

# Media Release

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## **BIGGER, BETTER TRAINS ARRIVE EARLY ON THE SUNBURY LINE**

Melbourne's new bigger, better trains have started taking passengers on the Sunbury Line ahead of schedule - in preparation for the opening of the Metro Tunnel.

Two High Capacity Metro Trains have been introduced early on the Sunbury line after months of testing, to ensure services run smoothly and the new trains can operate seamlessly on the corridor when the Allan Labor Government opens the Metro Tunnel in 2025 – a year ahead of schedule.

The new trains will run on two morning peak services from Sunbury to Flinders Street Station every weekday, providing passengers with more space, improved safety and accessibility and real time information about their journey.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$2.4 billion to deliver 70 new and improved trains in time for the Metro Tunnel opening in 2025 - a year ahead of schedule.

Each new train is a full carriage longer than the older models, with more accessibility features, equipped with 510 seat and capable of comfortably carrying 1,100 passengers - 20 per cent more than any other train on the network.

High Capacity Metro Trains are now running on all services on the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines, providing passengers with a smoother and more comfortable journey.

When the Metro Tunnel opens, Sunbury Line passengers will have access to five new world-class underground stations at Arden, Parkville, State Library and Town Hall on Swanston Street and Anzac on St Kilda Road.

A further 34 High Capacity Metro Trains will complete the upgraded train fleet on the Sunbury Line for the Metro Tunnel opening.

Work on the Metro Tunnel Project is progressing well, with test trains running deep under the city to ensure all systems and equipment are working safely and seamlessly.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams**

*"The High Capacity Metro Trains provide a more modern, accessible and reliable service, and we're introducing them early on the Sunbury Line - giving passengers in the western suburbs a taste of what's to come when the Metro Tunnel opens."*

*"These trains are built bigger and better right here in Victoria, carrying more passengers and delivering a more comfortable journey."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull**

*"We continue to deliver for the Sunbury community, and this is yet another step towards the Metro Tunnel opening a year ahead of schedule in 2025, running more trains more often on the Sunbury Line."*