

# Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along Doncaster Road corridor



## The problem

Manningham is the only municipality in metropolitan Melbourne that is not serviced by either a tram or train. Therefore, our buses are crucial to how our residents move around.

In 2017, Council undertook a Manningham Bus Network Review, which identified 20 recommendations to improve the bus network and services. A key finding of this review was the requirement for further investment to improve reliability, connectivity and operation of many local bus services. Key actions identified in this Review include:

- A Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service between Doncaster and the CBD.

## The current situation

Pre COVID, 8.9% of Manningham residents used the bus to travel to work, compared to 1.5% for wider Melbourne.

The introduction of DART (Doncaster Area Rapid Transport) bus services back in 2010 (routes 905, 906, 907, 908) resulted in a significant increase in bus patronage numbers, with an accumulated annual patronage recorded of over 4.5 million in 2018/2019 (48% increase since 2010).

## The solution

The Doncaster Road corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposal is Council's number one major public transport priority. It has the ability to provide Manningham residents a direct mass transit public transport connection to the CBD, at a cost effective and shorter timeframe, than rail.

BRT is supported with the securing of the Doncaster Busway (as part of the North East Link Project) and several State Government documents, such Victoria's Bus Plan (2021).

## Our ask

Council calls on the State Government to:

- Fund Council to undertake a feasibility study to support the BRT proposal for Doncaster. Estimated cost, \$3 million.



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