



**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
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## **VTA encouraged by Victorian Budget road and infrastructure funding**

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

“The Victorian Transport Association is encouraged by transport projects and funding in the Victorian Budget for a desperately needed solution to Victoria’s heavily congested roads.

“We are digesting the detail of what the Government has proposed, but applaud Premier Daniel Andrews and Roads and Ports Minister Luke Donnellan for recognising the need for road and transportation infrastructure to make our transportation networks safer and more efficient.

“We are especially encouraged by big ticket projects to improve level crossings in Melbourne and regional Victoria, which will give heavy vehicle operators better access to the city and state’s freeway network. This is vital to support and underpin commerce and create road efficiencies, and to recognise the need for freight operators to get their goods to market.

“As the peak industry group for freight and heavy vehicle operators, the VTA looks forward to working with the Andrews Government and the Roads and Ports Minister to get on with delivering other major projects that are urgently needed to ensure the safe and efficient operation of our road and freight networks.

“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 and the West Gate Bridge to the south.”

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