



**Representing one million residents as the Eastern Transport Coalition**

## **Factsheet #4: Rail to Rowville**

Linking the CBD, Monash University and Stud Park, rail to Rowville has long been acknowledged as the missing link of Melbourne’s train network and now is the time to commit to its expansion and provide for the removal of 2400 cars an hour off local roads. The Rowville rail line would also service Monash University which has over 23,000 students and a scientific precinct that includes Australia’s first synchrotron.

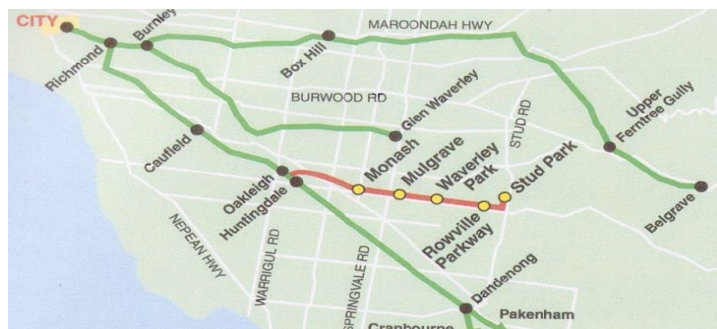
The City of Monash alone accounts for 6% of all metropolitan jobs within Melbourne, with the majority of employees living in neighbouring municipalities such as Knox.

### **The benefits of rail infrastructure:**

The Rowville Rail line, with its capacity to carry over 2,400 passengers per hour, would remove the equivalent of one lane of traffic from the Monash Freeway. This would provide substantial benefits to the delivery of freight through reducing overall traffic congestion.

The cost of congestion, through delays in delivery schedules and opportunity costs, has been estimated at \$20.4 billion annually, of which \$2.44 billion directly impacts eastern and south eastern Melbourne.

As a prominent industrial hub (contributing 40% of Melbourne's manufacturing base) it is imperative that Melbourne's eastern and south eastern suburbs are provided with an efficient and readily available public transport system to reduce overall traffic congestion.



### **The Rowville Rail Line:**

The City of Knox pre-feasibility study determined that the Rowville rail line was feasible and warranted construction due to its capacity to alleviate traffic congestion and mitigate rising greenhouse emissions.

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

## Reducing travel times:

Only heavy-rail will provide a journey that is competitive with car travel. The existing Wellington Road SmartBus results in an hour and a half journey from Rowville to the CBD or 40 minutes to reach Monash University.

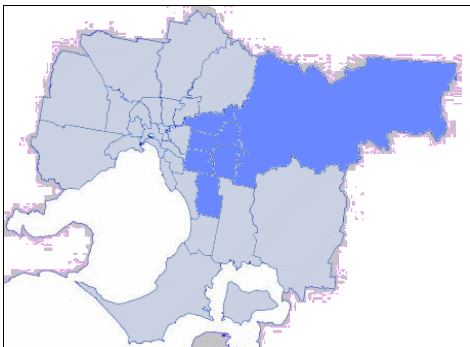
Heavy-rail by comparison could complete a journey to the CBD in just half an hour and could reach Monash University in just 10 minutes, providing a trip that is very competitive with car travel.

Furthermore the Rowville rail line would provide the opportunity to re-route existing bus services to serve the line thus increasing its catchment area and boosting public transport demand.

## A call for action:

<u>Short-term:</u>	<u>Medium-term:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Detailed feasibility study on the Rowville rail line</li><li>● A commitment with a detailed timeframe to construct the Rowville rail line</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Construction of the Rowville rail line (estimated cost \$450 million)</li><li>● Reroute bus routes to serve the Rowville rail line.</li></ul>

## 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 Government's to ensure the future sustainability of Eastern Melbourne.

For further details please visit [www.etc.org.au](http://www.etc.org.au) or contact 9298 8000.

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