

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The North East Link will be the biggest transport project in Victoria’s history – finally fixing the missing link in Melbourne’s freeway network.

The project will begin on the Eastern Freeway at Springvale Road where the capacity of the Eastern will be doubled with six extra dedicated lanes to eliminate some of eastern Melbourne’s worst bottlenecks.

The expanded Eastern Freeway will remain toll-free.

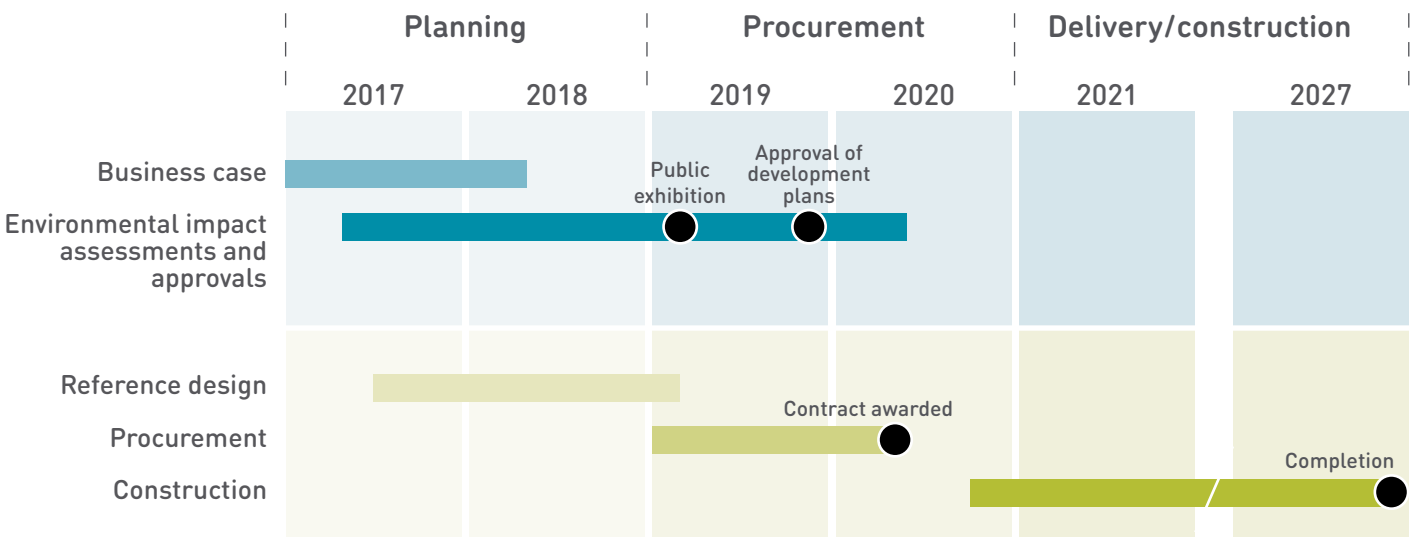
Heading west, the freeway will connect to a new six lane tunnel at Bulleen with local underground connections at Banksia Street and Manningham Road.

The five kilometre long tunnel will then travel beneath the Yarra River, protecting environmentally sensitive parkland and residential areas.

There will be a connection at Lower Plenty Road, with the North East Link then running alongside the existing Greensborough Highway, which will stay open for local traffic.

An interchange will see the North East Link travel beneath Grimshaw Street in Watsonia, before connecting to the M80 Ring Road at Greensborough, which is also being widened.

TIMELINE



* The preliminary timeline for statutory planning and approvals and procurement is subject to change.

Planning and business case development has been underway for the last year. Procurement will start in early 2019.



Business Case
Key findings
May 2018

For more information please visit:
northeastlink.vic.gov.au/project/businesscase



KEY FINDINGS OF THE BUSINESS CASE

- BCR 1.3 increases to 1.4 if wider economic benefits included
- 110,000 to 130,000 vehicles per day will use North East Link
- 15,000 trucks taken off local streets a day
- 30 minutes travel time savings from Ring Road to Springvale Rd
- 10,300 new jobs
- Capital cost \$15.8 billion
- Major construction to start in 2020, finish in 2027
- Workers in the north east will have access to 56,000 more job opportunities
- \$12.5 billion increase in Gross State Product (GSP) for Victoria
- Seamless trip from Melbourne Airport from Doncaster, Ringwood and beyond

BENEFIT COST RATIO:



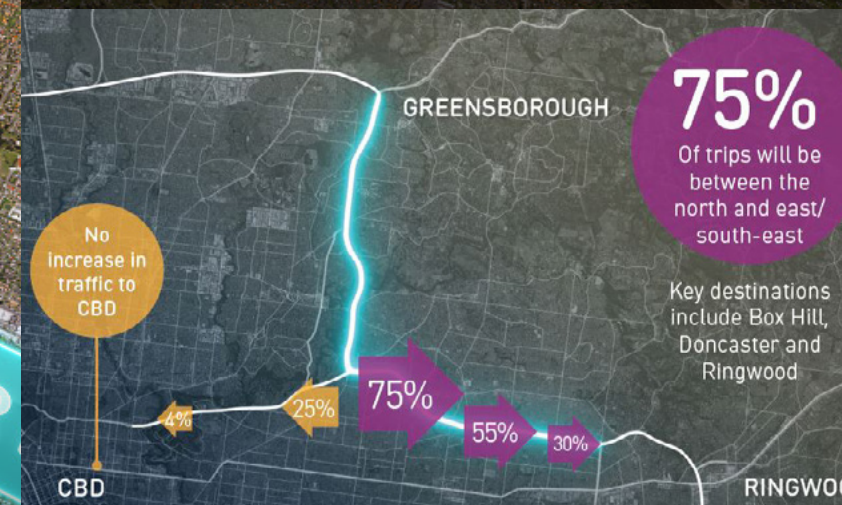
**NORTH EAST LINK WILL RETURN
\$1.30 FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED**

CARS AND TRUCKS OFF LOCAL STREETS A DAY

- 20,000 - 30,000 off Greensborough Road
- 9,000 - 11,000 off Rosanna Road
- 5,000 - 6,000 off Reynolds Road
- 11,000 - 14,000 off Fitzsimons Lane
- 4,000 - 5,000 off Chandler Highway
- 7,000-9,000 off Plenty Road
- 6,000 - 8,000 off Burke Road

75% of trucks off Rosanna Road

Melbourne first - a dedicated Doncaster Busway express along the Eastern towards the city - our busiest bus route



Independent infrastructure advisors have named North East Link as Victoria's priority road infrastructure project.

BENEFITS

The business case reports the results of preliminary assessments of the project's economic, social, environmental and business benefits and impacts. Some of these anticipated benefits are shown below

Productive businesses



\$250 million in economic value each year from better business connectivity

Competitive supply chains



\$427million of economic value each year from better freight connectivity

Economic growth



\$12.5 billion increase in Gross State Product (GSP) for Victoria

Prosperous households



\$324 million in economic value each year from better household connectivity

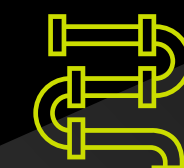
Liveable neighbourhoods



\$41 million in economic value each year from improved safety and amenity



Businesses in the north east will have access to **62,000** more workers



2% increase in connectivity between manufactures and suppliers



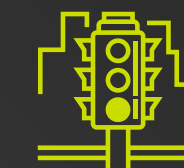
Will support **10,300** additional (net) jobs during construction



Workers in the north east will have access to **56,000** more job opportunities



100 fewer crashes each year on local roads in the north east



\$590 million increase in productivity from business clustering



More line haul freight carried on HPFVs between the north and south east



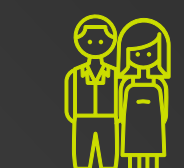
Will support **3,400** additional (net) jobs in Victoria each year during the operating period



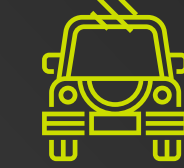
Provide improved access to education for residents in the north east



\$52 million in reduced pollution benefits for local areas each year



Will attract **5,500** more jobs to businesses in the north east



\$148 million reduction in vehicle operating costs each year for freight vehicles



\$7.5 billion increase in Gross Regional Product (GRP) for the north east



Will attract **9,700** more people to live in the north east



Healthier communities from more walking and cycling opportunities