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Major Project Business Case Fund

South Geelong to Waurin Ponds (Stage 3)

State/Territory: Victoria

Proposed AG funding: \$4.0 million

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will undertake preliminary planning and design work on options to improve the capacity of the rail line between Geelong Station and South Geelong Station including work to reconstruct the Geelong Rail Tunnel (approximately 400 metres). The business case is expected to be funded on a 50:50 basis with the Victorian Government.

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

The tunnel was constructed in 1876, has limited capacity and is approaching the end of its useful life. The corridor would be duplicated to match the track configuration on either side of the tunnel, creating additional capacity and interoperability. Final cost estimates for the tunnel will be determined as part of the business case. This project is required in order to realise the full benefits of the duplication of the South Geelong to Waurin Ponds line.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Improve passenger rail services.**
- **Increase transport infrastructure capacity.**
- **Improve connectivity between people, jobs and services, and goods with markets.**
- **Change travel behaviours and decrease private vehicle use.**
- **Improve accessibility, connectivity and travel times.**
- **Improve access to essential services such as health and education.**