

Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW GREENSBOROUGH FLEXIRIDE

The Andrews Labor Government is giving locals a chance to have their say on future changes to the Greensborough bus network, including a new flexible service, which will provide direct access to shopping centres and train stations.

Part of a \$109 million investment in bus upgrades announced in the *Victorian Budget 2022/23*, a FlexiRide is planned for Greensborough in the Banyule and Nillumbik areas.

An on-demand bus service, FlexiRide does not have a fixed route, with passengers able to book a trip from their nearest physical or virtual bus stop in order to travel to or from the designated FlexiRide bus hubs in the same service area.

To allow for the introduction of the new flexible service, changes will be made to some routes on the current network.

Both Route 514 Glenroy – Eltham via Greensborough, and Route 517 Northland – St Helena are planned to end at Greensborough, with the discontinued sections set to be replaced by the new FlexiRide service. Route 518 Greensborough – St Helena West will also be replaced by FlexiRide, with locals able to take advantage of a more accessible service.

All other local bus services, including school specials, will remain unchanged. For students who attend St Helena Secondary College, the Department of Transport will work towards a solution.

The changes to the Greensborough bus network are part of Victoria's Bus Plan, which is improving the state's bus network to better meet demand, improve accessibility and performance and deliver value for money.

The community can provide feedback via an online survey until Sunday 23 October 2022, or at one of four community information sessions will be held across Eltham and St Helena on 18 and 19 October. An online information session will also be held on 3 October.

This feedback will help finalise the proposal, including where the FlexiRide hubs will be located.

For more information, to complete the survey or to register for the online session, visit <http://engage.vic.gov.au/flexiridegreensborough>

Quote attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"We're investing in buses for the Banyule and Nillumbik – listening to the community on how we can improve services, improve accessibility and deliver better outcomes for all passengers."

Quote attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward

"We want to hear from the community about changes we are making to the local bus network to ensure locals can continue to get where they need to go easier than ever before."

Quote attributable to Member for Bundoora Colin Brooks

"The introduction of FlexiRide will mean passengers will have direct access to key locations within the area, with more choice about when they choose to travel."

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