

**Whittlesea Leader September 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 Planning Minister Mr Tim Pallas has stated: E6 will save time! Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.**

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# E6 will save time

**ROADS and Ports Minister Tim Pallas tells our readers why the E6 Freeway is important for the community.**



Tim Pallas

OVER time, Melbourne will grow enormously. That's why we're planning now for Victoria's transport future.

Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.

The outcome we want from this planning is not more rail and road infrastructure for its own sake. We're building a better transport system so people can spend more time with their families and less time in traffic.

Part of our current planning has been to identify a future route for an Outer Metropolitan Ring transport corridor which includes a road and high speed rail link between Werribee, Melton, Tullamarine and Craigieburn/Mickleham.

The E6 corridor will create a road link from the Ring Road in Thomastown to Donnybrook.

The road and rail link is unlikely to be built before 2020, and between now and then, there will be many opportunities for the community to continue to have their say. Already, community input has resulted in a change to the proposed route to have significantly less impact on homes and communities in the Wollert and Woodstock areas.

We are listening.

To cater for the transport needs of the entire Melbourne community, there are some people whose properties will be acquired. Any property acquisition will not be required for many years – probably well over a decade – and that when and if it does, there are legislative guarantees aimed at ensuring that people affected are treated fairly and get a fair value for their property.

Only if we plan can we make sure we can all have access to services, work, and the social opportunities that we all want.

If you would like to know more on the Outer Metropolitan Ring or the E6 or to make a submission, go to [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)

**Reply:** Strategic Planners and Councillors of the City of Whittlesea have continued to pre-plan and requested transport upgrades are carried out via VicRoads and the State Government which include:

- Plenty Road to be a 6 lane arterial road to Whittlesea
- Epping Road to be a 4 lane arterial road to Bridge Inn Road
- E6 to be an arterial Road from Thomastown to Bridge Inn Road
- Rail line to South Morang/Mill Park where it runs into a shopping centre? Yet why stop there as there is an easement still standing along Plenty Road that once took rail to Whittlesea which would further reduce congestion of Plenty Road.

Planning Minister Mr Tim Pallas has stated the E6 Transport Corridor is needed: We are building a better transport system so *people* can spend more time with their families and less time in traffic.

**Question:** Are the 'people' local residents or 'people' passing quickly through our residential communities to be with their families whom live elsewhere?

- And the E6 Transport Corridor will create a road link from the ring road in Thomastown to Donnybrook.

**Answer:** Linking Thomastown to Donnybrook/Beverage infrastructure is already in place by way of the Hume Freeway and Craigieburn by-pass that, if upgraded, will solve future economic UCG traffic concerns.

**Fact: Mr Tim Pallas cannot guarantee that the E6 Transport Corridor will be FREE to travel on so if it is a toll way local resident would have to pay constantly to be home quicker to their families or travel weaving in and around there local residential streets to avoid increased costly travel.**

City of Whittlesea planners, Councillors and local residents are requesting the upgrading of East West feeder roads. Building the E6 as a pre-planned ARTERIAL will also assist levitating traffic congestion within the residential communities of Epping to Thomastown.

You would also believe the up-grading of rail from Craigieburn to the significantly new proposed UGC to Wallan would also better serving the larger communities and future progress.

All would achieve fulfilling economic and residential growth while protecting the need for a great wall of division within our residential communities, the senseless loss of family homes and loss of Federal EPBC protected land of significance.

**NOW if VicRoads and the State Government could stop waiting for further road congestion crisis, which unfortunately usually mean fatalities (loved ones not coming home at all), and build the much needed and long time waiting improved arterial roads and railway links that the strategic planners within the City of Whittlesea have already allowed for it would really make many residents within the City of Whittlesea very happy and home alive, quicker and enjoy more precious time with their families.**

**Our Vision is to preserve**

- **unnecessary local community residential division which would be caused by a great wall of sound proofing that would be required for a high traffic and possibly increased transport of dangerous goods along the proposed Transport Corridor**
- **loss of family homes, lifestyles and (extra financial burden if the transport corridor was to be a toll way)**
- **And see that our Ancestral Heritage and Federally Protected EPBC environment is safe and protected from being unnecessarily destroyed/offset and preserved for the benefit of today and future generations.**

Look forward to your responses.

Cheers Pam

