



Representing one million residents as the Eastern Transport Coalition

Factsheet #2: The Belgrave / Lilydale line

Lilydale line:

Total distance: 39 kilometres.

(4.7km of single track)

Belgrave line:

Total distance: 42.7 kilometres,

(7.05km of single track)

The Belgrave/Lilydale line, with approximately 93,000 daily boardings, is Melbourne's most highly patronised rail line. Ringwood, 25.8 kilometres eastwards from Flinders Street, serves as a junction between the Belgrave and Lilydale lines.

Linking many of Melbourne's main activity centres and growth areas, the Belgrave/Lilydale line is critical to ensuring liveable eastern suburbs and now is the time to expand the capacity and allow for future growth.

Capacity constraints:

The single track sections hamper service reliability, particularly during peak times, where a disruption along these sections has repercussions throughout the entire line. Further peak hour frequency improvements, which are needed to cater to the anticipated growth in rail patronage, will require the duplication of these single track sections.

The line includes a third bi-directional track through to Box Hill. To facilitate more efficient travel, including the provision of express services at Ringwood, triplication over the 9.6km of track is required.

Addressing these capacity constraints will reduce traffic congestion and allow for thousands of additional patrons to utilise the rail line.

Service standards:

While service levels on the Belgrave / Lilydale lines are comprehensive during peak periods, off-peak services are currently substandard. These deficiencies include a half-hour frequency at off-peak times during the week (10 am to 4 pm) and a 40 minute frequency on Sunday evenings (after 8pm).

In fact off-peak weekday services, operating to a half-hourly timetable, are less frequent than weekends, which operate at a 20 minute interval.

Frequency improvements to off-peak services can be accommodated utilising the existing infrastructure.

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Greater Dandenong, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges Councils

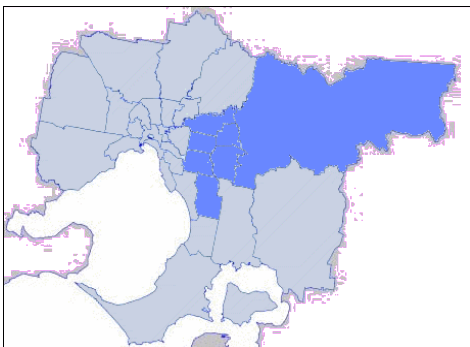
Supporting urban planning:

The third track would provide a unique opportunity to facilitate grade separation of the level crossing at Springvale Road, Nunawading to enhance the Nunawading/Megamile major activity centre. The existing level crossing, with its poor pedestrian access and traffic congestion, hampers the effectiveness of the Green Orbital bus route along Springvale Road. This leads to lengthy delays and poor coordination of this highly patronised bus service.

A call for action:

<u>Short-term:</u>	<u>Medium-term:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Improvements to off-peak service frequencies, to ensure a 15 minute off-peak weekday service, ensuring timetable consistency.● Improvements to Sunday evening services to a half hourly frequency, to provide consistency with Saturday services and the overall rail network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Duplication of the single track sections of the Belgrave and Lilydale lines (estimated cost \$16 million for Lilydale and \$24 million for Belgrave).● Triplication of the rail line between Box Hill and Ringwood to facilitate express services from Ringwood (estimated cost \$100 million).

About the Eastern Transport Coalition:



The Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC) consists of Melbourne's seven eastern Metropolitan Councils and represents approximately one million residents.

The ETC advocates for sustainable and integrated transport services to reduce the level of car dependency to secure the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Melbourne's outer east.

Contact details:

The Eastern Transport Coalition aims to work in partnership with Federal and State Governments to ensure the future sustainability of Eastern Melbourne.

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