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EARLY COMPLETION FOR PAKENHAM ROADS UPGRADE

The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are set to deliver a \$415.7 million investment in Pakenham nine months ahead of schedule – which will slash congestion and improve safety across Melbourne’s growing south eastern suburbs.

The third and final package of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade will be completed by mid-2026, with works to duplicate Racecourse Road tracking ahead of schedule.

The milestone will mark the early completion of more than \$1 billion worth of major projects across Pakenham including the removal of three level crossings, the new Pakenham East Station and the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade.

Early completion of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade will have a significant impact on Pakenham’s rapidly growing population – easing congestion, improving road safety and making the area a more attractive place to live and work.

This transport infrastructure overhaul will get Pakenham moving more freely by upgrading the key arterial connection to the Princes Freeway, while also providing direct and convenient access to the new Pakenham Community Hospital opening next year.

Crews are hard at work transforming the Racecourse Road and Bald Hill Road intersection, with the western half currently under construction.

Cars are already travelling on the new lanes of Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, while the old road is upgraded behind barriers.

In late September crews will start installing new, larger pipes in Pakenham Creek to replace the existing ones under Racecourse Road – reducing flooding risk on the new road and for nearby residents.

In October, the western side of the Bald Hill Road intersection will open, with crews set to begin upgrades on the eastern side.

This project has already had a significant impact on Pakenham’s transportation network, with upgrades to the Princes Freeway and the freeway interchanges at McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road recently completed ahead of schedule.

Quotes attributable to Acting Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Murray Watt:

“The Albanese Government is proud to have fully-funded this over \$400 million project, which is already delivering benefits for Pakenham’s road users and will make travel even smoother once works wrap up.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams:

“We’re getting on with delivering the biggest transport upgrades Pakenham has ever seen – easing congestion, improving safety and making it easier for locals to get where they need to go, sooner.”

Quote attributable to Senator for Victoria Lisa Darmanin:

“As well as the Pakenham Roads Upgrade, the Albanese Government is also funding the Clyde Road Upgrade in Berwick, reducing bottlenecks in this key education and health hub, and making it easier to get on and off the Princes Freeway.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin:

“These upgrades are powering ahead of schedule – delivering safer roads, less congestion and better connections to the schools, businesses and new hospital our community relies on every day.”

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