

Media Release

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BUILDING A WIDER AND SAFER HALLAM NORTH ROAD

Drivers in the growing south east will get a faster, less congested commute with major upgrades to Hallam North Road in Endeavour Hills.

The works will be part of the Andrews Labor Government's *Suburban Roads Upgrade* – the biggest investment in suburban roads in Victoria's history – to fix 22 key suburban arterials and create more than 4,200 jobs.

A vital, 1.5-kilometre section of Hallam North Road will be duplicated from two to four lanes between Heatherton Road and James Cook Drive to slash congestion for more than 18,000 vehicles that rely on this road each day.

The upgrade will also replace the existing roundabout at Heatherton Road with traffic lights and install safety barriers.

New shared paths for cyclists and pedestrians will also be built along the corridor.

The *Victorian Budget 2018/19* will include \$2.2 billion to upgrade 13 key arterial routes across the northern and south-eastern suburbs, on top of the \$1.8 billion *Western Roads Upgrade* announced in last year's budget.

The *Suburban Roads Upgrade* will fix more than 50 kilometres of roads across Melbourne.

As part of the Suburban Roads Upgrade package, several other key routes through Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs will be upgraded, including Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and Thompsons Road.

Quotes attributable to Member for Narre Warren North Luke Donnellan

"As the Narre North community continues to grow we need bigger, better roads that are fit for purpose – that's why the Andrews Labor Government is investing in this critical upgrade to keep Hallam North Road moving."

"We all know how frustrating the delays can be along Hallam North Road – so we're duplicating the road and installing traffic lights at Heatherton Road slash congestion and improve travel times."