

## Victorian State Budget 2020/21 Summary of Interface Capital Funding Allocations for Priority Infrastructure Areas

### Overview

The 2020/21 Victorian State Budget did not publish Budget Paper 4: State Capital Program, which in the past has contained the core detailed information relating to infrastructure investment at an Interface, Metropolitan and Regional level. The Treasurer has confirmed Budget Paper 4 (updated to address COVID-19 impacts on major projects) will be reinstated for the 2021/22 Budget (scheduled for May 2021).

In light of this important omission from the 2020/21 Budget, it is not possible to provide a comprehensive list of infrastructure funding allocations for the Interface, or any meaningful comparative analysis regarding infrastructure funding allocations across the state.

However, some information has been provided in Budget Paper 3: Service Delivery, and the Suburban and Rural and Regional summary documents. The following sections identify specific Interface infrastructure allocations and some limited comparative analysis, primarily with regard to Regional Victoria.

### Education and Training Capital Funding

- \$1.561 billion in Total Estimated Investment (TEI) over four years has been allocated across the State for education and training infrastructure, of which the Interface received \$364 million (TEI) for school and special school projects (new and upgrades). The Interface received no specific funding allocation for TAFE infrastructure.
- On a comparative basis, the Interface received 23% of all education and training capital funding, which is marginally less than Regional Victoria (24%), and well below funding received by Non-Interface Metropolitan areas (53%).

**Table 1: Education and Training Capital Funding (allocated funds only) – 2020/21 to 2024/25**

Program	Interface TEI (millions)	Non Interface TEI (millions)	Regional TEI (millions)	State TEI (millions)
New school construction	\$11.4	\$55.1	\$30.3	\$96.8
School upgrades (TEI)	\$268.4	\$378.6	\$245.2	\$892.2
School upgrades: Growth for 2023	\$8.7	\$68.3		\$77.0
Special school upgrades (TEI)	\$75.4	\$215.1	\$97.3	\$387.8
Building Better TAFEs Fund		\$107.6		\$107.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$363.9</b>	<b>\$824.7</b>	<b>\$372.8</b>	<b>\$1,561.4</b>

Source: Service Delivery, Budget Paper No. 3 – Victorian Budget Papers 2020/21  
Figures rounded

### *Projects Funded*

- Alkira Secondary College (\$1.000 million)
- Badger Creek Primary School (\$9.011 million)
- Beveridge Primary School (\$1.000 million)
- Billanook Primary School (\$7.811 million)
- Clyde North Station Primary School (\$11.370 million)
- Diggers Rest Primary School (\$3.204 million)
- Emerald Secondary College (\$5.018 million)
- Exford Primary School (\$25.325 million)
- Fawkner Primary School (\$7.800 million)
- Gladysdale Primary School (\$2.187 million)
- Gleneagles Secondary College (\$3.295 million)
- Hampton Park Secondary College (\$7.559 million)
- Hoppers Crossing Secondary College (\$10.057 million)
- Lalor Primary School (\$12.923 million)
- Lalor Secondary College (\$26.175 million)
- Lilydale Heights College (\$11.300 million)
- Lilydale High School (\$6.370 million)
- Mickleham Primary School (\$21.433 million)
- Mill Park Secondary College (\$11.600 million)
- Pakenham Consolidated School (\$10.000 million)
- Peter Lalor Secondary College (\$8.200 million)
- Rosebud Secondary College (\$10.018 million)
- Strathaird Primary School (\$10.000 million)
- Sunbury West Primary School (\$10.497 million)
- Tooborac Primary School (\$1.117 million)
- Upper Yarra Secondary College (\$6.000 million)
- Wallan Primary School (\$6.738 million)
- Western Port Secondary College (\$11.562 million)
- Woodville Primary School (\$10.656 million)
- Woori Yallock Primary School (\$10.504 million)
- Dromana Primary School (at least \$8.708 million);
- Jacana School for Autism (\$10.000 million)
- Marnebek School Cranbourne (\$38.843 million)
- Melton Specialist School (\$9.656 million)
- Warringa Park School (\$7.966 million)
- Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School (\$8.926 million)

### Schools Land Acquisition

- \$147.3 million (TEI) has been allocated for future new schools in the Interface LGAs of Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Wyndham, plus one in the Melbourne LGA.

## Health

- \$75 million (TEI) has been allocated to purchase land and undertake detailed planning and early works for a new Melton hospital.
- \$66 million (TEI) has been allocated to continue planning for 10 community hospitals and to acquire land in **Cranbourne, Pakenham, City of Whittlesea, Eltham, Point Cook** and the inner south.
- \$4.8 million (TEI) has been allocated to begin planning for the future expansion of the Werribee Mercy Hospital.
- Funding to deliver 24-hour operations at the Diamond Creek ambulance branch has been allocated (amount to be confirmed).
- In contrast, Regional Victoria has been allocated \$495.4 million (TEI) in specific capital health projects including upgrades to hospitals located in Geelong, Maryborough, Wangaratta, and Warrnambool. Additionally, the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund has been boosted by \$120 million (TEI). Overall, Regional Victoria has been allocated approximately four times the funding for health infrastructure projects compared to the Interface.
- On a Statewide basis, \$605 million (TEI) has been allocated to start implementing the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System's interim report findings and recommendations, with an investment of \$492 million to deliver 120 mental health beds in Geelong, **Epping**, Sunshine and Melbourne.

## Road and Intersection Upgrades

- \$117 million (TEI) has been allocated to upgrade Metropolitan roads and intersections, including the following located in the Interface:
  - Cardinia Road and Henry Road intersection, Pakenham
  - Melton Highway, Sunshine Avenue and Old Calder Highway intersection, Melton
  - Mickleham Road and Aitken College intersection, Greenvale
  - Point Cook Road and Sneydes Road intersection, Point Cook
  - Ryans Road and Wattletree Road, and Ryans Road and Wallowa Road intersection Eltham North.
- Funding of \$6.5 million (TEI) is provided to progress planning for a bypass of Bulla, to relieve pressure on the Sunbury to Bulla Road and improve transport connections in Melbourne's growing north.
- In contrast, Regional Victoria has been allocated \$827.4 million (TEI) to repair regional and rural roads, including significant upgrades of the Great Ocean Road and Princes Highway (between Traralgon and Sale).

### Rail Upgrades

- No specific Interface rail projects were announced in the Budget.
- However, \$3.8 billion (TEI) has been allocated to upgrade regional rail services, including \$2.0 billion (TEI) to progress the Geelong Fast Rail project, \$900 million (TEI) to upgrade the rail between South Geelong and Warn Ponds stations, \$400 million (TEI) for the Shepparton Rail Line Upgrade Stage 3 and \$260 million for the Warrnambool Rail Line Upgrade Stage 2.

### Bus Service Improvements

- \$4.2 million (TEI) has been allocated to address critical safety issues, accelerate the delivery of a **new bus service connecting Mernda and Craigieburn**, network reform and **service upgrades on the Mornington Peninsula**.

### Courts and Justice

- \$272 million (TEI) has been allocated for the new Wyndham Law Court to deliver a new western metropolitan headquarters court, with hearing rooms, mediation suites, and a specialist family violence court to meet the expanding need in this growth corridor. The new Wyndham Law Court is part of plans to develop the future Werribee Justice Precinct, which includes the new Wyndham police station.
- \$10 million (TEI) has been allocated for new police stations at Narre Warren and Clyde North
- \$16.3 million (TEI) in Non-Interface Metropolitan funding is allocated for upgrade and expand the Sunshine Law Courts.

### Revitalisation Projects

- \$20 million (TEI) has been allocated to support new revitalisation projects (improved public spaces) in Boronia, **Lilydale**, Noble Park, Reservoir, **Tarneit** and **Melton**.

### Recreation/Open Space

- \$52 million (TEI) has been allocated for upgrades at parks and locations including Albert Park, Braeside Park, Brimbank Park, **Dandenong Ranges**, **Mornington Peninsula**, Organ Pipes, **Plenty Gorge**, **Point Cook**, and other locations around Victoria.

### Growing Suburbs Fund

- \$75.2 million has been allocated to the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) for 2020/21. This one-year funding is aimed at delivering hundreds of local infrastructure projects in the Interface and in peri-urban areas (which are located in Regional Victoria).

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- However, Stage 1 of 2020/21 funding (\$25.0 million) has already been allocated, with Stage 2 providing approximately \$50.2 million for new projects for the remainder of the financial year.
- GSF 2020/21 Stage 1 for the first time included access to the Fund for six peri-urban growth LGAs. Overall, the Interface LGAs received approximately \$19.1 million in funding (76%) and the peri-urban LGAs \$5.9 million in funding (24%).

**Table 2: Growing Suburbs Fund 2020/21 – Stage 1 Allocations**

Program	Projects Funded (No.)	Funding Allocation
Interface LGAs	23	\$19,053,968
Peri Urban LGAs	5	\$5,946,032
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$25,000,000</b>

Source: Service Delivery, Budget Paper No. 3 – Victorian Budget Papers 2020/21  
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- Interface projects funded as part of the \$25.0 million GSF Stage 1 allocation are:
  - Princes Highway Trail, Cardinia LGA (\$989,824)
  - Strong Drive Children's Centre Redevelopment, Casey LGA (\$1,000,000)
  - Orana Community Place Early Years Facility, Casey LGA (\$353,000)
  - Olive Road Sporting Complex - Community Pavilion Redevelopment, Casey LGA (\$1,000,000)
  - DS Aitken Reserve Skate Park Upgrade, Hume LGA (\$210,000)
  - Melba Avenue Streetscape Upgrade, Hume LGA (\$105,000)
  - Coopers Hill Drive Reserve Upgrade, Hume LGA (\$142,500)
  - Kirwan Park Upgrade, Hume LGA \$117,500)
  - Diggers Rest Community Pavilion, Melton LGA (\$2,500,000)
  - Wallan Community Hub, Mitchell LGA (\$850,000)
  - Kilmore Family and Children's Centre Expansion, Mitchell LGA (\$1,108,644)
  - Flinders Civic Hall Redevelopment, Mornington Peninsula LGA (\$2,250,000)
  - Eltham Leisure Centre Solar Panels and Associated Infrastructure, Nillumbik LGA (\$270,000)
  - Hurstbridge Community Multi Use Facility Upgrade, Nillumbik LGA (\$705,000)
  - Mernda Social Support Services Facility, Whittlesea LGA (\$1,240,000)
  - Mill Park Library Public Surrounds Upgrade, Whittlesea LGA (\$450,000)
  - Rochdale Square Neighbourhood Centre Revitalisation, Whittlesea LGA (\$362,500)
  - Carrington Children's Centre outdoor learning and playspace upgrade, Whittlesea LGA (\$150,000)
  - Community Energy Efficiency Program, Whittlesea LGA (\$250,000)
  - Tarneit North Masterplan Implementation Project, Wyndham LGA (\$2,500,000)
  - Biomass to Energy Plant - Coldstream Transfer Station, Yarra Ranges LGA (\$500,000)
  - Upwey Skate Park, Yarra Ranges LGA (\$150,000)

- Kimberley Recreation Reserve Community Sporting Pavilion Redevelopment, Yarra Ranges LGA (\$1,850,000)

### Big Housing Build

- \$5.3 billion (TEI) has been allocated to construct more than 12,000 new dwellings, including 9,300 new social housing dwellings and 2,900 new affordable and low-cost homes in locations that are close to jobs and transport
- The Interface LGAs of Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Mitchell, Whittlesea and Wyndham have been prioritised as locations (along with 14 other LGAs Statewide) where social and affordable housing is urgently needed.

### Cultural and Sport

- While \$1.4 billion (TEI) has been allocated to Melbourne's Arts Precinct, no specific arts/cultural/sports infrastructure funding has been allocated to the Interface.
- In contrast, \$35 million (TEI) has been allocated to improve creative spaces in Regional Victoria (including infrastructure funding for Shepparton Arts Museum, Latrobe Creative Precinct and Benalla Gallery); while an allocation of \$142 million (TEI) has been made to complete the final stage of the Kardinia Park Stadium redevelopment in Geelong.
- Sports facilities located in Non-Interface Metropolitan LGAs have also been allocated significant funding including \$65.6 million (TEI) for upgrades to Essendon, North Melbourne, Richmond and Western Bulldogs football club facilities.
- It is recognised that the GSF offers capital funding opportunities for local cultural/arts/sports infrastructure projects located in the Interface and Regional Victoria (peri-urban areas), as does the Statewide Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program which has been allocated \$110 million (TEI) in the Budget.