

# **Developing Sunshine's transport superhub**

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Melbourne Airport Rail will deliver major improvements to Sunshine Station to support the introduction of airport services as part of the station's transformation into a transport superhub.



### **Sunshine Station today**

Sunshine Station is a key transport interchange in Melbourne's west, with four platforms hosting more than 350 metro and regional services each weekday.

The precinct also features a major bus interchange, two 26-capacity Parkiteer cages and more than 450 car parks across three car parking areas.

Major upgrades to Sunshine Station were most recently completed in 2014 as part of the Regional Rail Link project, which saw new tracks built to separate regional and metro services and improve reliability. This included adding a new platform, upgrading existing platforms and construction of a new footbridge and concourse.

# **Sunshine Station's future**

### Major investments and precinct planning

The pipeline of major rail investments for the west – including the Metro Tunnel, Melbourne Airport Rail, Suburban Rail Loop and Western Rail Plan – will all contribute to Sunshine Station's development into a transport superhub.

This means better facilities, more trains and more travel options in a turn-up-and-go-style timetable, with services available to Melbourne Airport, Victoria's western regions, Southern Cross via Footscray, and Melbourne's CBD through the new Metro Tunnel.

To maximise the benefits these major projects will bring to Sunshine, the Department of Transport is developing a Sunshine Station Masterplan, which will look at opportunities for investment in the precinct and around Sunshine Station.

This includes considering the plans of key stakeholders such as the local council and other transport agencies.







## **Melbourne Airport Rail works & benefits**

Sunshine Station is a key gateway to Melbourne's west that will provide easy connections to Victoria's regions, the metropolitan network and Melbourne Airport.

As part of Melbourne Airport Rail, we will deliver significant improvements to Sunshine Station including a new second pedestrian concourse accessible via lifts and escalators, meaning easy transfers no matter which carriage of the train you're on.

These works almost double the footprint of Sunshine Station, double the number of lifts and provide an accessible pedestrian concourse at either end of the platform, similar to the setup at some of Melbourne's busiest train stations.

Other improvements include platform extensions, better weather protection and extra ticketing gates at the main station entrance. This complements recent funding provided to extend existing regional platforms and allow longer regional trains to stop at Sunshine.

The works also allow for a future opportunity to connect the new concourse at Sunshine Station with car parks on either side.

When complete, trips between Melbourne Airport and Sunshine will take around 11 minutes.

# **Sunshine Station transport superhub benefits**

- More trains and more travel choices, with peakhour trains every 2-3 minutes including every 10 minutes to Melbourne Airport
- Access to Victoria's growing western regions including Sunbury, Melton, Wyndham Vale, Ballarat, Geelong and Bendigo
- Access to Melbourne's CBD through the new Metro Tunnel, and to Southern Cross via Footscray
- A new pedestrian concourse accessible by lifts. and escalators, providing a concourse at either end of the station for easier train transfers
- Weather-protected platform extensions to support longer airport trains and longer regional trains
- Extra ticketing gates at the main station entrance, making it easier to access the range of train services
- Future opportunity to connect the new concourse with car parks on either side
- Potential future investments and opportunities around Sunshine Station as part of the Sunshine Station Masterplan
- Future integration with the Suburban Rail Loop, which will link every major rail line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line via Melbourne Airport



# **More information**

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