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PUSH TO UPGRADE THOMPSONS ROAD GAINS ATTENTION OF FEDERAL MINISTER

Member for La Trobe Jason Wood is advocating for the Federal Government to provide funding to plan for the Thompsons Road arterial connection upgrade.

Mr Wood invited Federal Transport and Infrastructure Minister Darren Chester to visit the busy stretch of road to explain the importance of the project.

“The Thompsons Rd arterial connection is the missing link in the fast-growing residential areas and jobs corridors of the south-east suburbs,” Mr Wood said.

“Extensive planning is needed for this upgrade, which is expected to cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

“As part of the Turnbull Coalition’s plan for jobs and growth, we need efficient roads and less congestion. Delivery of the Thompsons Road arterial is central to reducing delays on our local roads network.”

Mr Chester said it was important for him as Minister to gain a first-hand understanding of the pressures placed on the local traffic network.

“Jason Wood has been an effective voice for his community in advocating for the Thompsons Rd upgrade,” Mr Chester said.

“Jason has stressed to me on numerous conversations the importance of planning for future growth in the south-east suburbs and I appreciated the opportunity to visit the sections of road that will need attention.

“The Australian Government has a record \$1 billion infrastructure spending package and as a Victorian MP myself, it is my expectation that Melbourne’s growth suburbs will get their fair share of funding.”

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