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Calder Action Group - Current status report

Dear

As you know our Calder Action Group has been effective with considerable help from our Government representatives in helping to draw attention to the major safety and efficiency shortcomings of the Calder Highway in the Keilor area. We have some information on the status of the elements of the proposed programme of works which we would like to draw to your attention for further support.

In response recently to enquiries with VicRoads the current status of the Calder improvements we've been focussing on is outlined. The outlook is promising but I know it warrants continued attention to ensure effective implementation. Points are

- a. The short-term change to make a three lane roadway across the bridges between Melton Highway and the Western Ring Road exit is scheduled to be done in mid 2008
- b. The long term full-freeway standard widening to improve safety and capacity of the section from the Western Ring Road to the Diggers Rest exit is included in the Victorian

submission for Auslink 2 in 2009 - 14. This includes the three inter-changes and widening of the freeway over the bridges. The Federal Minister, Martin Ferguson has committed to the Kings Road overpass as the highest priority with State support but funding is yet to be confirmed.

c. Planning for the work is almost complete - some minor flora/ fauna issues at Kings Road and detail at the Calder Park Drive remains to be formalised.

d. Interim work is also planned to reduce run-off-road crashes - adding guard rails, wire-rope guards and tactile edging along the complete section.

e. The lighting for the Calder Park Drive exit is apparently approved and funded although additional acceleration and deceleration lanes is not yet agreed.

You will be pleased to know about the re-activation of the Web-page for our group www.calderactiongroup.com.au and we could do with some help in publicising this amongst the many interested parties. We will be holding a meeting of the group in the near future and hope to elicit even stronger support for our efforts to achieve firmer evidence of a total government commitment to this most necessary programme of infrastructure works.

We hope you will be willing to add you voice to our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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