



Media Release

The West to benefit from transport announcement

The Victorian Labor Government has outlined a package of additional transport initiatives that will greatly benefit the growing western region.

LeadWest CEO Anton Mayer has warmly welcomed the over \$720 million that has been pledged to deliver more trains, build new as well as upgrade existing stations, provide more staff at safer metropolitan stations and enhance the bus network .

Security across the metropolitan rail network will be boosted with a staff presence at every electrified metropolitan railway station and a central closed circuit television control room.

Of particular interest to residents in the western suburbs is the proposal to provide \$82.5 million to remove the level crossing on Main Rd in St Albans by seeking a partnership with the Commonwealth. LeadWest sees the removal of this level crossing as delivering better traffic flow & safety outcomes as well as offering important community benefits and was the crucial next step in eliminating one of Melbourne's worst level crossings.

Also of great benefit to residents in the Werribee area is the announcement of the construction of a new half-diamond interchange at Duncans Road which will improve safety & efficiency,

LeadWest and its key regional stakeholders appreciate the Victorian Government's obvious support for the provision of key transport infrastructure to underpin sustainable population growth in Melbourne's West.

LeadWest and other key regional stakeholders are now calling on the Commonwealth Government to fast track funding support to complement the State governments pledge for the Main Rd St Albans grade separation.

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About LeadWest

LeadWest Ltd was formed by the metropolitan western region councils. Its board members are representatives from the councils, businesses and educational institutions of Melbourne's West. LeadWest was formed to foster and undertake actions that support the sustainable growth and development of the region. It builds on the existing social, economic and environmental capacity of the region, to ensure a sustainable future for communities and businesses of the West.