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Labor's pledge to create 10,000 new construction jobs is a win for Victoria

The State Opposition's *Project 10,000* transport plan would help secure long-term jobs and activity for Victoria's construction industry.

"The building and construction industry is Victoria's second largest provider of full time jobs and is pivotal to the state's economic health," said Master Builders CEO, Radley de Silva.

"Labor's plan outlines an ambitious agenda to develop both public transport and road infrastructure, which would deliver more than 10,000 much-needed jobs for our sector."

"This strategy would create a pipeline of infrastructure projects to pump blood throughout the arteries of our industry for years to come and is something Master Builders has repeatedly called for."

Under the *Project 10,000*, Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews has pledged to:

- Eliminate 50 level crossings across Melbourne to reduce suburban congestion and improve safety at a cost of up to \$6 billion;
- Build the Melbourne Metro Rail project, which would include five new inner-city stations and significantly boost train services;
- Widen the West Gate Freeway between the Western Ring Road and Williamstown Road, introduce state-of-the-art freeway management technology (which has been deployed on the Monash Freeway) and divert trucks away from the West Gate Bridge;
- Commit at least \$1 billion to repair and upgrade roads in Melbourne's growing outer suburbs over eight years;
- Invest at least \$1 billion to repair and upgrade roads and level crossings across regional Victoria over years;
- Widen the Tullamarine Freeway, which would improve access to and from Melbourne Airport;
- Trial leading-edge traffic management technology to improve traffic flow on Hoddle Street; and
- Build additional free car parking spaces around public transport services.

"Importantly, Labor has guaranteed to proceed with the first stage of East West Link should contracts be signed by the State Government prior to the next State Election," Mr de Silva said.

"East West Link is a vital project for Victoria's future. It will significantly improve cross city travel patterns and enshrine our state's status as the freight and logistics capital of the country.

"We want to see the development of a multi-modal transport network, where Victorians have real transport choices. East West Link is needed to fulfil this vision, as are the range of projects identified in Labor's new strategy."

More information on the State Opposition's strategy can be found at:

<http://www.danielandrews.com.au/media/news/project-10000/>

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