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What moves you, what moves your vote?

Local transport surveys highlight many gaps

Stop press: Over 2500 survey responses received in first week online.

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Gaps in local public transport highlight decades of neglect, procrastination and muddling according to the Metropolitan Transport Forum, which represents 18 local councils on transport issues.

The Forum has launched a series of local public transport surveys to get the public involved in securing commitments on key projects in the run up to November's state election.

'Every municipality in Melbourne has a list of public transport 'gaps' that could be fixed in the next term of State Government,' according to Metropolitan Transport Forum Chair, Cr Jackie Fristacky.

'Everywhere you look there are big gaps in public transport. Gaping holes like a rail link to Doncaster, Chadstone, Monash University or Tullamarine Airport'.

Other gaps include

- Long awaited rail extensions to Aurora and Mernda in the North
- Much needed tram extensions to Gladstone Park, Knox City, Fawkner, Glenroy and South Morang
- Important station upgrades at South Yarra, Richmond, Balacava, Victoria Park
- Modern interchanges at Greensborough, Box Hill, Ringwood and Dandenong
- Better bus services, especially extended hours, more connectivity, greater frequency
- More orbital SmartBus services, providing cross town connections.

'As public transport struggles to cope with the dual pressures of increased population and greater patronage, we need the State government to fill these gaps as soon as possible'.

Cr Fristacky said that while many Councils welcomed the Government's Victorian Transport Plan, there was widespread concern that progress was too slow.

'The plans talks about billions of dollars, yet so many gaps exist and will continue to exist for many years to come'.

Cr Fristacky said both the Councils and the public were looking for faster progress on public transport projects.

'We are asking the public to say what would move their vote this coming November. Progress on public transport, or the lack of it, will be an issue for many the State election,' she said.



'Many of these gaps can be filled in the next term of government. We need to move from promise to progress more quickly on more projects'.

The surveys can be found at www.pt4me2.org.au

Note: As of today, over 2500 responses had been received to the *What moves you, What moves your vote?* survey

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