

Public Transport Hearing 2007

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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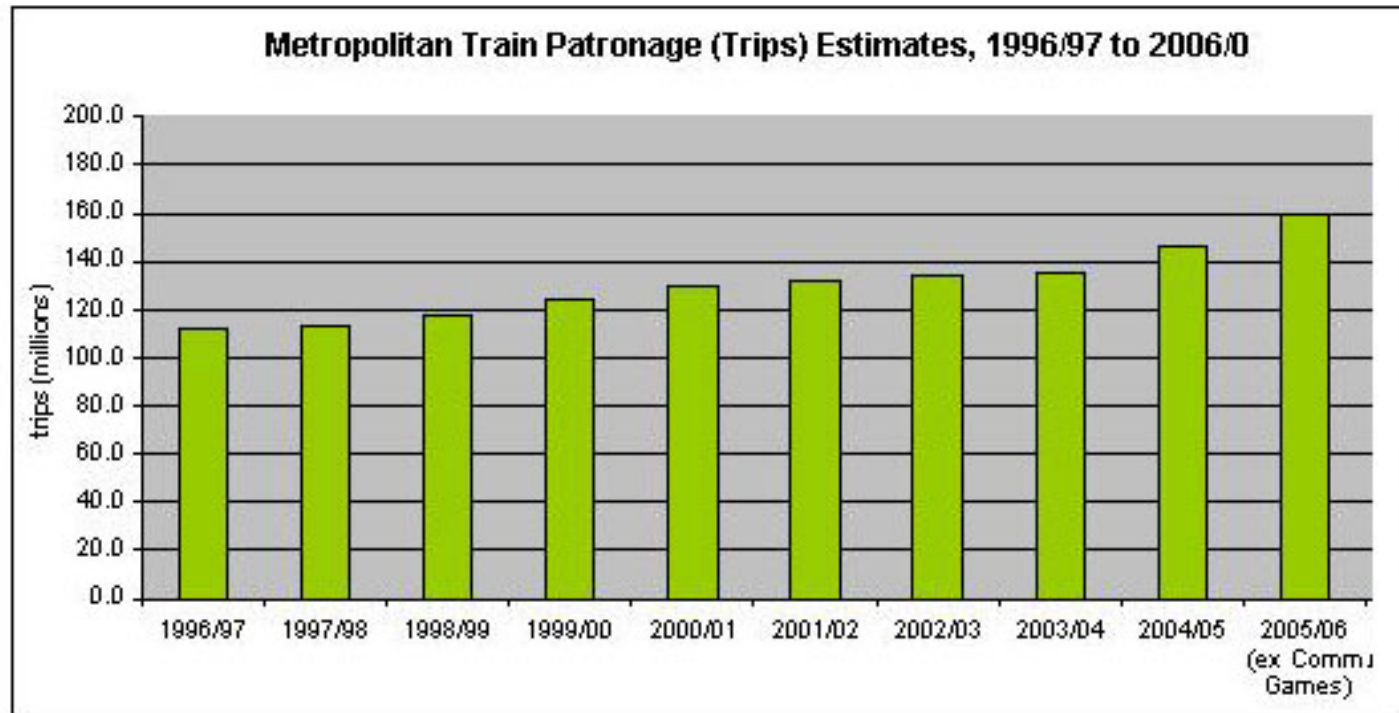
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Vital factors affecting Victoria's public transport network:

- Minimal investment in transport infrastructure in past 50 years.
- Population growth and economic prosperity have increased personal travel.
- Patronage on metro rail grew by 18.4% in 2004/05 and 2005/06.
- Mounting congestion problems are affecting both the public transport network and the road network – and extending beyond traditional peak periods.

Patronage Growth – Metro Rail



MOTC – Works Underway

Rail:

- \$34.9 million upgrade commenced at North Melbourne Station
- Additional rail services in peak and shoulder peak periods
- \$134.9 million upgrade to Metro Train Radio System
- \$88 million Metro Train Control system tender awarded.

Bus:

- Bus Service improvements introduced to 31 bus routes, extending operations to 9 pm, with a further 36 bus routes operations extended to 9 pm by June 2007.
- Construction underway for additional parking at Holmesglen and Tottenham stations.
- SmartBus – work underway on four routes.

Key Financials 2007/08

Operating Expenditure

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Revised	2007-08 Budget
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Total Department *	3,591	3,804	4,105	4,134
Public Transport Outputs	2,374	2,560	2,551	2,759

* Source: 2007-08 Budget Paper 4, page 73

Key Financials 2007/08

Capital Expenditure

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Revised	2007-08 Budget
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Total Department *	757	1,283	1,374	1,543
Public Transport Capital Projects	312	510	492	571

* Source: 2007-08 Budget Paper 4, page 74

Budget Actions

- **\$48 million** – Duplication of track b/w Clifton Hill and Westgarth Stations
- **\$35.1 million** – Stage 1 Dandenong Rail Corridor Triplication Project
- **\$36 million** – New station on Craigieburn line at Coolaroo
- **\$339.8 million** – acquisition of 10 new trains – in service from late 2009, more than one year before 2010/11 introduction foreseen in *MOTC*

Budget Actions

- **\$53 million** – Mildura Rail Corridor Upgrade
- **\$20.5 million** – upgrades of stations and modal interchanges
- **\$5.3 million** – upgrading of three metropolitan Premium Stations
- **\$3 million** – Hallam Park and Ride

Budget Actions

- **\$30.3 million** – regional Victoria bus boost
- **\$94 million** – *A Fare Go for Passengers*
- **\$13.6 million** – Public Transport Security Package

Public Transport – Ticketing

- Pilot of new smartcard ticketing system – MYKI – to commence in regional Victoria in late 2007.
- Full operational roll-out of MYKI in 2008.
- MYKI Discovery Centres – located at Southern Cross Station and touring regional Victoria
- Preparatory works underway at railway stations and Geelong bus network

Public Transport – Commercial Priorities

- **Pacific National buy-back**
- **Bus Contracts:**
 - 40 contracts with 24 private bus operators to expire in December 2007.
 - Currently renegotiating to have new contracts in place prior to this date.
- **Public Transport Rail Contracts:**
 - Current agreements expire on 30 November 2008.
 - Government considering all options available

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