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Green light for Kananook commuter car park

A new multi-deck commuter car park funded by the Morrison Government will be built at Kananook station, providing greater rail access for commuters in Melbourne's south-east.

The new 312-space car park will be delivered by Frankston City Council on Council-owned land conveniently located opposite the Kananook railway station.

The Commonwealth Government is fully funding the \$18 million Kananook commuter car park under the Urban Congestion Fund.

This announcement builds on the Government's original commitments to a 100-space commuter car park at both Kananook and Seaford train stations, and is in addition to the \$43.5 million committed to nearby Frankston commuter car park.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said this gives effect to a commitment made by the Morrison Government in 2019.

"The Morrison Government is committed to delivering infrastructure projects that improve congestion and safety for commuters across Australia, making it easier for them to move around our capital cities and ensuring they get home quickly and safely," Minister Fletcher said.

"Today's announcement delivers on a commitment we made to the people of south-eastern Melbourne to deliver more commuter car parking at Kananook station to encourage more commuters onto trains, which in turn will mean less pressure on local roads

"We will be working closely with the Frankston City Council, which has acquired the site to kick-start this project.

"Under the Urban Congestion Fund, we are delivering 182 packages of work nationwide. The total number of projects that are now completed or underway nationwide is 78. A further six are expected to start construction this year.

"By the end of 2022, more than 80 per cent of all packages are expected to be completed or under construction."

Frankston City Mayor Nathan Conroy said: "Council is delighted to welcome the news that Federal Government is backing our proposal to maintain vital funding within Frankston by building a multilevel commuter car park that services the Frankston City and broader Mornington Peninsula communities," Mr Conroy said.

"We are confident that this project will meet the needs of current and future commuter car parking demands for Seaford, Kananook and Frankston communities and for those travelling from the Mornington Peninsula to access metropolitan rail services.

"Additionally, this new car park will service the needs of the neighbouring Frankston Basketball Stadium during off-peak commuter periods, such as for night-time and weekend training and competition.

"We're excited to get this project underway as a display of Council's commitment to working collaboratively and positively with other levels of government for the benefit of the Frankston City community and we thank the Federal Government for this vital investment."

Senator for Victoria Jane Hume welcomed the announcement.

"The Morrison Government is delivering for the Frankston and Seaford communities," Senator Hume said.

"Projects like this create vital jobs in the local area as we recover from COVID-19, and help commuters get to work and home sooner and safer.

Council expects to complete construction on the Kananook commuter car park by the end of 2023.

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