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PENINSULA LINK DRIVES JOBS AND VICTORIA'S ECONOMY

The Brumby Government will build the **\$750 million** Peninsula Link, from Carrum Downs to Mount Martha, as a key road project in *The Victorian Transport Plan*.

The Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, said the project would create thousands of jobs and significantly improve travel times through Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.

"In tougher global times, the Brumby Government is taking action to deliver thousands of jobs now and to build for our next era of prosperity," Mr Pallas said.

"The Peninsula Link will generate more than 1,700 jobs a year during construction, while almost 2,400 indirect jobs will be created in each of the early years after construction.

"The Brumby Government is taking action on transport, so that Victorians can have the best transport network in Australia.

"Delivering the best transport system in Australia will mean Victorians can spend less time commuting and more time with family and friends.

"Our \$38 billion action plan will generate up to 10,000 jobs a year during construction, resulting in more than 100,000 jobs over the life of the plan.

"With 60,000 vehicles expected to use Peninsula Link each day, travel times will be slashed to just 17 minutes and congestion will be eased on surrounding roads such as the Frankston Freeway and Moorooduc Highway.

"Peninsula Link – a Frankston bypass – will allow motorists to avoid five roundabouts and eight sets of traffic lights.

"This project is great news for people living in the region as well as the many thousands of people who visit the popular Mornington Peninsula every year."

Peninsula Link is proposed as a four lane freeway connecting EastLink in Carrum Downs to the Mornington Peninsula Freeway at Mount Martha, a distance of around 25 kilometres.

The project is included in the Victorian Government's submission to the Commonwealth Government's Building Australia Fund.

Mr Pallas said the project would provide continuous freeway-condition connections from the CBD to Rosebud with safety, amenity and economic benefits.

"Melbourne's south-east has been booming since the opening of EastLink earlier this year and this project will attract even greater investment in the region by improving access to one of Victoria's most popular tourist destinations," Mr Pallas said.

"A cycling and walking path will also be created along the entire roadway to provide new recreational and lifestyle opportunities for residents and visitors."

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Mr Pallas said the completion of the project's Environment Effects Statement (EES) would be an important requirement to determine social and environmental measures for inclusion in the final project.

"We support this project and the benefits it will provide for Victoria; and recommendations from the EES will be fully considered by the Government," Mr Pallas said.

The EES is on public exhibition until 19 December. For more information on where to view the EES or how to make a submission, visit www.seita.com.au