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Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG)

Held on 4 June 2019 at 6:30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present:

Councillors

Cr Bob Turner
Cr Kathy Majdlik

Council Staff

Matthew Milbourne, Senior Strategic Planner
Sean McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy
Sam Romaszko, Manager Engineering Services

Community Representatives

Alan Perry
Alison Richards
Ian Matthews

Chairperson: Cr Bob Turner, Councillor (Mayor)

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor
Laura-Jo Mellan, Manager City Design, Strategy and Environment
Adut Dharurai, Community Representative
Lawrence Geyer, Community Representative
Madeleine Connor, Community Representative
Raj Arora, Community Representative
Vinea Fuimaono, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

There were no declarations of interest, or declarations of a conflict of interest.

4. General Business

4.1 Upgrade the Western Highway Campaign

Update on the campaign activity to date:

- 4,378 signatures to the petition

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- A delegation went to Canberra to speak to senior politicians in the lead up to the Federal Election – the Western Highway upgrade project is now understood by Federal politicians
- Cr Turner met with Jaala Pulford, Minister for Roads – the Western Highway upgrade project is now understood by State politicians
- The Western Highway upgrade project did not make it to either the State or Federal budgets
- Council will continue to advocate to State and Federal MPs and Ministers
- The Western Highway Action Committee support Council's campaign

Next steps

- Council is preparing an engagement program to continue to advocate for the upgrade – engagement will be held with local members of Parliament, relevant Ministers, neighbouring Councils, and relevant state government departments and agencies
- Council is working with Brimbank City Council to prepare a list of transport road projects and will advocate to the State Government for an Outer Suburban Arterial Roads Package for Melton / Brimbank
- Council will work with the State and Federal Governments to get the upgrade of the Western Highway on Infrastructure Australia's key priority list

4.2 Update on the Transport Projects that relate to the City of Melton in the State Government Budget

Matthew distributed a paper that summarises the transport projects that relate to the City of Melton in the State Budget (**Attachment One**).

4.3 Next meeting date

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 August 2019.

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.



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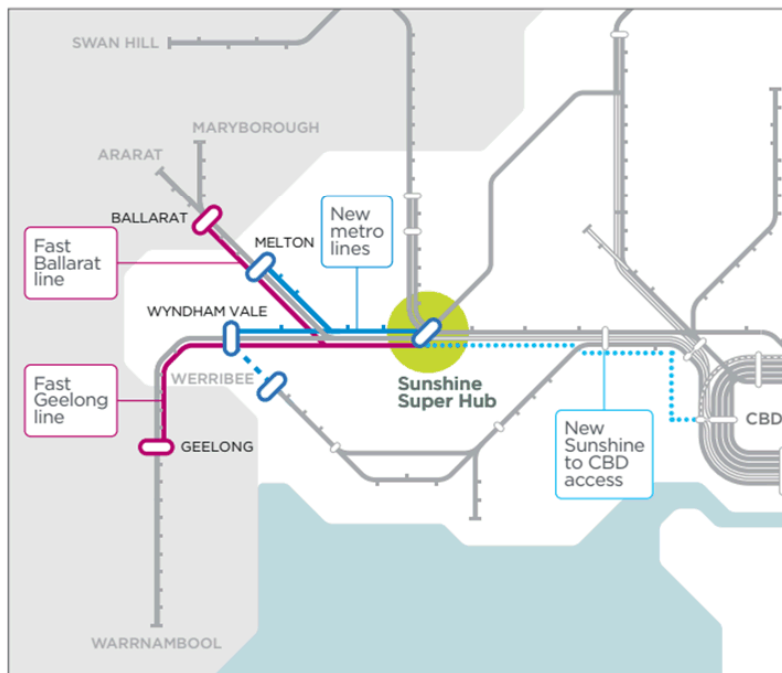
Attachment One

Western Rail Plan - \$100 million

Planning is needed for the following three major connected projects:

- Two new electrified metro rail lines through the western suburbs to growth areas in Melton and Wyndham Vale. It would separate them from the Ballarat and Geelong lines.
- Additional tracks between Sunshine and the CBD to cater for faster and more frequent metro and regional trains. This would most likely be a new tunnel that would be part of Melbourne Airport Rail.
- Major investment in the Geelong and Ballarat lines to run trains faster than 160km/h. This will include exploration of electrification of these lines and new, fast electric regional trains.

A business case is being developed and detailed design work is being undertaken for the *Western Rail Plan*, which will support population growth and economic development in regional Victoria and Melbourne's west by separating new, electrified lines to Wyndham Vale and Melton from regional services, and providing faster links to Geelong and Ballarat.



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Additional Train Services - \$195 million

Additional train services will be introduced across both regional and metropolitan rail networks following the completion of major projects including the *Ballarat Line Upgrade*. Timetable development and coordination of service changes between modes of transport will continue.

Build 18 new VLocity trains - \$340 million

The VLocity fleet is currently being modified. Nine-car VLocity trains are being investigated. The 18 new trains will replace older trains on Victoria's busiest regional lines including Ballarat.

Car parks for commuters - \$150 million

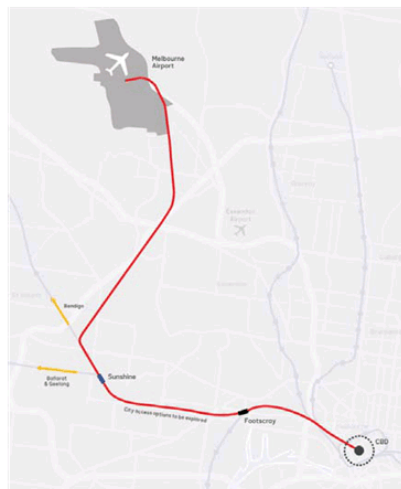
- 100 new or upgraded car parks at Melton Train Station
- 579 new or upgraded car parks at Watergardens, and 150 new or upgraded car parks at Deer Park
- Possibly 400 new or upgraded car parks at Caroline Springs Station – it is unclear how this will be delivered as the existing car park is surrounded by high quality native vegetation

Additional Level Crossing Removals

- Robinsons Road, Deer Park by 2025
- Station Street / Gap Road, Sunbury by 2025

Melbourne Airport Rail - \$680 million

Planning and development of Melbourne Airport Rail is already underway. Funding will be provided for business case development, design and preconstruction works. Melbourne Airport Rail will run from the CBD to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine, connecting Melbourne Airport to the rail network. It will be integrated with the Metro Tunnel and the future Suburban Rail Loop, paving the way for fast-rail to the regions.





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New trains for Sunbury - \$2 billion

A range of platform, stabling and traction power upgrades will be undertaken on the Sunbury line to support the end-to-end operation of High Capacity Metro Trains on the Sunbury to Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor.

High capacity metro trains will be run on the line – 65 trains will be purchased. The trains are 7 carriages long and can hold 1,380 passengers each.

The trains will be housed in an upgraded rail stabling yard adjacent Calder Park.

Suburban Rail Loop - \$50 million

Funding will be provided to commence detailed planning and pre-construction works on the new 90-kilometre rail line circling Melbourne’s suburbs, with 12 new underground stations that connect every major rail line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line. The Suburban Rail Loop will change the way people move around Melbourne – connecting our suburbs with major employment centres, universities and TAFEs, hospitals and retail precincts.

