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MEDIA RELEASE

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR WATSON STREET INTERCHANGE **UPGRADE**

The Albanese and Allan Labor governments are improving safety and easing congestion for motorists in Melbourne's north, with the construction contract awarded for the Watson Street Interchange Upgrade in Wallan.

Australian owned and operated company Winslow will deliver the project, marking a major milestone for the upgrade that will provide additional connections from Wallan to the Hume Freeway and Melbourne.

Early works will begin later this year, with crews already on site carrying out investigations and establishing the site compound ahead of major construction starting in early 2026.

The project will deliver new freeway ramps and upgraded connections to make it easier for motorists to enter and exit the Hume Freeway, while new traffic signals on both sides of the interchange will improve safety and traffic flow.

The upgrade will support around 1,100 jobs, supporting Victoria's construction industry and creating local employment opportunities.

Once complete, the new interchange will make it safer and easier for drivers travelling in and out of Wallan – improving access for up to 30,000 journeys every day and reducing congestion on local roads.

The project is part of a major investment in road infrastructure across Melbourne's north, including the upcoming Camerons Lane Interchange Upgrade in Beveridge and recently completed projects such as the Craigieburn Road Upgrade and Mickleham Road Upgrade Stage 1.

The Watson Street Interchange Upgrade is part of a \$175 million investment by the Australian and Victorian governments, with the Australian Government contributing \$90 million and the Victorian Government contributing \$85 million.

The project is scheduled for completion by late 2027.

Quote attributable to Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"We're proud to partner with the Victorian Government to deliver better transport links, reduce congestion and support local jobs for people living and working in Melbourne's north."

Quote attributable to Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams:

“This upgrade will make it easier and safer for people in Wallan and nearby communities to get where they need to go – cutting travel times and easing pressure on local roads.”

Quote attributable to Federal Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell:

“The delivery of this project is my number one priority for Wallan. I am proud to be part of a government that, in partnership with the Victorian Government, is delivering this essential piece of infrastructure for our community as promised. Not only will this make our travel to and from home safer, it will mean less time on the road and more time with our families.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Kalkallo Ros Spence:

“This long-awaited upgrade is another step closer and will change the way residents travel in and out of Wallan. It will ease congestion, reduce delays and mean locals spend less time in their car and more time with their families.”

Quote attributable to Victorian Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage:

“This project is all about making life easier for Wallan families - reducing Watson Street congestion at school pick up and drop off, and giving people direct access to the freeway.”

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