

# Media Release

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## FEDERAL LABOR SHOWS LEADERSHIP ON REAL PROJECTS

The Andrews Labor Government welcomes Federal Labor once again getting behind real projects that will keep Victorians moving.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan today joined Shadow Minister for Infrastructure Anthony Albanese at the Hoddle Street end of the future Eastern Busway – Victoria’s first fully separated, high speed bus route that will run from Doncaster Road.

Today’s announcement from Federal Labor means, if elected they will invest \$2 billion into the much-needed North East Link, a quarter of a billion more than what the Morrison minority government would deliver.

The proposed partnership towards the Eastern Busway will see additional commuter parking at two proposed Park and Ride facilities, an upgraded Doncaster Park and Ride as well as a Bulleen Park and Ride. The new busway will include two separated bus-only lanes (one each way) that provide direct access to and from Doncaster Park and Ride and connect to Hoddle St.

The Labor Government also welcomes Federal Labor’s commitment to get behind our Northern Roads Upgrade and South-Eastern Roads Upgrade.

The Northern Roads Upgrade will fix six priority roads and improve and maintain hundreds of kilometres of arterial roads across Melbourne’s north.

The South-Eastern Roads Upgrade will make huge improvements to capacity and boost safety on six priority roads, as well as improve and maintain hundreds of kilometres of arterial roads across the south-eastern suburbs.

For the past six years Victoria has been ignored by Canberra, with the Commonwealth spending millions of dollars of Victorian taxpayers’ money on transport projects in Sydney instead.

If elected, this investment means the Labor Government will have a real partner in Canberra, so we can get on with delivering our massive pipeline of infrastructure our city and state needs.

Not only will the North East Link project deliver Melbourne’s ‘missing link’ it will create 10,300 jobs during construction and deliver \$1.30 to the Victorian economy for every dollar invested.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

*“This is what a real partnership looks like – real money for a real, desperately needed project.”*

*“Whether it’s our suburban road upgrades or the North East Link we’re getting on with real projects that slash congestion, get trucks off local streets and deliver faster travel times for everyone – whether you drive or catch public transport.”*