

# Media Release

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## **TECH TRIALS TO BUST CONGESTION ON OUR ROAD NETWORK**

The Andrews Labor Government is working with transport technology and industry partners to launch congestion-busting trials, under a new round of grants announced today.

The *Intelligent Transport System Transport Technology Grant Program* will see industry leaders working with transport bodies to improve traffic management and flow on Victoria's road network.

Three projects will aim to reduce congestion, improve integration between different forms of transport and provide information to people so they can make alternative transport choices— putting road users more in charge of their journey.

Intelematics will receive \$765,000 over 18 months to use technology to allow vehicles to pass through consecutive waves of green lights and enable road users to make smarter decisions through messages about the state of the traffic ahead via GPS and a smart phone app.

Yarra Trams in partnership with ARRB (Australian Road Research Board) will receive \$669,000 over 18 months and will trial a signalling system to give trams priority at intersections with traffic lights.

ARRB will partner with Connect East and LaTrobe University, receiving \$578,000 over 18 months for their project to enable roadside infrastructure such as traffic lights and electronic speed signs to communicate with vehicles – preparing Victoria for the future of autonomous features in cars such as self-parking and assisted steering and acceleration.

Funding for the program comes from the \$13.3 million *Smarter Journeys* package announced in the *2015-16 Victorian Budget*, which supports initiatives that reduce congestion across Victoria's road network.

### **Quotes attributable to the Minister for Roads and Roads Safety Luke Donnellan**

*"This is about taking a smart approach to managing traffic – looking at new practical ways to make our road network safer and more efficient."*

*"This funding allows leaders in the industry to develop technologies which ensure more Victorians arrive home safely to their families."*