

Manningham Bus Improvements

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Meeting Our Transport Challenges

- The Government announced its Meeting Our Transport Challenges (MOTC) blueprint for Victoria's Transport System in May 2006.
- This Program involves a \$10.5 billion investment in Public Transport over 10 years of which \$1.4 billion has been earmarked for an upgrade to the Metropolitan public route bus system.
- These improvements will include upgrades to service levels following a series of bus service reviews conducted over a four year duration.
- Nine reviews have been conducted to date including the Manningham/Whitehorse/Monash review which commenced earlier this year and will be completed prior to Christmas.
- Separately under the MOTC Program some 200 bus routes across the metropolitan area will be upgraded. To date 124 routes have been upgraded amounting to 9,324 additional weekly trips in the metropolitan network.

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- These routes some of which are in the Manningham area have been upgraded to minimum service levels of 6am to 900pm weekdays, 800am to 900pm Saturdays and 900am to 900pm Sundays. Frequencies are 60 minutes or better in many cases.

Doncaster Area Rapid Transit

- MOTC also set aside \$83 million to develop a SmartBus style Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) network of arterial road and Eastern Freeway bus services.
- This high frequency network of bus services will operate seven days per week between approximately 500am and 12 midnight with buses every 5 to 10 minutes in the peaks, 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes late in the evening. Saturday services will operate approximately every 30 minutes between 600am and Midnight, Sunday services will operate between 700am and 900pm on a 30 minute frequency.

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- This Dart/Smartbus style network will be supported with bus lanes from the Doncaster via the Eastern Freeway, Hoddle Street, Victoria Parade to a City terminus in Lonsdale Street near Spencer Street.
- There will be other road priority measures such as queue jump lanes and “B” light phases at selected intersections.
- Real time passenger information at stops and high quality passenger shelters will be provided along the routes.
- The new network is currently under development and will be progressively implemented during 2009 with full implementation of the infrastructure elements of the network by 2011.

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- As a precursor to DART a number of peak bus service improvements will be implemented late this year on a number of Manningham to the City bus routes involving an additional 20 plus peak trips per day (100 peak trips per week) in recognition of patronage growth in this area over the past 12 months.
- This will mean additional trips on Doncaster Road serving the Park and Ride which caters for in excess of 2,500 boardings per day and additional trips on Thompsons Road, Blackburn Road, King Street and Middleborough Road all converging on the Eastern Freeway.
- MOTC also provided \$658 million to further develop the successful cross town SmartBus/Orbital bus Network. The routes that effect Manningham include:

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The Red Route

- ❖ Stage 1 - Mordialloc to Box Hill which commenced in June 2006.
- ❖ Stage 2 – Box Hill to Altona via Station Street , Westfield Doncaster and Manningham Road which will commence in early 2009.

The Green Route

- ❖ Stage 1 – Chelsea to Nunawading which commenced in August 2002.
- ❖ Stage 2 - Nunawading to Airport West via Doncaster Road, Westfield Doncaster, Manningham Road and Fitzsimmons Lane will commence in early 2010.
- ❖ Stage 3 – Airport West to Werribee will commence in early 2012.

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The Yellow Route

- ❖ Stage 1 – Frankston to Ringwood which commenced March 2008.
- ❖ Stage 2 – Ringwood to Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) via Maroondah Highway, Blackburn Road, The Pines S/C and Reynolds Road to commence early in 2010.

These Smartbus routes will operate as follows:

- ❖ Weekdays between 500am and Midnight on a 15 minute frequency all day except for the early morning and late evening when a 30 minute service will operate.
- ❖ Saturdays between 600am and Midnight on a 30 minute frequency.
- ❖ Sundays between 700am to 900pm on a 30 minute frequency.

These routes will be supported by road priority measures, real time information and high quality shelters.

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New SmartBus Routes



- Springvale Road
- Blackburn Road
- Stud Road

- Warrigal Road
- Caulfield to Rowville via Wellington Road

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Manningham Loop Service

- A new trial Loop Community Bus Service will be implemented around the Manningham municipality linking all the major shopping centres and the park and ride from late in 2008.
- The service will be provided between 800am and 600pm on a 30 minute frequency on weekdays and Saturdays between 830am and 530pm on a 60 minute service.
- As a result of this loop service Routes 283 (Westfield Doncaster – Bulleen) and 289 (Box Hill – Donvale) will disappear replaced by the loop and an extension of Route 281 (Eltham – Westfield Doncaster) to Box Hill via Elgar Road respectively.

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Nightrider Upgrade

- As a result of a recent review of the Nightrider network a new Nightrider route will commence from the City to specifically serve the Manningham area later this year.
- The route will operate every 30 minutes between Midnight and 430am Saturday mornings and Midnight and 630am Sunday mornings as a loop from the City via the Eastern Freeway, Thompsons Road, Templestowe to the The Pines Shopping Centre, Blackburn Road , Doncaster Road, Westfield Doncaster, Manningham Road, Thompsons Road and the Eastern Freeway to the City.
- In summary a comprehensive list of service initiatives are planned from implementation in the Manningham area later this year and over the next few years designed to meet increasing community demands for public transport.