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### **New funds for roads**

THE federal government has found an extra \$400 million in the month since the Budget to spend on roads.

The new funding will be revealed when Transport Minister John Anderson unveils national transport plan Auslink tomorrow. It brings new Commonwealth road and rail funding announced this year to almost \$2.5 billion.

The May Budget identified new funding of \$1.9 billion for Auslink but not spending details.

The Government hopes Auslink will be a big rural vote winner. It replaces the Roads of National Importance scheme co-funded at state and federal levels.