

Outer Metropolitan / E6 Corridor Preservation

State/Territory: Victoria

Proposed AG funding: \$5.0 million

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Outer Metropolitan/E6 corridor is a proposed multi-modal transport corridor that will link through the Werribee, Melton, Tullamarine, Craigieburn/Mickleham and Epping/Thomastown areas, to be provided as transport demand warrants. When fully constructed, it is expected to include a 100-kilometre long freeway, comprising between four and six lanes in each direction, as well as high-speed passenger and interstate freight rail.

The land required for the corridor was defined and preserved in 2010 through a Public Acquisition Overlay. The next step in preserving the corridor is the acquisition of land as it becomes available to support the future construction of the proposed transport link.

This business case is expected to investigate options for acquiring land along the corridor, including potential timing and costs associated with the acquisition. The business case is expected to be jointly funded on a 50:50 basis with the Victorian Government.

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

There is a need to preserve transport corridors to ensure cost-effective transport infrastructure can be provided in the future. The Outer Metropolitan/E6 corridor is one such corridor.

Land acquisition for this corridor has been identified by Infrastructure Australia in its Infrastructure Priority List as a near term high priority initiative.

It is likely that if acquisition does not commence in the near term, construction will not be able to commence in time to support Melbourne's rapid population growth in its outer suburbs. This may worsen the transport challenges currently facing the city, including access to important economic and employment centres.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Provide certainty that there is funding capacity to support this critical planning work as new priorities are identified.**
- **Ensure forecast population-driven increases in travel demand are met.**