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Banyule
CITY COUNCIL

Dear Mr Dev

Public Transport Victoria – Network Development Plan – Metropolitan Rail

Council at its meeting of 06 May 2013, considered a report on the Public Transport Victoria – Network Development Plan – Metropolitan Rail.

At this meeting Council resolved that:

- “1. *The State Government and the Minister for Transport be congratulated for the Network Development Plan - Metropolitan Rail dated December 2012 and only recently released.*
2. *That Banyule Council welcomes the many initiatives outlined in the document and in particular:*
 - a. *Upgrading the Hurstbridge Line and stabling at Eltham to accommodate more new trains. (To be completed by 2016);*
 - b. *Installation of high capacity signalling of the Hurstbridge and South Morang lines and the construction of a new rail tunnel and five new stations within the CBD and the duplication of the railway line between Heidelberg and Rosanna Stations (proposed within 10 years);*
 - c. *A railway line to Melbourne Airport, the diversion of the South Morang line into a new tunnel from Clifton Hill and Southern Cross Stations and railway line to Doncaster (proposed within 15 years);*
 - d. *Reconfiguration of the City Loop to provide seven separate, independent operated lines to the CBD, extension of the South Morang Line to Mernda with new stabling facilities, and the extension of the South Morang line from Southern Cross Station to Fishermans Bend (within 20 years).*
3. *Banyule Council is however gravely concerned the proposed plans do not include:*
 - a. *An extension of the South Morang Railway line to Whittlesea and the proposed extension to Mernda within a shorter timeframe (only scheduled for within 20 years);*
 - b. *Increase parking around suitable railway stations including the east side of the Watsonia and Macleod Stations;*

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- c. *Rezoning Greensborough, Watsonia, Macleod and Rosanna stations into Zone 1;*
 - d. *Consideration in the Network Development Plan for more Bus Services in particular to and from railway stations.*
4. *Banyule Council strongly supports:*
- a. *The construction of the railway line to Whittlesea as a priority;*
 - b. *More bus services interconnecting with trains to alleviate the growing demands on car parks around the train stations;*
 - c. *Rezoning Greensborough, Rosanna, Macleod and Watsonia Railway Stations to Zone 1;*
 - d. *Constructing more railway station car parks at eastern side of Macleod and consideration should be given to constructing a multi storey car park at Watsonia;*
 - e. *Reviewing the proposed Doncaster Railway line connection to the Clifton Hill Station and not the Victoria Park Station.*
5. *That Council:*
- a. *Write to the Premier, Minister for Public Transport, all local Members of Parliament, the Cities of Whittlesea and Darebin and the Shire of Nillumbik outlining this motion and the Councils recommendations;*
 - b. *Re-establish and utilise the Community Plan Working Group to convene community forums on a regular basis. The Community Plan Working Group report the actions required to address the ongoing traffic congestion in the City of Banyule, Council's advocacy to VicRoads, Minister for Transport, VicTrack or any other relevant Minister or Department and to receive public feedback on the transport issues facing our community.*
6. *Council make a submission into the stage 1 of the Doncaster Rail Study supporting the Rapid Transit Option, highlight the lack of a train station at Burke Road interchange, the lack of an extension of the 72 tram from Camberwell to Ivanhoe. Council also supports the immediate commencement of stage 2 of the study.*
7. *However, Council is concerned that the following projects within Banyule are not listed in the plan and requests their inclusion.*
- i. *The extension of zone 1 to Greensborough to support its Principal activity centre status.*
 - ii. *The construction of a modal (bus/train) interchange at Greensborough to support its Principal Activity centre status*
 - iii. *Increased bicycle parking at all railway stations within Banyule City Council greater connectivity between bus and train timetables to alleviate the growing demands on car parking in residential streets near railway stations within Banyule.*
8. *Council recognises the planning and investment that is being undertaken by Council in its bike infrastructure in its coming year. This includes the planning and delivery of a complete bike path from Plenty Road to Watsonia Station and then to Plenty River trail. Once completed this will be help connect communities in Banyule."*

As per item 5 of this resolution Council would like to request your consideration and support of Council's recommendations.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact Mr Daniel Kollmorgen, Council's Manager Development Services on 9457 9880.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and "P".

CR WAYNE PHILLIPS
Mayor