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Tulla Freeway's Biggest Customer Expects Faster, Safer Trip to the Airport

The opening tomorrow of the outbound lanes of the Tullamarine-Calder Freeway interchange should produce significant safety and travel time benefits, according to the operators of Skybus, the Tullamarine Freeway's biggest single customer.

"Skybus moves around 70,000 bus trips from Southern Cross Station to the Airport and back annually, so we know this stretch of road intimately," said Skybus Managing Director Simon Cowen.

"More than a million Skybus passengers each year will see the benefits of these improvements.

"Now that the inbound and outbound interchanges are complete we should see improvements in travel times in both directions.

"We currently estimate the trip at 20 minutes from Southern Cross Station to kerb side at the Airport, but that should come back a couple of minutes on average. Commuters will see the biggest improvement from better traffic flows in the afternoon peak."

The Skybus City/Airport transfer service operates the only carbon neutral public transport service in Australia.

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