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Better public transport the 'road' to driver happiness

Local councils say better public transport is the best solution to increased traffic congestion.

Metropolitan Transport Forum chair Cr Jackie Fristacky said that better rail facilities are the answer to driver dissatisfaction with traffic congestion.

A VicRoad's survey ([reported in The Herald Sun](#)) shows that morning peak drivers are even more unhappy than train travellers.

'Over the past two years, drivers have become more fed up with delays and congestion. Unfortunately evening peak train passengers are also dissatisfied.

'The long term answer is to make public transport more attractive to more people. More people on trams and trains equals less congestion on our roads.

'The answer is more public transport services, new trains and better maintenance of the existing rolling stock and rail lines.

'Quality public transport is a better alternative to being stuck in traffic on the way to work. Travel time can be used for relaxing, using the blackberry, reading or preparing for work or study.

'We believe that drivers would be prepared to shift transport modes if better passenger services were available. This shift to public transport will ease problems for drivers,' concluded Cr Jackie Fristacky

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