

Public and Active Transport

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KEY PUBLIC AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT INITIATIVES

2025-26 Victorian Budget



\$320 million
for free public
transport for
kids
(everyday)
and seniors
(on weekends)



\$727 million
to
operationalise
Metro Tunnel



\$98 million
for more
trains, more
often



\$270 million
for regional
rail
maintenance
and upgrades



\$98 million
to prepare the
network for G
Class trams



\$162 million
for more bus
services



\$14 million
for critical
public and
active
transport
upgrades

FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR KIDS AND SENIORS

Free public transport for Victorians under 18, everywhere in Victoria.

- More than one million young Victorians and their families stand to benefit.
- Families to save \$755 a year per child using a yearly student pass.

Extending free public transport for seniors on weekends to anywhere in the state.

- More than 650,000 seniors to benefit, saving more than \$360 per year.



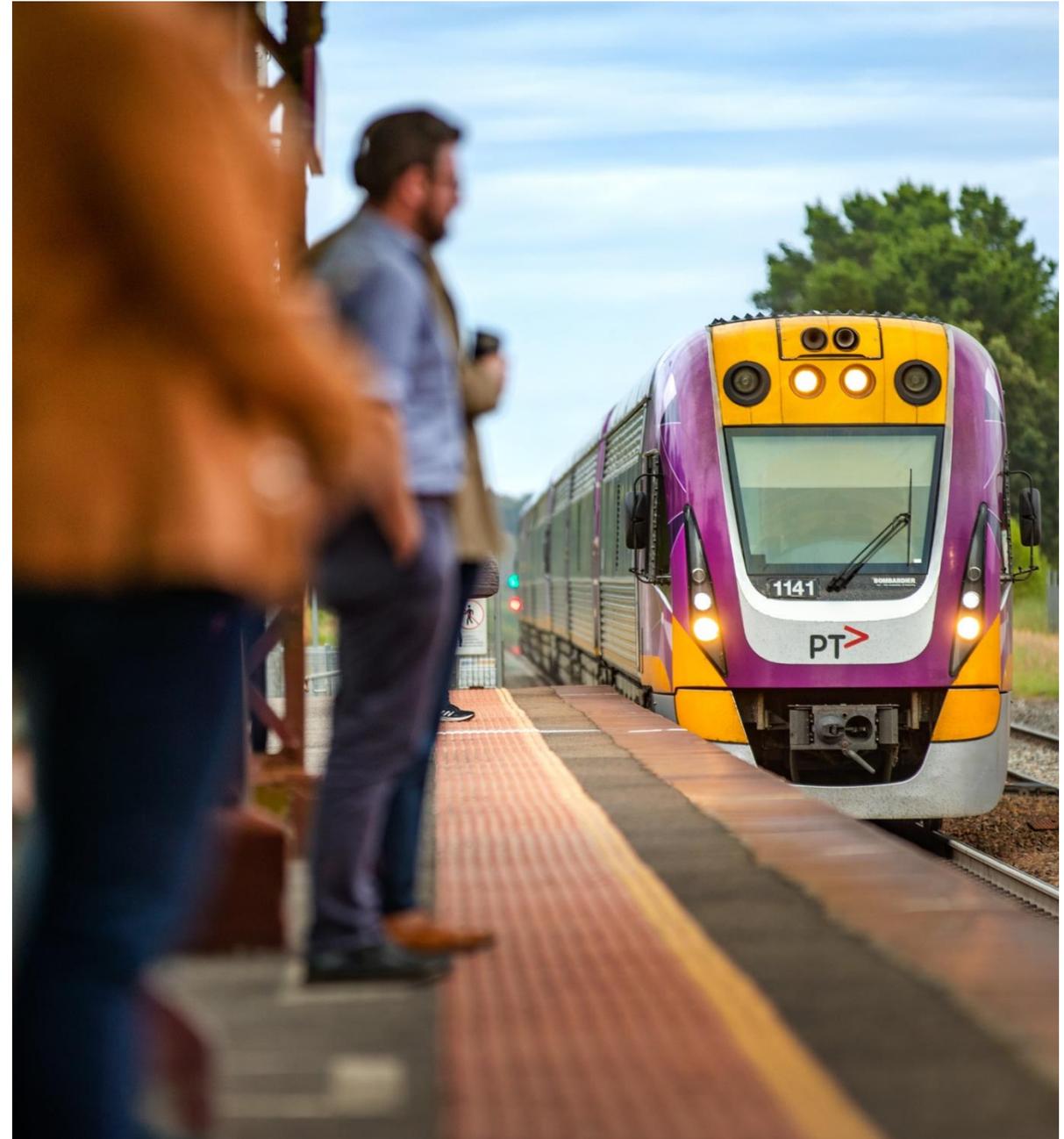
PREPARING FOR METRO TUNNEL DAY ONE

- The biggest transformation of the rail network since the City Loop.
- Frees up capacity across the network.
- Turn up and go services on the Sunbury and Pakenham-Cranbourne lines.
- Frankston line to return to the Loop.
- New destinations and interchange opportunities.
- Timetable changes across most of the rail network and buses and trams coordinating with trains.
- Signage and information campaigns to help passengers navigate the new network.



KEEPING OUR REGIONS MOVING

- Regional fare cap has saved Victorians more than \$132 million in its first two years.
- Regional Rail Revival is approaching completion.
- Over 950 V/Line services added since coming to Government, including 150 of 200 additional weekend services delivered across the Ballarat, Ararat, Geelong, Warrnambool and Bendigo lines.
- More modern, reliable and accessible VLocity trains operating across the regional network.



IMPLEMENTING THE BUS PLAN

Since 2014, more than 22,000 extra bus services per week have been added to the network.

This budget invest \$162 million for:

- Additional services for growth areas and new estates
- Aligning bus services with new infrastructure
- Extending the hours of bus services to reflect travel patterns
- Providing connections to the rail corridor



THE NEW G CLASS TRAM

- \$72 million for safety upgrades and infrastructure for the new G Class tram.
- \$27 million for accessible tram stops along Droop Street, Footscray including outside the new Footscray Hospital.
- Supporting the largest investment in locally made trams in Australia's history.
- Initially deployed on routes 57, 59 and 82, with further routes to be determined.
- Low-floor design with space for up to 150 passengers.
- Two dedicated wheelchair-mobility aid spaces.



CRITICAL NETWORK UPGRADES

- Cycling infrastructure between Melton Town Centre, the train station and Weir Views.
- Shared-use paths to Watergardens Station and activity centres on the Melton Highway and Sunbury Line Strategic Cycling Corridor.
- Tactile ground-surface indicators at Heidelberg, North Richmond, Ferntree Gully and Upper Ferntree Gully train stations.
- CCTV at six stations on the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo lines.

