

Suburban Rail Loop replication via bus service

The problem

Stage 2 construction of the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) is not expected to commence until at least 2030 leaving the Manningham as the only metropolitan municipality without a train or tram line for at least another 30 years.

The current situation

Manningham is the only municipality in metropolitan Melbourne that is not serviced by either a tram or train.

By 2030 Doncaster Hill traffic volumes are anticipated to be at a similar rate as existing inner-city levels, unless a 30% mode shift to alternative modes of transport (walking, cycling and public transport) is achieved (currently, 19% mode share).

The solution

Implement Express Bus Routes that mirrors the SRL alignment:

- Recommendation 58 within Infrastructure Victoria's 30-year infrastructure strategy seeks to "Improve frequencies and modify alignments of some existing bus routes and introduce new services to connect the proposed train stations along the entire Suburban Rail Loop project, to start building patronage for it".
- Implement a high frequency express bus from La Trobe University to Monash University. Specifically, this would be a new route that starts at Monash University and operates express services to Deakin University, Box Hill Station, Doncaster, Bulleen, Heidelberg and La Trobe University, essentially mirroring the proposed SRL alignment (with limited stops between).
- This could be delivered in the short term and well before the 30-year time frame required to construct stage 2 of the SRL project.

Our ask

Council calls on the State Government to:

- As a matter of urgency, Implement the recommendation from Infrastructure Victoria 30 years Strategy to deliver a bus service that mirrors the SRL alignment.



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