to reopen.

The works in Axedale are expected to take three weeks, while the works in Longlea are scheduled for eight weeks, weather permitting. The speed will be reduced to 40km/h in both work zones.

Victoria's flood-damaged roads are undergoing large-scale repairs as part of the Labor Government's \$165 million emergency repair blitz.

The funding comes on top of a \$780 million investment in the Victorian Budget 2022/23 to maintain the state's road assets.

Northern Victoria experienced some of the worst damage anywhere in the state as a result of the devastating floods and faces a lengthy and complex program of repairs.

Crews are continuing to deliver long-term, large-scale repairs on the roads that need them most, with world-first laser technology also being used to assess the condition of the damage to the roads from the floods to inform additional recovery projects state-wide and ensure safety for all road users.

For more information visit regionalroads.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're working hard to repair the state's roads following the devastating floods last year."

"The floods have caused major damage to our roads right across the state – but Victorians can rest assured that we're delivering the long-term repairs where they're needed most to ensure motorists can keep moving safely on our roads."

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