

The construction of the North East Link and associated works on the Eastern Freeway will:

- **Double the width of the Eastern Freeway**

The NEL will negatively impact the Eastern Freeway from Bulleen Road to the Ringwood tunnels – there will be at least double the number of lanes. Trees and shrubs in the freeway reserve will make way for bitumen surfaces.

- **Destroy adjacent Parks and Open Spaces**

All linear parks, open spaces, waterways and shared use paths abutting the freeway are in imminent danger. Increasing freeway width will require the destruction of adjacent parklands and open space on both sides of the freeway from Bulleen Road through Mont Albert North, Box Hill North, Blackburn North, Nunawading and Mitcham.

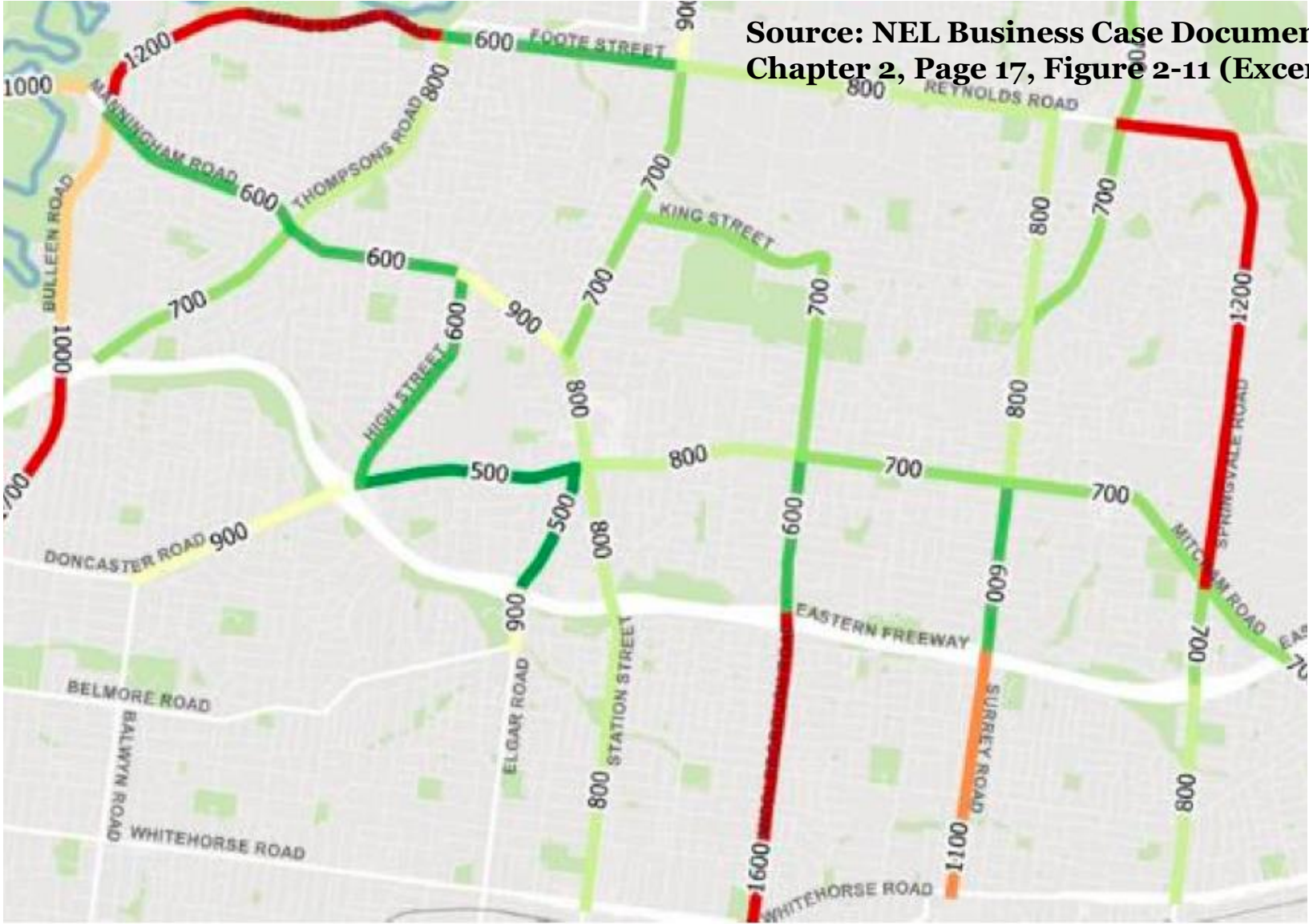
- **Cause gridlock on our major North-South Roads**

The main north-south roads in Whitehorse are ALL currently at or near ‘over-capacity’ at peak periods. Major road-widening will be needed to cope with the projected increase in traffic volumes on Elgar Road, Station Street, Middleborough Road, Surrey/Blackburn Road and Springvale Road.

Current Traffic Situation in Whitehorse (2017)

By the definition of AM Peak traffic 'over capacity' for arterial roads (i.e. over 800-900 vehicles per lane per hour), the map below shows Elgar, Middleborough and Surrey Roads are already over capacity and Springvale Rd. and Station St. are borderline over capacity. See also Bulleen Rd. (South) and Doncaster Rd. (South).

Source: NEL Business Case Document, Chapter 2, Page 17, Figure 2-11 (Excerpt)



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North East Link traffic distribution

As discussed previously, the majority of traffic from North East Link travels to and from the eastern end of the Eastern Freeway. Approximately 75 percent of vehicles travelling southbound on North East Link head east when joining the Eastern Freeway as presented in [Figure 16](#).

Approximately 30 percent of North East Link traffic also travels through the EastLink tunnels; this means that 45 percent of traffic on North East Link either enter or exit the Eastern Freeway between Doncaster Road and Springvale Road. Only five percent of traffic on North East Link is destined for Hoddle Street.

Figure 16 Distribution of southbound North East Link traffic using the Eastern Freeway (2036)



Predicted changes in daily truck volumes (2036) with North East Link focusing on Whitehorse municipality and surrounds Red = ↑; Blue = ↓



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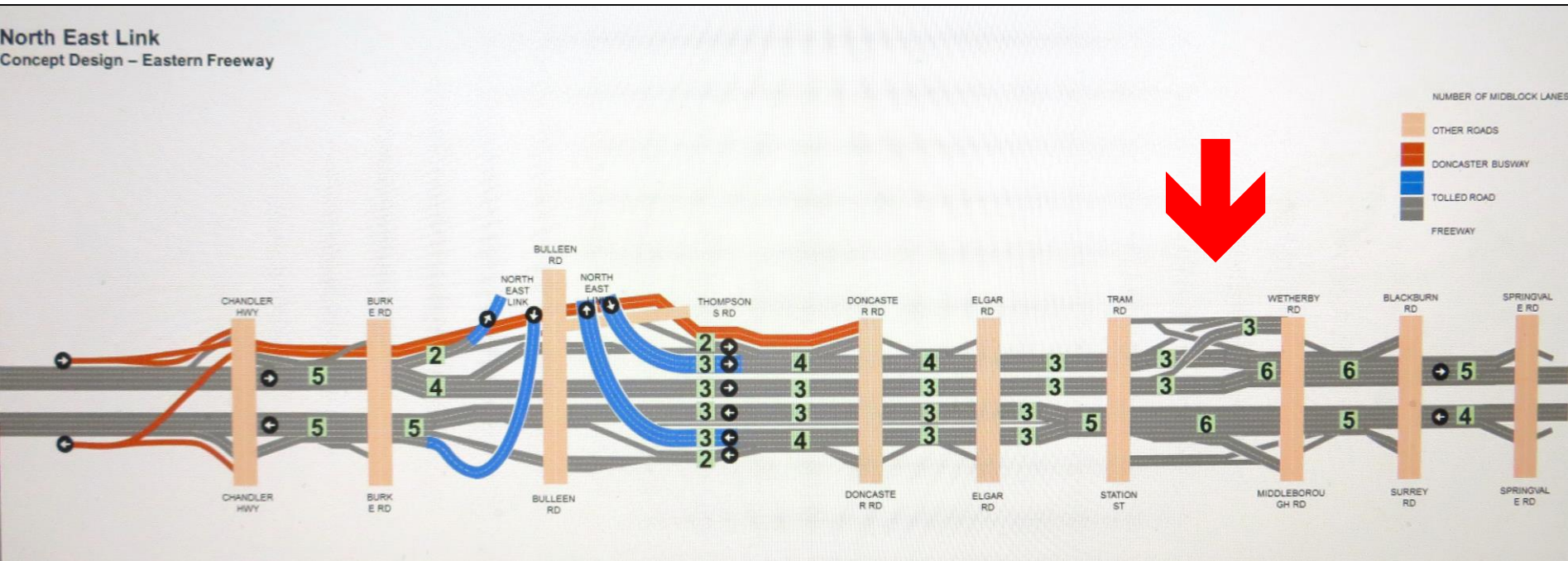


Figure 5 – Eastern Freeway Upgrade: Chandler Highway to Springvale Road

Check out how many freeway and associated road lanes are planned. For example there'll be upwards of 20 lanes between Station Street and Middleborough Road!