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## **Media Release**

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# **Public transport forum: Northern suburbs**

*7.15 pm, Wednesday 27 October 2010, Preston City Hall*

*Three MLCs will be part of a panel discussion about public transport in Melbourne's north, at the Preston City Hall, just 30 days before the state election.*

Looking at public transport in the context of the state election, the forum will include a range of topics facing the voters of Darebin and Whittlesea.

The participating Members of the Legislative Council are the ALP's Jenny Mikakos MLC, Greens' Greg Barber MLC and Liberal Matthew Guy MLC.

The forum is the last in a series organised by the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) to give the community an opportunity hear directly from candidates about public transport policies.

MTF Chair, Cr Jackie Fristacky said there are many issues in the north including extending tram route 112, more trains, better bus services and level crossings.

Local Darebin councilors have supported the event. La Trobe Ward Cr Tim Laurence said 'public transport users can come along and have their say about developing our tram and train lines at this forum.'

La Trobe Ward Cr Gaetano Greco said 'the council and community plan to improve Tram Route 86 shows the kind of positive outcome achievable when the community is invited into the conversation about how to improve public transport. This forum is the ideal environment for residents to have their say about Darebin Councilors' desire to see Tram Route 112 extended from Regent St, West Preston, to Edwardes St near Reservoir Station,' said Cr Greco.

The community can suggest questions for the panel in advance by emailing [northernquestions@pt4me2.org.au](mailto:northernquestions@pt4me2.org.au) Questions will be also taken from the audience on the night.

More information: [www.pt4me2.org.au](http://www.pt4me2.org.au)

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