

Media Release

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DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS THE WESTERN ROADS UPGRADE

Melbourne's West will be the first to benefit from a new asphalt blend to make journeys smoother for longer.

It means we can look after our roads more sustainably while lowering our environmental footprint.

Ventia, the contractor tasked with delivering maintenance on the Western Roads Upgrade for the Netflow consortium, has used Enrobés à Module Elevé Class 2 (EME2) asphalt that incorporates 15% Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) for the first time on Victorian roads.

This is better for drivers and it's better for the environment; the asphalt includes 15 per cent reclaimed material from recycled road surfaces and is designed to handle heavy-vehicle traffic on highways and in industrial areas.

This maintenance will make sure road repairs are durable and decrease the reliance on brand new road materials and divert the amount of waste sent to landfill.

Used as part of the Labor Government's 260 kilometre Western Roads Upgrade, this has helped to improve the road surface and strengthen connections for Melbourne's growing western communities.

For more information on the current maintenance works being undertaken on the Western Roads Upgrade, head to transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/projects/western-roads-upgrade-2025-26-maintenance-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"For the first time, we're using recycled asphalt in Melbourne's west to deliver smoother, more reliable journeys for locals."

"By incorporating 15 per cent reclaimed material, we're maintaining our roads in a more sustainable way while reducing our environmental footprint."

Quotes attributable to Group Executive Transport, Ventia, Damian Pedreschi

"The successful use of EME2 asphalt demonstrates how innovation and collaboration can reduce environmental impact while maintaining the durability and performance required of our road networks."

"This milestone shows what's possible when industry works closely with government to set new standards for sustainable infrastructure delivery."