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WESTERN ROADS UPGRADE

The \$1.8b Western Roads Upgrade involves the design and construction of seven arterial road upgrades, a modification of a freeway interchange, and the rehabilitation and maintenance of 260km's of Melbourne's arterial road network over 20 years under a PPP model; the first of its kind in Australia for Arterial Roads

Project Scope: The Western Roads Upgrade Project is an Availability Public Private Partnership (PPP) between the State and the Netflow consortium. The Project consists of upgrades to the following key arterial roads in Melbourne's West:

- Dunnings Road;
- Palmers Road;
- Derrimut Road;
- Leakes Road;
- Doherty's Road;
- Forsyth Road interchange; and
- Duncans Road interchange.

The Project also involves the repair and resurfacing of 37 roads and the strengthening seven bridges/structures.

All of these assets are then part of the 260km's of road network that will be maintained for 20 years by the Netflow consortium.

Services: SmedTech was engaged by the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) to provide specialist PPP technical advice to the State. SmedTech worked with DTF to develop a new form of PPP framework different to any other in the market, based around a long term maintenance contract that doesn't include any operational responsibilities. As part of this engagement SmedTech developed the technical *Outline Scope and Requirements* documentation, further refining and improving upon the previous PPP technical documents that the team members have developed for the Peninsula Link, East-West Link and the West Gate Tunnel projects.

SmedTech provided advice and assistance throughout the RFP process, tender evaluation and the preferred tender negotiations and technical documentation close out of the Project Scope and Delivery Requirements for contract award.

Other advisory services provided by SmedTech include providing inputs into the drafting of schedules for the Project Deed, the development of KPI's and performance requirements for the project; and the development of a heavy vehicle volume change claim process.