

Eastern Transport Coalition

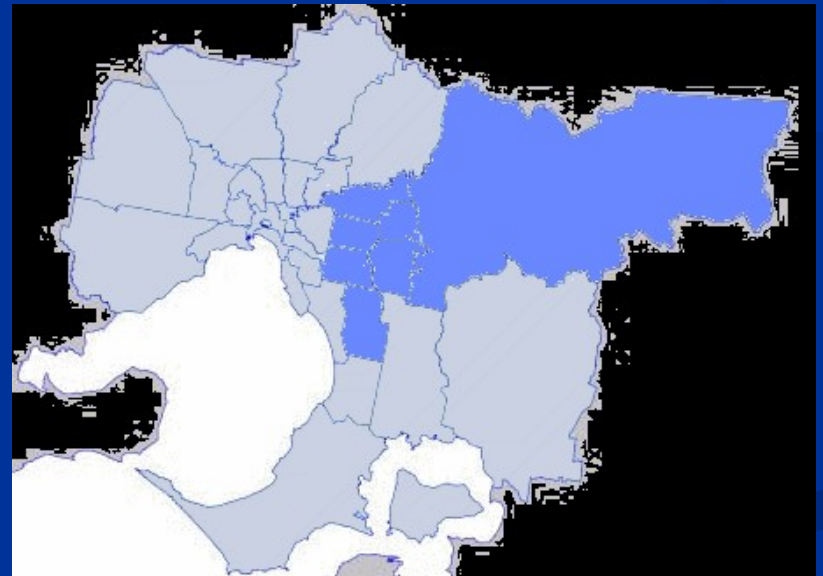
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Who Are We?

7 Councils in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne:

- City of Greater Dandenong
- City of Knox
- City of Manningham
- City of Maroondah
- City of Monash
- City of Whitehorse
- Shire of Yarra Ranges



Collectively the group represents one million people.

Mission Statement

The Eastern Transport Coalition will advocate for accessible and integrated sustainable transport in the eastern region of Melbourne to improve liveability and reduce car dependency

Aims of the ETC

A better transport system which has improved bus services, more rail, effective coordination and more people using it.

An integrated transport network that provides sustainable transport into the future.

Purpose of the ETC

- Advocate for improvements to public transport that generally have region wide benefits.
- Work cooperatively with Councils, stakeholders and governments.
- Support improvements when they occur.
- Represent the public transport needs and priorities of the region and significant parts of it.

ETC Survey

- Congestion was a major problem in the east of Melbourne and because of major holes in the public transport network people often had no option but to use a car.
- 71% of people use cars to get to work and 61% would use public transport if the option was available.

Survey Findings

- 71% travel to work by car (68% driving themselves).
- Only 15% use public transport to go to work.
- More than 70% use public transport once a month or less.

The Public Transport Solution...

- 81% of respondents said they would like to take more steps to reduce their impact on the environment.
- 73% of respondents believe that a lack of good public transport impacted on their ability to do something about the environment.

Further Findings

- People's knowledge about public transport is poor (64% describe their knowledge as average or below).
- Nearly 90% experience high levels of congestion.

The Opportunity

- The survey found that 62% of respondents indicated that they would consider using public transport more often if the quality and reliability of the infrastructure was improved

and importantly,

- 76% of respondents who travel to work by car indicated that they would be willing to consider public transport if the journey was much quicker.

Opportunities

To address the issues raised regarding failings and image of the public transport system the ETC sees that there needs to be improvements to both

- Infrastructure
- Services

Major Infrastructure

The ETC believes the Major projects that must be undertaken are:

- Train line from Huntingdale Station to Rowville
- Train line to Doncaster
- Increased capacity on the Belgrave / Lilydale lines

The ETC welcomes the recently announced improvements to the Dandenong line

Other Infrastructure

Improvements to:

- ticketing
- access for pedestrians and cyclists
- DDA accessibility
- bike facilities
- presentation of stations and their surrounds
- overall 'feel'

Other improvements

- Customer service
- Reliability
- Speed
- Hours of service
- Frequency
- Cooperation between Councils and Providers
- Marketing
- Improved image for Public transport

“Public transport is the best tool we have to simultaneously

- **reduce transport costs for our families,**
- **reduce levels of congestion on our roads and thereby improve the economic efficiency of our region**
- **and minimise our impact on climate change.**
- **Assist employers to attract staff and employees to drastically reduce their travel costs ”**

Cr Mick Van De Vreede

ETC Chairperson, ETC Summit 2008

THANK YOU

We look forward to a close working
relationship with the successful bidder