SMEC Secures Significant Rail Upgrade, Victoria

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SMEC, in consortium with Lend Lease and Coleman Rail, has been confirmed as the preferred alliance partner for the Ballarat Line Upgrade Project.

Delivered by the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority, the $518 million upgrade will deliver more trains and provide extra services during peak times, helping to improve reliability for Melbourne’s outer western suburbs, Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and Ballarat.

The upgrade will duplicate 18 km of rail, install additional passing loops, build new stabling facilities and station platforms and provide car parking. Construction will commence in early 2018, with a target completion date of late 2019.

Project scope of work includes:

- duplication of 18 km of rail track between Deer Park West and Melton
- additional platforms at Bacchus Marsh and Ballan stations
- upgrading Rockbank station to include platform extensions, a pedestrian link between platforms and car park facilities
- new stabling facilities at Maddingley and the removal of stabling facilities at Bacchus Marsh
- a 5 km passing loop at Ballan
- a 4 km Spreadeagle passing loop near Millbrook allowing for the removal of five level crossings
- duplication of 3 km of track east of Warrenheip Junction

With Melbourne’s outer west population continuing to grow, this project will deliver significant benefits to local communities, helping to improve safety and provide a more frequent and reliable train service.

This is a significant win for SMEC and builds upon our reputation for delivering innovative solutions for transport infrastructure projects worldwide.

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