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## Media Release

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### TOWN HALL MEETINGS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT START MONDAY

**Residents of Footscray, Brunswick, Richmond, St Kilda, Prahran, Bentleigh and Caulfield are set to question their politicians about public transport.**

MPs and candidates in some of Melbourne's most marginal state seats will face questions about public transport at a series of town hall meeting starting on Monday night in Footscray.

Organised by the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF), which represents 19 local councils on transport issues, the town hall meetings will be a Q&A format with Liberal, Greens and Labor candidates.

MTF Chair, Cr Jackie Fristacky, said public transport is a key issue in the forthcoming state election.

'The forums will let the public put questions directly to their MPs and candidates,' she said.

Cr Fristacky said MTF surveys show that the public are very concerned about frequency of services, overcrowding and the party's commitment to expanding public transport.

The forums are being held at six town halls during September, including Footscray on Monday night and St Kilda on Wednesday night – both at 7 pm.

There is also a CBD Q&A between Minister Pakula and transport spokespeople Mulder and Barber at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday at 5.30 pm.

#### Town hall community forums on public transport are:

Maribyrnong, Mon 6 Sep; 7 pm – 8.15 pm  
Melbourne, Town Hall Wed 8 Sep, 5.30 pm – 6.45 pm  
Port Phillip, Wed 8 Sep; 7 pm – 8.15 pm  
Yarra, Sun 12 Sep; 3 pm – 4.15 pm  
Moreland, Mon 13 Sep; 7 pm – 8.15 pm  
Glen Eira, Mon 20 Sep; 6.30 – 7.45 pm

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

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#### Full list of confirmed speakers

##### Maribyrnong Mon 6 Sep 7 pm – 8.15 pm, Maribyrnong council offices

ALP: Marsha Thomson, MLA Footscray and Parliamentary Secretary (Justice)  
Greens: Colleen Hartland, MLC Western Metro  
Liberal: Bernie Finn, MLC Western Metro

##### Melbourne CBD: Wed 8 Sep 5.30 pm - 6.45 pm, Melbourne Town Hall Supper Room

ALP: Martin Pakula, MLC and Minister for Public Transport and Industrial Relations  
Liberal: Terry Mulder, MLA and Shadow Minister for Public Transport and Roads  
Greens: Greg Barber, MLC Northern Metro

##### Port Phillip Wed 8 Sep 7 pm – 8.15 pm, St Kilda Town Hall

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ALP: Martin Foley, MLA Albert Park; Tony Lupton, MLA Prahran

Greens: Phillip Walker, candidate for Caulfield

Liberal: David Southwick, candidate for Caulfield

**Yarra Sun 12 Sep 3 pm – 4.15 pm, Richmond Town Hall**

ALP: The Hon Richard Wynne, MLA Richmond and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Aboriginal Affairs

Greens: Kathleen Maltzahn, candidate for Richmond

Liberal: Matthew Guy, MLC Northern Metro and Shadow Minister for Planning

**Moreland Mon 13 Sep 7 pm – 8.15 pm, Brunswick Town Hall**

ALP: Cr Jane Garrett, candidate for Brunswick

Greens: Cyndi Dawes, candidate for Brunswick

Liberal: Matthew Guy, MLC Northern Metro and Shadow Minister for Planning

**Glen Eira Mon 20 Sep 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm, Glen Eira Centre Theatre, Glen Eira Town Hall**

Liberal; David Southwick, candidate for Caulfield

ALP: Rob Hudson, MLA Bentleigh

Greens: Brett Hedger, candidate for Bentleigh