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North, South-East and West – ideas for better public transport come from all directions

Highlights include:

Extending Zone 1 to Greensborough, a railway station for Southland, and much needed extra trains on the Werribee / Sydenham lines

Over 4500 responses so far

The Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) has just released public transport surveys for the West, South-East and North-East of Melbourne.

They are part of the forum's pt4me2 ***What moves you, What moves your vote?*** campaign in the lead up to the November state election.

MTF Chair, Cr Jackie Fristacky, said the surveys gave the public an easy way to put their ideas to the major parties.



'Already we've received over 4,500 responses. We'll collate everyone's ideas and put them to all the major parties in May,' she said.

The pt4me2 surveys look at bus, rail and train issues as well as local transport needs.

In the West, survey questions include the need for more trains on the Werribee and Sydenham lines, extensions to a number of trams routes and addition SmartBuses.

In the North East, survey questions include more frequent rail services, duplication of the Hurstbridge line between Heidelberg and Rosanna, more buses linking rural townships and extending Zone 1 to Greensborough Station.

In the South East, survey questions include extending the rail line to Cranbourne East, a rail link for Southland shopping centre, SmartBus linking Sandringham with Fountain Gate, a SmartBus from Fountain Gate to Frankston and more railway car parks.

The public are also invited to take the Premier's challenge and nominate the first three decisions they'd make if they had Victoria's top job.

The surveys are available at www.pt4me2.org.au until 30 April 2010.

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