

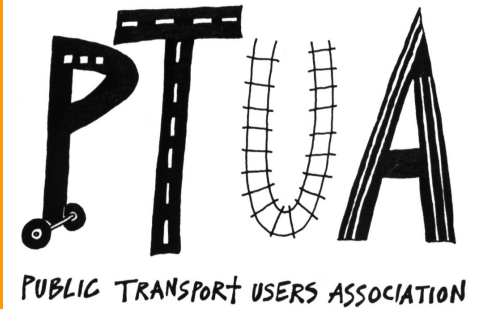
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Laburnum – Action Required

Laburnum Community Meeting
Wednesday 27th September 2006

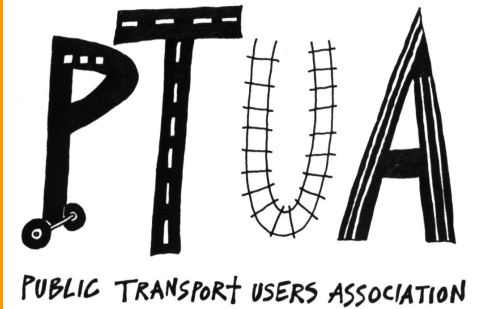
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The current project: shrouded in secrecy



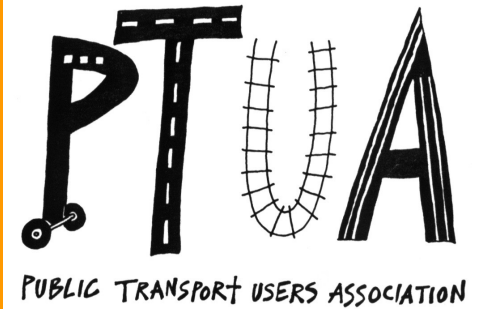
- Project announced as part of 2002 State Election
- Funding delivered in 2006-2007 State Budget
- Four years of waiting and yet poor community consultation
 - Project elements shrouded in secrecy
 - Last minute changes
 - What is the full extent of rail closures?
- Poor consultation provides an inferior solution
 - Poor consideration of station amenity
 - Inferior cycling and pedestrian access

Community action does work



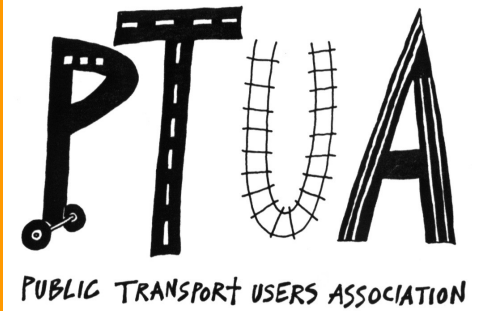
- Case Study Boronia Interchange:
 - 1995: VicRoads claimed that a rail underpass was too costly
 - Claimed rail underpass would cost in excess of \$200 million
 - Wanted to lower Dorset Road and cut Boronia into two
 - PTUA questioned costs and submitted alternative plans (estimated cost was \$23 million)
 - 1997: Project tendered for \$28 million
 - 1998: underpass completed
 - Rail line was closed for four days (two weekends)
 - Redevelopment of the station itself cost \$2 million

Laburnum – It is not too late!



- It is not too late to change Laburnum for the better
 - Project details are still changing
 - Plans are not consistent with community concerns
 - Alternative plans must be considered
- Community action
 - Speak to LCAG and the PTUA
 - Write letters to the local papers
 - Whitehorse Leader whitehorse@ldr.newsltd.com.au
 - Whitehorse Weekly journal@fcnvic.fairfax.com.au
- Get actively involved!

Contact the PTUA



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