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VTA welcomes progress on Western Distributor proposal

The following comments can be attributed to Victorian Transport Association (VTA) Chief Executive Officer Peter Anderson:

“The Victorian Transport Association welcomes today’s announcement from Transurban and the Victorian Government that it is getting on with planning for the Western Distributor.

“For too long, Victoria’s heavy vehicle operators have had to rely on a West Gate Bridge that is plagued by congestion and delays, underscoring the urgent need for a second river crossing with more efficient access to the Port of Melbourne, Australia’s busiest container port.

“The project, as proposed, appears to address these congestion concerns and provide better access to the ports area. The VTA looks forward to participating in stakeholder consultations with the Victorian Government and Transurban as the Western Distributor project goes to Stage Three of the assessment process.

“There are a raft of major road infrastructure needs that the VTA believes need to proceed to ensure the safe and efficient operation of our road network, not only for the state’s freight and heavy vehicle operators, but for all road users.

“Chief among these needs is linking the Metropolitan Ring Road at Greensborough with the Eastern Freeway, which would remove thousands of trucks every day from already-congested arterial roads in Melbourne’s inner north.”

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