



Outer Metropolitan Ring Road/E6

What we need

Funding for planning of the Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR)/E6 Transport Corridor, including fast rail capability.

Rapid population growth demands urgent action

Melbourne's north is now home to more than 1 million residents and is forecast to grow to more than 1.5 million over the coming decades. The Northern Growth Corridor alone will accommodate nearly one-third of Melbourne's future population growth.

A large proportion of this population commutes beyond their municipality, with heavy reliance on private vehicles. Without strategic intervention, congestion will worsen, freight movements will be impacted, and economic opportunities will be stifled.

Why it matters now

The OMR/E6 Transport Corridor is critical to unlocking the full economic, employment and liveability potential of Melbourne's rapidly growing outer north and west.

These long-planned infrastructure projects will:

- improve access to jobs, education and essential services for residents in the Northern Growth Corridor
- improve liveability and connectivity for northern communities through reduced travel time
- strengthen east-west and north-south connectivity, linking growth areas in Melbourne's north (Craigieburn, Mickleham, Sunbury, Cloverton, Epping, Beveridge) with major hubs in the west (Werribee, Melton)
- enable modal shift and future-proof transport infrastructure, supporting dedicated lanes for freight and fast rail
- relieve growing congestion on already overstretched arterial roads
- support freight movement to and from key logistics centres including Melbourne Airport, the Port of Geelong, Avalon Airport, the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct and proposed Western Intermodal Precinct
- catalyse industrial and commercial development across designated employment areas in Melbourne's outer ring.



Outer Metropolitan Ring Road/E6 Corridor

The OMR/E6 is a proposed 123-kilometre high-speed transport corridor connecting the north and west of Melbourne. It will be capable of supporting:

- **three to four road lanes in each direction**
- **four rail tracks in the median**, including for high-speed regional and interstate freight/passenger services
- **connecting the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct to the future Western Intermodal Precinct** as part of the Principal Freight Network
- **relieving congestion** by improving mobility across the region

The OMR/E6 is essential for shifting freight traffic from inner suburban roads and enabling efficient east-west movement across outer Melbourne. The OMR/E6 is the fundamental enabling infrastructure to unlock the potential of Melbourne's outer suburbs.

The ask

The Victorian and Australian Governments must urgently fund the business case, including **detailed planning** and **corridor protection** of the OMR/E6 to keep pace with growth, support long-term economic development, and safeguard Melbourne's liveability.

