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Additional light rail services

Glen Eira City Council is calling on the State Government to commit to the construction of two additional light rail services for two new routes across Glen Eira.

NEW LIGHT RAIL SERVICES NEEDED IN GLEN EIRA

An integrated light rail system connecting Glen Eira residents to both the Melbourne CBD and the Monash National Employment Cluster is needed to ensure our public transport system can cope with future population growth. Light rail systems have the capacity to provide fast and frequent services that connect major population areas, employment centres, social and cultural hubs.

By 2031, Glen Eira's roads will need to cater for more than 22,432 additional cars. This is in addition to an estimated 3.5 million extra trips daily across Melbourne's transport network, contributing to rising congestion on local roads and travel and parking frustration.

In 2018, The Andrews Labor Government committed \$3 million to plan and design a new light rail link to connect Caulfield and Rowville <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/new-tram-to-connect-citys-south-east/>

It was reported that stage one would link Caulfield Station to Monash University's Clayton campus via Chadstone Shopping Centre then to Rowville via Waverley Park. The key rail interchange at Caulfield Station and Monash University's Caulfield campus would boost the area's economic activity and reduce traffic congestion on nearby arterial roads.

The *Rowville Light Rail Project Report* has not been released by the State Government.

FACTS

Widespread growth in population across Melbourne has seen an increase in cars on our roads, overcrowded trains and heightened community concern regarding the ability for our transport system to cope. There will be an estimated 3.5 million extra trips daily across Melbourne's transport network by 2030.

More than a third of morning peak trips have either the Melbourne CBD or Monash National Employment Cluster as their destination. It is estimated that by 2030, time spent on congested roads across Melbourne will increase by 20 per cent.

The Monash National Employment Cluster, including Monash University (Clayton campus), is located approximately 10 kilometres from the City of Glen Eira. Currently there is no direct rail link to the Monash Cluster that supports approximately 75,000 jobs across a diverse range of industries.

It is anticipated that employment numbers within the Monash National Employment Cluster have the potential to double over the next three decades.

Neighbourhoods, including the East Village site, located in the south eastern quarter of Glen Eira experience relatively poor access to public transport, with access to a limited bus network only. East Village is a 25 hectare site, located on the corner of East Boundary and North Roads in Bentleigh East. This former

industrial site will be transformed to accommodate 3,000 new dwellings which will provide homes for approximately 6,000 residents. The area has no direct rail link with either the Melbourne CBD or the Monash National Employment Cluster.

THE ASK

Council is calling on the State Government to commit to the construction of two additional light rail services for two new routes across Glen Eira.

1. Caulfield to Rowville light rail service

This new service would connect the Caulfield Station precinct and Monash University (Caulfield campus) with the Carnegie urban renewal area, Chadstone Shopping Centre and the Monash National Employment Cluster.

2. Elsternwick to Clayton light rail service

Providing a high-quality service from Elsternwick to Clayton (along North Road) will ensure Glen Eira's largest urban renewal, East Village, is connected to major train stations and the Monash National Employment Cluster.

These two routes are supported by the *Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy 2018–2031*:
<https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/media/3639/integrated-transport-strategy.pdf>

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Expansion of the current tram network and upgrading to an efficient and frequent light rail service will increase public transport patronage. This will ultimately reduce congestion on roads, resulting in travel time savings.

The new light rail service will improve access to education and employment, which in turn leads to better long-term economic opportunities.

Light rail also has a larger effect in reducing greenhouse gas emissions than other transport modes such as cars and buses.

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