

Connect Melbourne's north: OMR/E6 transport corridor



Transport
connectivity
and access

Delivering the OMR/E6 secures a future-ready transport corridor that protects freight efficiency, unlocks industrial land and supports sustainable growth in Melbourne's outer north while reducing congestion across our region.

Our ask (deliverables)

We are seeking a fully planned and protected Outer Metropolitan Ring Road (OMR) / E6 transport corridor, incorporating:

- **3–4 road lanes** in each direction
- a **4-track rail median** capable of fast rail, regional and interstate freight/passenger services
- **direct freight connections** between the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct and the future Western Intermodal Precinct, supporting the Principal Freight Network
- **integrated transport design** enabling efficient north–south and east–west movement across Melbourne's rapidly expanding outer region.

Why we need the OMR/E6 corridor project now

Melbourne's north is experiencing unprecedented growth:

- our population has exceeded 1 million, with Melbourne's north to absorb almost one-third of Melbourne's future population growth
- high levels of cross-municipal commuting and heavy reliance on private vehicles continue to strain our already overstretched road network.

Without intervention:

- congestion across Melbourne's inner, middle and outer north will worsen as our existing roads cope with increased use
- freight movement will slow, affecting key logistics hubs
- economic and employment potential across northern and western Melbourne will stall
- community access to jobs, education and services will decline.

The OMR/E6 is critical enabling infrastructure that will keep pace with this growth and ensure our region remains liveable, productive and connected.



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Benefits of supporting this important project

The OMR/E6 corridor will:

- improve regional access to jobs, education and essential services
- reduce travel times and improve liveability for rapidly growing communities such as Craigieburn, Mickleham, Sunbury, Cloverton, Epping and Beveridge
- strengthen freight efficiency, connecting major economic nodes including:
 - Melbourne Airport
 - Port of Geelong
 - Avalon Airport
 - Beveridge and Western Intermodal Precincts
- relieve pressure on arterial roads, enabling safer, more reliable travel
- catalyse employment and industrial development across designated economic corridors
- future-proof the transport network, enabling modal shift through dedicated freight lanes and potential fast rail.

It's investment ready

We urgently need investment to:

- fund the business case, including detailed planning, engineering and staging
- protect the corridor to avoid future cost escalation, development conflicts and network delays
- prepare for future construction by ensuring the design supports fast rail, freight capacity and high-growth transport demand.

The project is aligned with population, freight and land use forecasts. Early investment will accelerate delivery and safeguard Melbourne's future mobility.

My commute has become increasingly difficult, with what was once a 70-minute trip now taking up to 2 hours. I'm often racing against the clock to collect my children on time, living in constant anxiety when delays occur. The journey itself feels increasingly unsafe, with unpredictable and dangerous driving behaviours making every trip tense. Travel no longer supports a manageable family or working life.

Sara, Beveridge

Congestion across the north has become a massive issue, not only for our delivery trucks sitting in gridlock every day, but also for our staff travelling to and from work. Many of our team are now taking upwards of 90 minutes just to get home each night, impacting productivity, work-life balance and the ability for local businesses to operate efficiently. It's time for real investment in transport infrastructure to support the north.

Glenn, Epping