



Media release

The Hon Martin Dixon MP

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Peninsula Link easing traffic congestion one year on

Minister and Member for Nepean Martin Dixon today announced that traffic volumes collected on Peninsula Link during its first 12 months demonstrate that Victorians love using the state's newest freeway.

Mr Dixon said that approximately 20 million vehicle trips have been made on Peninsula Link since its opened last year.

'The traffic volumes tell us that drivers have quickly adapted to using Peninsula Link, which allows people to travel all the way from central Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula without encountering a single traffic light,' said Mr Dixon.

'Commuter feedback indicates that drivers are enjoying the significant reduction in the time they spend travelling to and from work, while visitors to the Mornington Peninsula are finding their holiday journey much faster,' Mr Dixon said.

Traffic monitoring also confirms that the opening of Peninsula Link has led to reduced traffic on surrounding roads, increasing liveability in suburbs along the freeway corridor.

'Since the opening of Peninsula Link, vehicle volumes have reduced by over 30 per cent on many surrounding roads, including the busy Moorooduc Highway,' Mr Dixon said.

'The reduced traffic in these areas has significantly improved local amenity by easing traffic congestion and increasing connectivity for residents and businesses, while the 25km Peninsula Link Trail is proving popular with cyclists and walkers.'

Mr Dixon also released an anniversary video today, which includes an animation on time travel savings, and timelapse video footage of the sculptures being assembled on site.

'These sculptures were developed at the cost of the project consortia as part of the competitive bidding process for the project, illustrating just some of the benefits of Public Private Partnerships.'

Peninsula Link videos can be viewed at www.youtube.com/linkingmelb

For further information on Peninsula Link please visit www.peninsulalink.com.au

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