

Connect Melbourne's north: expand the Hume Freeway



Transport
connectivity
and access

Expansion of the Hume Freeway protects national freight movement while supporting the economic growth of Melbourne's fastest-growing corridor and securing access for our growing community.

Our ask (deliverables)

We are calling on the Victorian Government to commit to delivering the Hume Freeway expansion, focusing on three clear priorities:

- **integrated regional and metropolitan planning** to ensure the corridor supports strategic land use, employment access and public transport integration across our rapidly growing northern region
- **targeted congestion relief** including upgrades to address long-standing bottlenecks at Cooper Street, O'Herns Road, Donnybrook Road and the Northern Highway, locations where gridlock is routine and impacts safety, travel time and productivity
- **triplication of the Hume Freeway**, from the M80 Ring Road to Wallan, to increase capacity for freight and commuter traffic in one of Australia's most critical transport corridors.

These priorities form an investment-ready package to transform the Hume Freeway into a high-capacity, resilient, future-focused transport option.

Our project aligns with state and national priorities

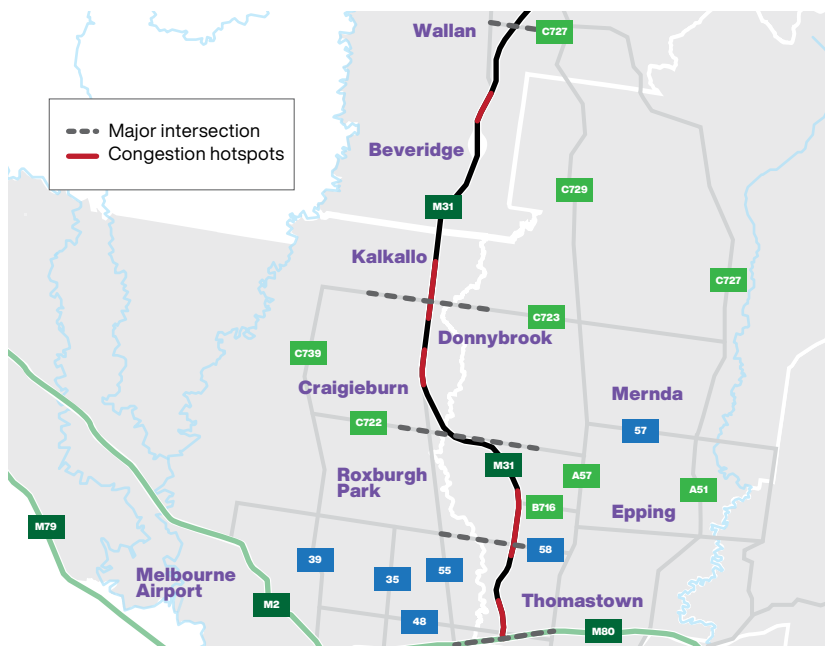
The Hume Freeway expansion aligns with state and national priorities to support:

- Australia's most valuable freight corridor and the emerging Beveridge Intermodal Precinct
- long-term population growth, with Melbourne's north projected to reach 1.5 million people in coming decades
- economic productivity through reliable freight, commuter and emergency service movement
- housing, jobs and precinct expansion across our growth areas, which are already outpacing infrastructure capacity.

It's ready to go

The project is ready for government backing to move into formal planning, design and delivery pathways.

Triplication of the Hume Freeway and congestion relief upgrades



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Why we need the Hume Freeway expansion now

The Hume Freeway is at breaking point:

- commute times regularly exceed 2 hours each way for our residents travelling south from Melbourne's north
- persistent bottlenecks create daily gridlock, worsening travel reliability for our commuters and freight operators
- road safety is deteriorating, as congestion increases crash risks and delays emergency services
- industrial, commercial and population growth is rapidly outstripping the corridor's capacity, placing strain on our local communities and national freight movement.

Without immediate investment, congestion, delays and safety risks will intensify. This will leave our new communities underserved and will limit our region's economic potential.

Benefits of supporting this important project

Delivering the Hume Freeway expansion will:

- improve freight efficiency on the nation's highest-value logistics corridor
- reduce congestion and travel times, improving liveability for our northern communities
- enhance safety, reducing road trauma and ensuring faster emergency response
- unlock housing and employment land, supporting growth in fast-developing municipalities
- strengthen public transport integration, connecting people to education, healthcare and jobs
- support Victoria's long-term productivity, accessibility and regional development objectives.

My son moved out because he couldn't waste 3 hours a day commuting on the Hume. The traffic and delays have become so severe that it's no longer manageable for people trying to get to work or maintain a routine. The current conditions are not safe or sustainable and it's clear the infrastructure isn't keeping up with the growing demand.

Fran, Hume

My commute from Wallan to Craigieburn has gone from 25 minutes to over an hour in the evenings due to severe congestion. Bottlenecks getting onto the Hume and traffic from Beveridge make the trip unpredictable and there are no alternative routes when accidents occur. It is now affecting my ability to get home in time for my children and daily life.

Sonya, Wallan