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MAJOR WORKS SET TO TRANSFORM OUTER-WESTERN ROADS

Local residents and commuters out west will benefit from a huge package of road upgrade and maintenance works that will cut travel times, improve road safety and better connect communities in key growth corridors.

The Andrews Labor Government has called for Expressions of Interest for the western package of the Outer Suburban Arterial Roads (OSARs) Program – an Australian first, $1.8 billion investment.

It combines eight high-priority road upgrades with maintenance on more than 700 kilometres of road stretching from Werribee to Footscray, ensuring motorists benefit from new high quality roads while the existing network is maintained to a high standard for years to come.

The upgrades will involve a combination of duplication and widening works to western arterial roads including:

- Dunnings Road and Palmers Road, from Point Cook Road to Princes Freeway, Point Cook
- Palmers Road, from Princes Freeway to Western Freeway, Truganina
- Derrimut Road, from Sayers Road to Dohertys Road, Tarneit
- Leakes Road, from Fitzgerald Road to Derrimut Road, Truganina
- Dohertys Road, from Fitzgerald Road to Grieve Parade, Laverton North
- Dohertys Road, from Foundation Road to Palmers Road, Truganina
- Princes Freeway/Forsyth Road interchange, Hoppers Crossing
- Duncans Road interchange, Werribee/Werribee South

The package will transform the outer-western road network by boosting capacity and improving road pavement conditions with intersection upgrades, almost 30 kilometres of lane duplication, and road maintenance.

The community can provide their feedback and help shape upgrade designs, with VicRoads also set to engage local councils, planning authorities, freight operators, and bus companies for local input.

The eight high-priority road upgrades will be delivered within five years, and the maintenance and rehabilitation contract will continue for a further 20 years.

The Request for Proposal is expected to go out in early 2017, with construction expected to begin 2018.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

“This is one of the biggest ever projects to update suburban arterial roads – and it’s going to create jobs, cut travel times and congestion and improve safety.”

“We’re building better roads for Victorian families to get them home safer and sooner to their loved ones.”

Quote attributable to Treasurer Tim Pallas

“Victoria is breaking new ground with this project, one that stacks up, and will protect our liveability by building a safer and more reliable network.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan

“For people living in the outer suburbs, access to decent roads can mean the difference between hours stuck in the car or time spent with their family – that’s why we’re getting on with upgrading these roads out west.”

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