



The Victorian Transport Plan.

Project: Doncaster Area Rapid Transit

Timeframe

Short-term

Benefits

- Boost buses between Doncaster and the CBD to every 10 minutes in peak times, from 2011
- Longer operating hours with more buses running more often in the peak and off-peak
- More bus stops closer to more homes so fewer people need to drive
- More bus priority lanes so buses can get ahead of traffic during busy times

Background

Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) is a premium bus service that will provide faster and more frequent services to the city for people in Doncaster, Doncaster East, Templestowe, Donvale and Warrandyte.

Within the next three years four bus routes will be upgraded taking the number of bus services each week from 200 to about 540.

Those routes are:

- Route 301 The Pines – City
- Route 304 Warrandyte – City
- Route 307 Mitcham – City
- Routes 319/308 The Pines – City

Services on these routes will run every 10 minutes during peak hours and operate between 5am and midnight on weekdays, 6am and midnight on Saturdays and 7am and 9pm on Sundays.

Real time information displays will be installed at some bus stops and timetables and maps will be installed at all stops. There will also be more bus priority lanes to keep services running on time.

In January 2008, Doncaster Park & Ride became Victoria's first pre-paid bus stop, with a pre-paid ticketing machine that has resulted in a dramatic reduction in waiting times.

The DART service will build on improvements already delivered in Doncaster following State funding, including service upgrades to bus routes, as well as the recent introduction of 27 new Eastern Freeway express bus peak hour services each weekday.

Cost

\$360 million