The 2009 Victorian Transport Report Card

Almost a year ago, the Victorian Government released the Victorian Transport Plan and the accompanying land use strategy, Melbourne@5 million. This forum features several high-profile external commentators presenting their review of the Plan’s progress in its first year:

• Land Use and Urban Growth
• Public Transport and Sustainable Transport Modes
• Roads and Transport Infrastructure

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What progress has been made?

- Much better liaison between DoT and DPCD
- Substantial dollars from the Feds
- More planning on funded transport projects
What has changed in the environment we are working in?

Climate change and water
Energy and pollution
Access and transport

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

POPULATION
Transcending the myths

- *more roads = no congestion!*
- *more land supply = cheaper housing!*
- *low density and cars = the people’s choice! (inadequate pt)*
- *high density = critical for adequate pt*
- *jobs, jobs, jobs! (the current mantra of a two-year old)*
The challenges yet to be met

The missing links:
• South Morang, Ringwood/Dandenong/Frankston, Airports, freight

Skills
• type; quantum; interaction/leverage

Start with the pedestrians (the cars will follow)

Timing
• commitment; funding; creative/rational economics; Monitoring

Marketing
• Communication: shared expectations; desires; operational requirements
• Resource/asset maintenance
• Dynamic change
Conclusions

• Some good progress...but.......
The transport disconnect

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Melbourne traffic growth

- Road traffic - total
- Road traffic - inner
- Road traffic - outer
- Westgate bridge am inbound volume
- Public Transport patronage
- Population

Financial year ending..

Cumulative growth since 2001/02

Data sources: ABS, VicRoads, Metlink
Vkms per capita

Cumulative traffic volume growth on inner Melbourne roads
Victoria’s Transport Plan – RACV View

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- Key aspects of the Government’s Plan
- RACV Overview – What’s good
- What’s missing or needs more work
- Delivery
The Background: Victoria’s Growing Population

- Melbourne
- Regional Victoria
- Victoria
- Melbourne (projected)
- Regional Victoria (projected)
- Victoria (projected)

E6 Corridor

Outer Metropolitan Ring Road
North East Link
Alternative to West Gate
Hoddle Street grade separation
Peninsula Link

Supporting the movement of freight

Freight Futures: Victorian Freight Network Strategy
The inner west Truck Action Plan

Source: Department of Transport 2008

Creating a Metro Rail System

Source: Department of Transport 2008
Increased funding for bus services

Source: Department of Transport 2008

Victoria’s Transport Plan – RACV View

- What’s missing or needs more work – Longer Term
  - No long term (30 year) transport strategy – needs stronger links to Land Use Plan
  - Cross town light/heavy rail
  - Growth area P.T. lacking
  - Northern/Eastern long term link
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- What’s missing or needs more work – First 10 years
  - Airport Rail link
  - East West Road Tunnel – Eastern Freeway to CityLink extended to WRR (The New Missing Link)
  - Outer Metro Melbourne roads ($1.9m committed but $3.5m needed)
  - Timeframe for all projects too long – a backlog now

Victoria’s Transport Plan – RACV View

- Delivery
  - Timeframe to 2017+ is too long
  - Reliance on Federal funding - $10b (Infrastructure Australia)
  - Need to explore alternative delivery and funding options