



FACT SHEET

Bus upgrades

Quick facts

A number of local bus reviews have been done but not released.

A number of new growth areas are out of reach of the current bus network.

In many areas buses only operate every 40 minutes in peak periods, and do not run at all on Sundays.

The high frequency Green and Blue orbital SmartBus routes will not be complete until 2012.

Buses are the best way to connect local communities.

Key benefits

Buses can provide fast, frequent and convenient links between shopping centres, education and other transport routes.

High frequency services and more services at night and on weekends will increase patronage.

Bring it on

Bus reviews were done for Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley and Hobsons Bay last year, but the results have not yet been released. These reviews need to be released and implemented by 2009.

Buses should run to the same hours and frequencies as the train network, seven days a week.

All principal, major and specialised activity centres should be connected to all adjacent activity centres by fast direct bus services (unless already connected by train or tram).

Major train stations should have high frequency direct connecting bus services enabling more commuters to efficiently access stations without needing to drive and park at stations.

All freeways should have express bus routes along them with priority bus lanes as required

The Green and Blue orbital SmartBus routes should be fully implemented by 2010.

Upgrade the bus interchange at Moonee Ponds and construct a new bus interchange at Footscray.