

# Media Release

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## BETTER TRAVEL TIMES ON KEY TRAM CORRIDORS

Tram passengers travelling on the Swanston and Bourke Street corridors will welcome faster and more consistent journeys, thanks to a new, improved timetable that comes into effect from 16 October.

Passengers on tram routes 1, 3, 5, 16, 64, 67, 72, 86, and 96 will benefit from improved average journey times saving up to one and a half minutes, making the most of new infrastructure like raised kerbing, signaling improvements and changes to tram stops.

Tram route 6 will also benefit from shorter travel times and six weekday trips will be shortened between Glen Iris and Malvern Town Hall to improve spacing between trams, provide more consistent passenger journey times and reduced congestion on High Street.

Passengers will also benefit from \$2.7 million of raised concrete kerbing that was installed on Collins, Bourke and Elizabeth Streets last year, reducing vehicle-to-tram collisions by approximately 30 per cent on the separated sections of road.

A further five kilometres of kerbing is being installed on Latrobe, Flinders, Swanston, Spring, Market and Spencer streets in Melbourne's CBD in the coming months, to boost safety and reduce incident-related service disruptions on these key tram corridors.

Passengers can head to [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) and PTV's journey planner app from 16 September to view the new timetables.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

*"We're continually looking for ways to deliver more efficient and safer journeys for our tram passengers and this new timetable will connect them to their destinations faster and more reliably."*

*"Not only are we rolling out better timetables across Melbourne's iconic tram network the next phase of the highly successful raised kerbing work has begun - reducing vehicle-tram-collisions on some of the CBD's busiest streets."*