## Media Release

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## EXTRA PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR TAYLOR SWIFT

The Allan Labor Government is adding hundreds of additional train services and extending the free tram zone to the MCG so Swifties across the state can get to The Eras Tour easier and faster.

Minister for Active and Public Transport Gabrielle Williams is urging Victorians to use public transport to get to the concerts to avoid traffic, with the MCG just a short walk from Richmond, Jolimont and Flinders Street Stations.

Around 150 metropolitan train services will be added over the three nights to get concertgoers to and from the show as easily as possible.

From Friday 16 February to Sunday 18 February, the free tram zone will be extended to the MCG along routes 48,70 and 75 – to move tens of thousands of fans each night, along both Flinders and Collins Streets to the Melbourne Park precinct.

Extra capacity has been added on regional lines as well as additional V/Line train services after each show on the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo lines, and on the Seymour and Traralgon lines after Sunday's show.

The Department of Transport and Planning has worked with concert organisers to plan for extra services to support Swifties coming from across the state.

Fans should plan ahead with disruptions on the Frankston and Belgrave lines due to level crossing removal works – replacement buses will run on two small sections of the Belgrave line (Ringwood – Bayswater) and Frankston line (Cheltenham - Mordialloc).

Narre Warren, Keon Park, Croydon and Parkdale stations are also closed, and shuttle buses are operating to and from the nearest stations. Extra shuttle and replacement buses have been scheduled to ensure concertgoers can get to their destinations.

As part of the ongoing West Gate Tunnel project works, Wurundjeri Way remains closed in both directions between Dudley and Bourke Steet and Footscray Road closed westbound between Docklands Drive and Water-front Way. On the West Gate Freeway, lane closures continue while asphalting is underway.

Swanston Street, between Victoria and Elgin streets, in Carlton will have full road closures in sections affecting motorists and tram services. There will be service changes to routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 and 72 during these works.

Swifties can plan their journey using the PTV app and check for disruptions at ptv.vic.gov.au/taylorswift or 1800 800 007.

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

"We've added hundreds of extra train and free tram services across the three days to get Swifties to the shows as easily and safely as possible."

"Taylor Swift's biggest ever Australian shows will have the same impact on the transport network as three AFL grand finals back-to-back – that's why we're encouraging everyone attending to plan ahead and take public transport to get to the 'G."