

CONNECTING REGIONAL VICTORIA

HUME



The Hume region will benefit from more frequent and reliable public transport services and better facilities to get people where they need to go quickly, reliably and safely.

The Regional Network Development Plan will guide investment in regional public transport infrastructure and services over the next 20 years to boost capacity and efficiency across the network, and support population growth.

The plan aims to deliver 20 minute peak services and 40 minute off peak services for commuter lines, and five services five days a week for long distance regional lines.

The Victorian Government talked to people across Hume and considered local transport plans to ensure the plan reflects the community's needs.

Planning and delivery will start straight away so we can get on with improving regional public transport.

Here's a summary of the projects planned now and into the future to better connect the Hume region.



Population: 266, 471

(ABS census data 2011)

Projected population in 2031: 364,043

(Victoria in Future 2015)



Train service from Melbourne over the NSW border to Albury-Wodonga (300km) and a train service between Melbourne and Shepparton (via Seymour)



Coach and town bus service: Shepparton – Mooroopna, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Benalla, Wallan, Yarrawonga, Kilmore, Seymour and Cobram



Nearly 370 people attended workshops held in Shepparton, Seymour, Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

WHAT COMMUNITIES TOLD US

Reliability

- Greater reliability of services; improving the long journey time to Melbourne

Frequency

- More frequent train and coach services – suggestions to run shuttle services between Shepparton and Seymour and also Albury-Wodonga and Seymour to achieve greater frequency

Timetabling

- Longer operating hours – public transport that starts earlier and finishes later

Facilities

- Better toilets at stations and on trains, more car parking at stations
- Better trains with improved mobile connectivity
- Improved signage and lighting at stations and healthier food service on trains

GETTING STARTED

The following are initiatives funded in the 2016-17 State Budget:

More services

- Additional Seymour to Shepparton service extension each day to increase train frequencies on long distance routes and support tourism and weekend travel
- Investigate express shuttle coaches in the North East to connect with existing train services

Rolling stock improvements

- Revamp classic fleet and clean seats

North East Line improvements including:

- reconfiguration of rolling stock from three train sets of five carriages, to four train sets of four carriages to support improved maintenance program and enhance reliability
- refurbishments to the exterior and interior of trains to improve passenger comfort (e.g. deep cleans, new seat cushions, lighting and carpets)
- planning for a new rolling stock solution for the corridor.

Station upgrades

- Improve station car parks at Wallan and Kilmore East
- Upgrade Shepparton station waiting area to improve facilities for passengers
- Install bike parks at major stations in the Hume region to improve connections for train passengers using a bike
- Extra shelters at major bus stops in Shepparton
- Upgrade Seymour coach interchange to improve facilities for waiting passengers

Improved reliability, punctuality and frequency

- Commence planning for upgrades to the line between Upfield and Somerton to enable additional capacity to be provided on the Seymour line

WORKING TOGETHER ON LOCAL PROJECTS

The Victorian Government is partnering with local communities to deliver regional transport improvements through the *Transport Investing in Regions* initiative. The following projects will begin soon or are already underway:

- Construct fit-for-purpose bus shelter in Benalla to provide appropriate shelter for students travelling to Wangaratta District Specialist School, as well as the broader community

- Develop and implement an improvement plan for the pedestrian rail underpass connecting McIntyre and Victoria Streets in Seymour, including better pavement, lighting and signage
- Investigate options and develop a feasibility plan for the further development of the Shepparton Station precinct to address future community needs

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Extra passing loops, track, train stabling and signalling upgrades on the Shepparton line to allow for more train services and freight
- Improve travel times from Seymour to Melbourne by upgrading track and signalling to Seymour for speeds of up to 160 km/h
- Enable Seymour trains to bypass the busy Craigieburn line by connecting the Upfield and Craigieburn lines at Somerton
- Improve travel times and comfort by ensuring Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) maintains sections of the north-east line to Albury-Wodonga to appropriate standards following the completion of rehabilitation works by the ARTC
- Improve safety at regional level crossings
- Retire classic fleet and procure replacement stock
- Wallan service enhancements
- Investigate roll out of VLocity trains on the Shepparton Line
- Investigate opportunities for local transport in Hume to provide additional travel options for residents
- Review and upgrade stations and facilities in Hume in line with changing community needs
- Plan for and implement bus service improvements across Hume as demand for services change

More information

Further information about the project can be found on the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources website at transport.vic.gov.au/rndp

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