



# Media release

**The Hon Terry Mulder MP**

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## **Works to get underway, smarter design to deliver improved access at Williams Landing**

Work to construct the new premium railway station and road overpass at Williams Landing in Hoppers Crossing will soon be underway following the award of the project's design and construction contract, Minister for Public Transport Terry Mulder said today.

Visiting the site of the new railway station, Mr Mulder also announced changes to the station and overpass design, with the station now to feature ramps for better pedestrian access to the footbridge and the Palmers Road overpass to be widened to include two additional lanes.

"I'm pleased to be able to announce that successful tenderer Abigroup can now get started on work to deliver the new Williams Landing railway station and Palmers Road extension," Mr Mulder said.

"The improvements made to the design of the new station and overpass means the local community will have better access to the facilities they need.

"Including ramps for pedestrian access at the station in addition to lifts and stairs makes it easier for people to move through the station precinct and ensures emergency access is available at all times.

"The widening of Palmers Road from three lanes to five means traffic flow between Williams Landing and Point Cook is improved for those commuting to the station by car, bus or bike.

"We know there will be greater demand for access via Palmers Road to the station and between Williams Landing and Point Cook, and we're doing something about this now.

"The State Government is delivering this vital new infrastructure to cater for the population growth in Melbourne's booming western suburbs.

"This project is about getting the basics right: more transport options where they're most needed, and better access to transport through the delivery of functional and user-friendly infrastructure, so that people can get from A to B easily and safely," Mr Mulder said.

Mr Mulder said the Palmers Road widening was an example of the State Government's commitment to delivering projects that give value for money and accommodate for future growth.

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“It was initially proposed that Palmers Road would only feature one through-lane in each direction; we went back and had a look at what can be achieved with the allocated funding and will now deliver a far better outcome,” Mr Mulder said.

Geotechnical surveying works will commence in the coming weeks and the local community will see works associated with the construction of roads, car parks and the rail track formation throughout the remainder of the year.

Mr Mulder said the project team will work closely with key stakeholders, including local council, in the development of this project and will keep the community informed of the project’s progress.

“During construction there will be some inevitable impacts to road and public transport operations and these will be communicated well in advance to the community,” Mr Mulder said.

The Williams Landing railway station will be a premium station, featuring:

- an island platform between existing passenger rail lines
- a new bus terminal and a taxi rank
- a park-and-ride facility with approximately 500 spaces and drop-off zones
- a footbridge across the rail line and Princes Freeway, accessible by ramps, stairs and lifts
- facilities for cyclists.

The new Palmers Road overpass will feature:

- an extension beyond the Princes Freeway and across the Werribee rail line
- two dedicated right turn lanes from Palmers Road to the Princes Freeway city-bound
- one dedicated through lane north-bound to Williams Landing
- two dedicated through lanes south-bound to Point Cook, with a left turn onto the freeway city-bound
- a three-metre wide off-road shared bicycle and pedestrian path.

Construction on the Williams Landing project is expected to be completed in late 2012.

The project is being delivered as a partnership between the Department of Transport VicRoads and Metro Trains Melbourne.

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