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PORT OF MELBOURNE AWARDS RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTS

The Port of Melbourne's Port Rail Transformation Project (PRTP) continues to progress, with the awarding of two key contracts for new rail infrastructure at the port.

WSP and Seymour Whyte Constructions have been engaged to develop new rail infrastructure at the port, including a new rail terminal interfacing with the container terminal at Swanson Dock East. WSP will provide the design consultancy services, and Seymour Whyte Constructions the early contractor involvement.

The Port Rail Transformation Project is an investment by the Port of Melbourne of more than \$125m for the total project, and provides a new operating environment and infrastructure to help move more freight off trucks and onto rail and to make our regional rail supply chains more efficient.

Site investigations will be underway in March 2021 with construction planned to commence in July. The project is scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2023.

Port of Melbourne CEO, Brendan Bourke, said despite the challenges of COVID-19, the port is committed to its 30 year development strategy, including investing in rail.

"Our 30 year Port Development Strategy provides a clear plan to meet and enable sustainable trade growth over the long term. The PRTP is an important part of this plan.

"As Australia's largest container and general cargo port, it's critical that we maintain a long term investment view so that we continue to meet the freight needs of Victoria and south east Australia. We are excited to be working with WSP and Seymour Whyte Constructions on the development of the PRTP," he said.

In October 2020, Port of Melbourne and Patrick reached an agreement to build the Coode Road Terminal. Patrick Terminals CEO, Michael Jovicic said "I am pleased to confirm Patrick's continued investment in port rail capacity. Our contribution to the Port Rail Transformation Project will help drive more efficient movement of rail volumes in line with broader policy to support modal shift."

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About the P RTP

Key elements of the Port Rail Transformation Project are:

- integrated Port of Melbourne provision of port rail land and assets – Port of Melbourne is restructuring the port rail land and asset commercial arrangements for leaseholders within the Swanson Dock East Precinct to provide rail land and assets on the same basis it provides wharf and road land and assets.
- new rail terminal capacity – development of a new rail terminal at Swanson Dock East. This terminal will interface with the Swanson Dock East International Container Terminal and will provide a lower cost transfer of containers between rail and ships.
- improved rail terminal operation arrangements and transparency – new working arrangements between Port of Melbourne and Rail Terminal Operators at most current and all future port rail terminals. This encourages market competition between rail terminals and increases transparency.



About WSP

[WSP](#) is one of the world's leading engineering professional services consulting firms, bringing together approximately 5,500 talented people across more than 50 offices in Australia and New Zealand. We are technical experts who design and provide strategic advice on sustainable solutions, engineering projects that will help societies grow for lifetimes to come.

About Seymour Whyte Constructions

[Seymour Whyte](#) is a multi-award-winning civil contractor that delivers major essential infrastructure across Australia. With over 30 years of proven expertise in project delivery, we have earned a solid reputation as a smarter partner in delivering complex and innovative projects through collaborative contracting. Our clients trust us to manage their most complex challenges in engineering and environmental management, elaborate staging, logistical constraints, and stakeholder impacts, in addition to our core capability of transport infrastructure engineering and construction services.

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