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Commuters invited to meet their MP

pt4me2 is taking the *Best for the West* petition a step further and inviting commuters to visit local MPs to put forward their suggestions to improve public transport.

Cr Janet Rice, pt4me2 spokesperson and Maribyrnong City councillor, said that over 10,000 Melbournians had already signed online petitions calling for better public transport.

She said that MPs had received many hundreds of emails urging the government to provide better public transport.

Cr Rice said that commuters are very keen to send a clear message about public transport.

'As petrol prices soar and greenhouse targets loom, more and better public transport will be essential.

'We are organising small groups of commuters to visit their local MPs to discuss ways of improving public transport.

Cr Rice said it was a good time to talk to MPs about public transport because the State Government was preparing a new transport plan for release in November.

'We need to make sure that public transport is a top priority for the government,' she said.

Cr Rice said everyone who signs the pt4me2 petitions online will be invited to join in a visit to their local MP.

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Pt4me2 is a project of the Metropolitan Transport Forum which represents 19 municipalities across Melbourne on transport issues.

MTF Member councils are Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Casey, Darebin, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Yarra and Shire of Nillumbik.

Media release as a letter to the editor follows ...

Media release as letter to editor

Your readers are invited to join pt4me2 and city councillors as we visit local MPs to discuss public transport.

Already over 10,000 Melbournians have signed online petitions calling for better public transport and MPs have received many hundreds of emails.

Clearly the public thinks that more and better public transport is important. So we are organising small groups of commuters to visit their local MPs to discuss ways of improving public transport.

It is a good time to talk to MPs about public transport because the State Government is preparing a new transport plan for release in November.

The easiest way to join the visits to MPs is to sign the pt4me2 petition online (www.pt4me2.org.au) – everyone who does will be invited to join a delegation to their local MP.

Thank you

Cr Janet Rice

www.pt4me2.org.au spokesperson and Maribyrnong city councillor