

Western Bypass

A proposed road link between **Tullamarine Freeway** and **Footscray Road**



How can I find out more about the bypass?

For additional information contact Luisa Ermacora, Sociologist with Environmental Services at the RCA, on (03) 860 2286. Advice about public displays to be held in the area during November will be advertised in local newspapers and at regional libraries. All residents are invited to public meetings to discuss the bypass and related issues.

You can assist the RCA in organising these meetings by completing the enclosed form and sending it to us.

Copies of this brochure for people who speak English as a second language will be available from community centres in the area or from the addresses below from mid-November, 1988.

ARABIC/LEBANESE

نسخات عن هذه النشرة بلغتك الاصلية ستكون متوفرة من المراكز الاجتماعية في منطقتك، او من العناوين المدرجة ادناه، وذلك في اواخر هذه السنة.

CHINESE

由中文印寫的小冊將由本年度十一月開始供應。你可以從各社區中心或到以下地址索取：

GREEK

Από το Νοέμβριο αυτό το φυλλάδιο θα υπάρχει και στα Ελληνικά. Θα το βρείτε στα κοινοτικά κέντρα της περιοχής καθώς και στις παρακάτω διευθύνσεις:

ITALIAN

Copie di questa letteratura saranno pronte dai centri comunitari nei vostri regioni, o dagli indirizzi sottoscritti da Novembre.

SPANISH

Las copias en español de este folleto estarán a su disposición en los centros comunitarios mas cercanos y a partir de Noviembre también en los lugares cuyas direcciones mencionamos abajo:

TURKISH

Bu broşürün Türkçe çevirisi Kasım ayından itibaren semtinizdeki halk merkezlerinden ya da altındaki yazılan yerlerinden alınır:

VIETNAMESE

Bắt đầu từ tháng 11 trở đi chúng tôi sẽ phát hành bản sao của cuốn số nhỏ này bằng tiếng Việt. Các bạn có thể nhận được tại các trung tâm dân tộc địa phương hay tại những địa chỉ sau đây:

Flemington Library
313 Racecourse Road
Flemington (03) 376 7320

North Melbourne Library
66 Errol Street
North Melbourne (03) 328 3754

Road Construction Authority
60 Denmark Street
Kew Victoria 3101



City of Melbourne

What happens next?

The RCA will prepare an Environment Effects Statement (EES) which will look at the effects of the project on people living, working and travelling through the area. The EES will include additional studies on traffic flow, noise and air quality, and will be put on public display for comments for approximately two months during 1989. A decision by the Victorian Government on the project will be made in early 1990.

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What is the Western Bypass?

The proposed Western Bypass a four lane link which will move traffic quicker and more easily between Tullamarine Freeway and Footscray Road. The bypass will be built on the North Melbourne side of the Moonee Ponds Creek and the Upfield Railway line and traffic will be able to enter and exit at Racecourse Road, Flemington Road, Dynon Road as well as Footscray Road.

Four schemes are being considered for the section of bypass on the east side of the creek from Debnays Park, near Flemington Bridge Railway Station:

- A Tunnel (scheme UT) if the Upfield railway line stays open. Estimated Cost: \$200 million

Alternatively, if the railway line is closed:

- A Tunnel (scheme T). Estimated Cost: \$175 million
- A Cutting (scheme C). Estimated Cost: \$165 million
- A Bridge (scheme B). Estimated Cost: \$165 million

The RCA will carry out traffic surveys to see whether Macaulay Road should be closed to vehicles at the bypass.

Why the bypass should be built

The bypass will remove serious traffic problems on the major roads and suburban streets in North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Flemington.

The aims of the bypass are:

- to remove through traffic, especially trucks, from these suburbs which will mean less traffic noise for residents and improved safety conditions for pedestrians and motorists;
- to improve traffic flow around the City Centre;
- to improve access for large vehicles travelling from the freeway to the docks area;
- to reduce congestion at the southern end of the freeway;
- to provide better access for motorists travelling to Melbourne Airport.

Completion of the bypass will help support the Victorian Government's economic planning and transport objectives.

Background

Some proposals for the Western Bypass, which were looked at between 1984 and 1986, recommended building the link on the western side of the Moonee Ponds Creek. After consulting residents, the Road Construction Authority and the Ministry of Transport are now only considering schemes on the North Melbourne side of the creek. A link on this alignment will be further away from residential areas and will provide better public open space along the creek.



Landscaping

Residents will be consulted about all aspects of landscaping treatment on the project.

Construction

If the Government decides to build the project, work could begin as early as mid-1990 and would take five to six years to complete. The RCA will make every effort to reduce noise, dust and inconvenience to residents and local businesses during construction.

Will it affect your job?

Industries near the project in North Melbourne will be moved when the bypass is built. About 1000 jobs in these industries will be affected. In the long term, more jobs may be available as new businesses are located on the land between the bypass and Boundary road. It is possible that this land could also be developed for community facilities or housing.

Will it affect me?

Travancore and Manningham Street residents

The bypass will not change access and safety for motorists, pedestrians or cyclists, nor will traffic noise and air quality be affected.

Flemington Estate residents

Access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists will not change. If scheme C (Cutting) is built, there will be slightly less traffic noise. If scheme B (Bridge) is built, there will be a slight increase in traffic noise. Residents, however, will be consulted about noise control measures. Arrangements will be made so that vehicles still have easy access to the estate. Further studies will be carried out to assess possible noise pollution and air pollution effects resulting from construction of tunnel schemes UT and T. Debnay's Park Children's Centre (Kindergarten and Day Nursery) will be moved to a suitable new location which will be decided upon by parents using the Centre in consultation with the preschool adviser and Melbourne City Council.

Kensington and Flemington residents

Vehicle access to local streets will improve as will conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. Safety will also improve for residents as there will be fewer trucks in the local area. Traffic noise in Bent Street will increase noticeably and residents will be consulted about the location of noise barriers.

North and West Melbourne residents and Hotham Estate and Boundary Road residents

Safety conditions will improve for residents, cyclists and pedestrians and noise will be reduced as there will be fewer large vehicles and cars using local streets. Most trucks now using the Boundary Road/Dryburgh Street route will use the bypass. It will also be easier and safer to travel by car to the city and to the south.

