

Media Release

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MORE THAN 200 EXTRA BUS SERVICES IN MELBOURNE'S EAST

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering more than 200 extra bus services per week in Melbourne's east to make it easier for locals to travel.

The additional bus services will be introduced across two high demand routes from 30 April.

It includes route 733 Oakleigh – Box Hill via Clayton, Monash University and Mt Waverley, as well as route 767 Southland – Box Hill via Chadstone, Jordanville and Deakin University.

The additional bus services will better connect locals to employment, education and shops – and forms part of Victoria's Bus Plan, which is delivering improvements to the state's bus network.

It also follows community consultation, which highlighted that taking a bus was the most popular mode of transport when travelling to and from the Box Hill and Burwood area and that frequency is paramount.

Route 733 will have an increased frequency of every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays between Box Hill and Monash University and an increase of every 40 minutes on Sundays.

Route 767 will have an increased frequency of every 20 minutes during the day on weekdays. Services on the weekend will also commence earlier and finish later.

Both bus routes also operate via several of the future Suburban Rail Loop East locations including Cheltenham, Clayton, Monash, Burwood and Box Hill. These additional services will help meet travel demand while Suburban Rail Loop is being constructed.

The Labor Government invested \$109 million in the *Victorian Budget 2022/23* to improve local bus services in growth areas, implement bus reform, improve accessibility and customer outcomes.

The additional bus services are the first phase of bus upgrades for the area, with the next phase of upgrades expected later this year.

Timetables and more information can be found online at ptv.vic.gov.au and PTV's journey planner app.

Quote attributable to Acting Minister for Public Transport Melissa Horne

"We're delivering more than 200 additional bus services in Melbourne's east to make it easier for locals to travel and connect them to employment, education, healthcare and other transport modes."

Quote attributable to Member for Box Hill Paul Hamer

"These are two of our most popular bus routes – so these additional services will provide a huge benefit to the community and help make it easier for students and residents to get to key locations including Monash University, Deakin University, Southland, Chadstone and Box Hill."

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Quote attributable to Member for Ashwood Matt Fregon

“We’re listening to the community and introducing these additional services per week to give locals more options about when they travel across our bus network.”