

Media Release

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MAKING VICTORIA'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM SAFER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE

Several of the state's key transport sectors are poised to enter a new phase in regulation, with the Andrews Labor Government introducing a single authority, making it safer and easier for users and operators to access information and services.

From 1 July 2022, Safe Transport Victoria will unite the functions of Commercial Passenger Vehicles Victoria (CPVV) and Transport Safety Victoria (TSV), to create a new regulator to manage safety, compliance, accreditation and registration for commercial passenger vehicles, buses, and the marine sector.

Following an extensive search, Tammy O'Connor has been named Chief Executive of Safe Transport Victoria, bringing a wealth of experience across transport, legal and safety operations, and regulatory services.

Ms O'Connor will lead the authority into this new era, delivering support and direction to operators, managers, and users of these critical services via one point of contact.

Bringing the two regulators together will increase transport safety by strengthening existing resources and allowing experience, skills, monitoring and enforcement to be seamlessly shared across the transport portfolio.

Three safety branches – Bus Safety Victoria, Maritime Safety Victoria, and Commercial Passenger Vehicles Victoria – will sit under the Safe Transport Victoria umbrella.

Current CPVV and TSV employees will transfer to the new entity and continue to deliver the same essential services to the Victorian community, resulting in no job losses.

Work is underway on a Safe Transport Victoria website, which will house user portals and key information in one convenient location. In the meantime, transport safety and regulation information can continue to be accessed at cpv.vic.gov.au and transportsafety.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport and Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"The new authority will make it easier for drivers and operators of taxis and rideshare operators, buses and maritime sector to access the crucial information and services they need to deliver safe and high-quality services across the state."

"We're combining the knowledge and experience of our regulatory experts from these key industries, to deliver better safety outcomes for our operators and all Victorians who use these essential transport services."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"This will further boost maritime safety and ensure our users and operators have access to the information and services needed for the safe navigation of all vessels across Victorian waters."

"It also complements the Victorian Ports Review - which identified pilotage and towage governance needed to be enhanced."