

Media Release

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NEW FLEXIBLE BUS SERVICES IN MELTON SOUTH

Residents in Melbourne's west will be able to access on-demand bus services to connect them directly to railway stations, local shopping centres and schools.

The Andrews Labor Government will expand FlexiRide to Melton South following recent success in other suburbs across Melbourne.

FlexiRide services do not have a fixed route. Passengers will be able to book a seat via the FlexiRide Melton South app or phone, be directed to their closest bus stop – either a physical or appropriate alternative location – and be picked up and transported to dedicated hubs.

Four new buses will connect passengers to key destination hubs such as Cobblebank Station, Melton Station, Woodgrove Shopping Centre, Melton Bus Interchange, schools in Melton South and Thornhill Park.

The FlexiRide Melton South app provides users with real-time information, so passengers know exactly when their service is arriving.

The extension of FlexiRide follows trials in Rowville, and through Lilydale, Mooroolbark, and Croydon.

FlexiRide in Melton South will launch on 12 December with services operating from 6am to 9:30pm on weekdays, 7am to 9:30pm on Saturdays and 8am to 9:30pm on Sundays and public holidays.

Passengers can check the PTV website from 12 November for more information.

FlexiRide is an initiative of the Labor Government's Bus Plan, improving Victoria's bus network to meet demand, improve accessibility and performance, and deliver better value for money.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"We are expanding FlexiRide across Melbourne to improve connectivity and flexibility of buses – making it easier than ever to get to where you need to go."

"Improving our public transport network means more people can choose to leave their cars at home knowing they can catch a reliable bus service."

Quotes attributable to Member for Melton Stephen McGhie

"With significant population growth in Melton South, it is vital our public transport network is accessible and reliable to connect locals to where they need to go."

"FlexiRide will give local residents direct access to community facilities, ongoing transport options and education precincts."

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