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Witness:	The Hon Ben Carroll MP
Committee Member:	Mr Richard Riordan MP
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Question:

Minister, a summary of capital projects has been printed on page 102 of budget paper 2. A project previously listed under the Department of Transport was the suburban roads upgrade, northern and south-eastern. Minister, can you provide an update, including updated total cost and completion date for this project, please?

Answer:

The procurement and delivery of the Suburban Roads Upgrade program is the responsibility of the Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

Major Road Projects Victoria is delivering the Suburban Road Upgrade (SRU) program under an innovative new Program Delivery Approach (PDA) designed to streamline procurement and delivery of these important road upgrades.

The Victorian Government committed \$2.2 billion to improve the 12 roads and 20 structure rehabilitations that make up the SRU program in the 2018-19 State Budget. The Federal Government committed \$1.14 billion to the SRU program in the 2019-20 Budget, this funding will be incorporated as part of the total \$2.2 billion spend on these significant projects.

On 17 December 2020, the Victorian Government announced that 20 contractors (plus one provisional contractor) had been appointed to five PDA Construction Panels. These contractors have been pre-qualified to compete for projects with a size and complexity that matches their capacity and capability.

Four SRU projects are in the delivery phase: Fitzsimons Lane, Childs Road, Hallam Road and Lathams Road.

The SRU projects are expected to be completed in 2025, as committed.