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TRAM FACILITY IN MELBOURNE'S WEST WILL KEEP NEXT GEN TRAMS ON TRACK

Construction of a tram maintenance and stabling facility in Maidstone to house the next generation tram fleet is on track to start in 2023, with the planning approval process underway.

The Andrews Labor Government is investing \$1.85 billion in 100 next generation trams, alongside the maintenance and stabling facility, setting the standard for modern public transport and delivering a more comfortable and energy-efficient journey for passengers.

With a low-floor design and space for up to 150 passengers, the new trams can use around 30-40 per cent less energy per passenger, compared to an E Class tram.

To support the smooth operation of the fleet, a new tram maintenance and stabling facility will be built on part of the old Victoria University site at the corner of Williamson and Hampstead roads in Maidstone.

The new facility will be used to clean, maintain and stable the trams and will also house tram operations and administration staff.

In a win for Melbourne's booming west, the project will create 280 jobs during construction, and for ongoing maintenance and the supply chain, with local suppliers providing materials and services. The local community will also benefit from a more reliable and modern tram fleet.

The community now has an opportunity to make a submission and provide feedback. Submissions and feedback can relate to the use of the site or other aspects of the project, such as construction impacts.

Accessibility is built into every transport project from every train, tram and bus order to state-shaping transport projects in our \$90 billion big build.

Early works on the tram maintenance and stabling facility are expected to start in early 2023. Melbourne's next generation trams will start rolling out from the Maidstone facility from 2026.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"Melbourne's new next generation trams will be the most accessible, comfortable and energy-efficient trams ever, making public transport more accessible for all Victorians."

"Building this new state-of-the-art facility will ensure the world's largest tram network continues to run safely and reliably for years to come."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"Locals have been eager to see the Maidstone site revitalised and this project will create jobs and improve services for passengers in this part of Melbourne."

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