

Media Release



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GETTING ON WITH IMPROVING HODDLE STREET AND PUNT ROAD

The Andrews Labor Government has today started public consultation on its plan to reduce congestion on the Hoddle St - Punt Rd corridor.

The Labor Government wants to hear from motorists, cyclists and public transport users who use the corridor as well as local residents and business owners.

The local communities' views and the thousands of people who use the corridor every day as a bypass, a distributor and a crossing point, as well as residents and business owners in the area, are a vital part of investigations into traffic management improvements which will be made over the next two to four years.

The community can use an online mapping tool on the VicRoads website to provide feedback on their experiences along particular parts of the corridor.

Residents and motorists will also be able to attend local drop in sessions on:

- Saturday 12 September - Catholic Leadership Centre Cnr Hoddle St and Victoria Pde, East Melbourne 9:00am–12:00pm and 2:00pm–5:00pm
- Wednesday 16 September - Wesley College, St Kilda Rd Campus Cnr Punt Rd and High St, Melbourne 10:00am–1:00pm and 5:30pm–8:30pm

This feedback will inform options for the Labor Government's \$60 million Streamlining Hoddle Street Initiative, which will use improved traffic management technology and innovative engineering solutions to streamline traffic and public transport on Hoddle St.

Feedback will also inform short term improvements along Punt Rd. Options being considered include full time clearways, which would involve relocating on-street parking, and the potential to implement a fifth lane within the existing road lanes.

The investigations will focus on reducing congestion, increasing reliability of public transport and improving access for cyclists and pedestrians and improving safety for all road users on the Hoddle St-Punt Rd corridor.

Up to 90,000 vehicles travel on Hoddle St each day and up to 40,000 vehicles travel Punt Rd. Around 200,000 people travel across Hoddle Street on intersecting roads, with around half on public transport.

For more information on the consultation and to have your say visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan

"We're getting on with our plan to reduce congestion on Hoddle Street and Punt Road."

"The Government wants to hear from everyone in the community on how they use this road corridor, so that we can best reduce congestion."

"The Andrews Labor Government is committed to unclogging our roads, ensuring Victorians can get home safer and sooner."