



Current Projects

Road Safety Improvements

A \$2.5 million road safety project is progressing well between Calder Park Drive and the Bulla-Diggers Rest Road interchange to improve safety and address run off road crashes. The project includes wire rope safety barrier and guard rail installation as well as shoulder sealing and tactile edge lines. This project is expected to be completed in July 2009.

Calder Freeway/Kings Road Interchange and Kings Road Duplication

The project involves the construction of an interchange on the Calder Freeway at Kings Road and the duplication of Kings Road from the Melton Highway to the Calder Freeway at Taylors Lakes.

The Victorian Government has allocated \$25 million over four years in the 2009/10 State Budget for the construction of the interchange whilst the Australian Government has allocated up to \$30 million as part of its Nation Building Program. The State Budget also included an additional \$12 million for the Kings Road Duplication.

Provision of a full freeway interchange at this location will improve safety and traffic flow for vehicles moving on and off the Calder Freeway. The duplication will improve local access to the growing suburbs south of the freeway and provide a major regional road link between the Calder Freeway, Melton Highway and Western Highway. The works will also result in reduced delays and improved safety on Melton Highway.

Preconstruction works will commence immediately with major construction to start mid 2010. Works are expected to be completed mid 2012.

Future Proposals

The Calder Freeway/Kings Road interchange and Kings Road duplication is the first stage of planned safety improvements to the Calder Freeway between Melton Highway and Diggers Rest. Other stages will complete the proposed improvements through the provision of interchanges at the adjacent freeway intersections with Sunshine Avenue and Calder Park Drive, the closure of all remaining direct access to the freeway and widening of the freeway between the Western Ring Road and the Melton Highway to provide a permanent third lane (and emergency stopping lanes) in accordance with full freeway standards. Works will also include implementation of freeway management systems.

Further Information and Feedback

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