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WORKS BLITZ BOOSTS ACCESSIBILITY ACROSS LA TROBE STREET

The Allan Labor Government is giving passengers easier and more accessible journeys, with a dozen new level access tram stops delivered in Melbourne's CBD.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today announced 12 new level access tram stops have been installed along La Trobe Street – backed by a \$68 million investment in the *Victorian Budget 2022/2023*.

The stops have been installed in both directions at Docklands Stadium and the intersections with Spencer Street, William Street, Elizabeth Street, Swanston Street and Exhibition Street.

The stops feature new shelters, seating, improved lighting and passenger information displays, and separate pedestrians from cars to improve safety and provide more space for passengers.

The stop locations will also provide better connections to the State Library Station when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025, making it faster and easier to change between train and tram services.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has delivered 98 level-access tram stops, in addition to making the largest ever investment in new trams in Australia, with \$1.85 billion to build 100 low-floor Next Generation G Class Trams and a new tram maintenance and stabling facility.

For more information on the tram stop upgrades, visit <u>ptv.vic.gov.au</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Melbourne's historic tram network is now better and more accessible than ever thanks to our record investments in new trams and infrastructure."

"We're delivering more level-access tram stops to make it safer and easier for all passengers to get to where they need to go."