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Public transport Q&A for hot seat candidates

Candidates in the ALP/Green marginal hot seats of Richmond and Brunswick will be discussing public transport with voters at town hall forums on Sunday and Monday.

Sunday afternoon will see ALP Minister Richard Wynne, MLA for Richmond, face off against Greens candidate Kathleen Maltzahn and Liberal MLC Matthew Guy at the Richmond Town Hall from 3 pm.

Monday evening will see ALP hopeful Jane Garrett (currently the mayor of Yarra) up against Greens Cyndi Dawes and Liberal MLC Liberal MLC Matthew Guy at the Brunswick Town Hall from 7 pm.

Both Richmond and Brunswick are currently ALP held seats but sit on a narrow 3.6% margin.

Metropolitan Transport Forum Chair Cr Jackie Fristacky said the town hall meetings were an opportunity for the public to hear directly from the candidates of major parties.

'We are anticipating that the public's attention will swing to key state issues like public transport, planning and infrastructure now that the federal election is over.'

Cr Fristacky said that the forums would look at a range of citywide and local issues.

Some of the local issues include

Moreland: more frequent services, especially on the Upfield line;
Yarra: rail to Doncaster; Hoddle Street planning, more frequent services; and more segregated bike paths;

'The forums are an ideal opportunity for the public to hear the parties' plans for improved public transport and ask questions about important local services,' she said.

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