



Seventeen mayors say get on board the pt4me2 poll

The mayors of 17 Melbourne councils have called for residents to use the pt4me2 public transport poll to have their say about public transport before 30 April.

The pt4me2 poll is a project of the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF), which represents Melbourne councils on transport issues. The MTF will be collating the survey results and presenting them to all the major parties before the state election.

“With the state election coming up in November, now is a crucial time to raise public transport issues,” said MTF Chair Cr Jackie Fristacky.

Cr Fristacky said that the surveys look at a range of citywide and local issues.

“Get on board our surveys to help get better public transport for all of Melbourne,” she said.

Visit www.pt4me2.org.au to have your say. The survey closes 30 April 2010.

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List of participating mayors and individual quotations

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| 1. Banyule | Mayor Cr Wayne Phillips |
| 2. Boroondara | Mayor Cr Jack Wegman |
| 3. Casey | Mayor Cr Lorraine Wreford |
| 4. Darebin | Mayor Cr Vince Fontana |
| 5. Glen Eira | Mayor Cr Steven Tang |
| 6. Hume | Mayor Cr Geoff Porter |
| 7. Kingston | Mayor Cr Steve Staikos |
| 8. Manningham | Mayor Cr Charles Pick |
| 9. Maribyrnong | Mayor Cr Sel Sanli |
| 10. Melbourne Lord Mayor | Mayor Robert Doyle |
| 11. Moonee Valley | Mayor Cr Shirley Cornish |
| 12. Moreland | Mayor Cr Stella Kariofyllidis |
| 13. Nillumbik | Mayor Cr Ken King |

- 14. Port Phillip Mayor Cr Frank O'Connor
- 15. Whitehorse Mayor Cr Bill Pemberton
- 16. Whittlesea Mayor Cr Mary Lalios
- 17. Yarra Mayor Cr Jane Garrett

DAREBIN: Cr Nick Katsis said "in particular we're interested to receive feedback from MTF on the community's thoughts on the current public transport services provided by Tram Routes 86 and 112, the Epping rail line, bus services throughout Darebin and intersections such as Reservoir Junction."

YARRA: Mayor Cr Garrett said that upgrading Richmond and Victoria Park stations, dealing with overcrowding on public transport, and rail for the Doncaster corridor to Ringwood, were some of the key issues for Yarra being surveyed. "Our Council looks forward to seeing responses on these issues. Views on transit on the Doncaster corridor will assist Council in its input to the Hoddle Street study" said Cr Garrett.

PORT PHILLIP: Mayor Cr Frank O'Connor added that an upgrade of Balaclava Train Station was one of the local issues being surveyed.

MANNINGHAM: Mayor Cr Charles Pick said "the missing rail link to Doncaster is one of the biggest 'gaps' in Melbourne's transport infrastructure and one of the local issues being surveyed. Public transport continues to struggle with the pressure of an increasing population and greater patronage, so with the state election coming up in November, now is a crucial time to raise public transport issues."

MELBOURNE: "Our concerns include late night transport, reliability and timeliness of services and building patronage growth," the Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said. "As the number of people visiting the city each day continues to increase it will be critical to further improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the public transport network," Cr Kevin Louey said.

BOROONDARA: Cr Wegman said that accessible tram stops along Route 109 was one of the local issues being surveyed as well as a review of bus route networks in Boroondara.

WHITEHORSE: Cr Pemberton said "the online poll has a dedicated section for eastern suburbs residents where members of the Whitehorse community can specify issues such as the upgrade of the Box Hill Interchange, extending the Vermont South tram to Knox City and extending the Zone 1 public transport boundaries to Box Hill as priorities to improve public transport use in and around Whitehorse."