Suburban Rail Loop – connecting our regions

The proposed Suburban Rail Loop is an underground rail network forming a circle around Melbourne’s suburbs.

This proposed train network would connect every major railway line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line via Melbourne Airport.

It would link Victorians with the Monash, La Trobe, Sunshine and Werribee National Employment and Innovation Clusters (NEIC) and key precincts such as Box Hill, Burwood, Broadmeadows and the Airport.

Regional Victorian commuters would benefit from potential new regional super-hubs at Clayton, Broadmeadows and Sunshine. These direct connections into growing business precincts outside the central business district would provide all Victorians with better access to economic opportunities.

No longer would people living in regional Victoria have to travel into the centre of Melbourne to access world-class education and health services, including Monash, Deakin and La Trobe Universities and major hospitals including Monash, Monash Children’s, Box Hill and the Austin Hospitals.

Travel to and from the regions would become more reliable with around 200,000 vehicles forecast to be removed from our major roads.

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Creating jobs, growing our economy

More than 20,000 jobs are forecast to be created as a result of the project during construction. Victoria’s economy would receive a boost due to investment in growth precincts as well as travel time savings across the State.
Regional super hubs

Three new regional super hubs would connect regional passengers into the Suburban Rail Loop to access a range of world-class health, education and employment opportunities along the project corridor.

Sunshine super hub
Passengers from Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo would enjoy new and easy access by rail to services including Melbourne Airport, the Sunshine, Werribee and La Trobe employment precincts, La Trobe University and the Austin Hospital.

Broadmeadows super hub
Providing extensive new access into the metropolitan rail network connecting Shepparton and Albury/Wodonga passengers to services including Melbourne Airport, the Sunshine, Monash, Werribee and La Trobe employment precincts, La Trobe University, the Austin Hospital and Box Hill Hospital and TAFE.

Clayton super hub
Passengers from Bairnsdale and Traralgon would enjoy new access by rail to services including Melbourne Airport, Monash University, Monash Hospital, Box Hill Hospital, Box Hill TAFE, the Austin Hospital, the Monash and La Trobe employment precincts, Deakin University and La Trobe University.

Planning and business case development would give Victorians a chance to participate in the project development to achieve the best combination of social, environmental and economic benefits for the broader community.
Next steps

A project of this scale — amongst the largest in the world — could be constructed over multiple decades, with the first stages forecast to take around a decade of construction.

Business case development, detailed planning and technical work and community consultation could commence in 2019, and proposed first stages could be underway by the end of 2022.

State, Commonwealth and private sector contributions, as well as value capture, would be needed to fund the project.

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