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WORK GETS UNDERWAY ON THE SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with the detailed planning and investigations needed to deliver the Suburban Rail Loop with the stakeholder engagement process for the transformational project kicking off this week.

The focus of the consultation will be on the first stage of the Suburban Rail Loop – the South East Section – and as detailed planning gathers pace, input will be sought from communities, local government, peak bodies, as well as key health, education, and industry stakeholders along the proposed corridor.

The Labor Government will meet with representatives from the cities of Whitehorse, Monash and Kingston, paving the way for further consultation around site investigations including ecology and geotechnical studies.

Initial site investigations for the Suburban Rail Loop are expected to start in the second half of 2019. A broad alignment and general precincts for the Suburban Rail Loop have been identified, but specific station locations are yet to be finalised.

Rail Projects Victoria (RPV), the team delivering the Metro Tunnel is leading the design development, station location assessments and operational requirements.

RPV has also engaged the expert assistance of the Aurecon Jacobs Mott MacDonald Joint Venture (AJM) as technical adviser and KPMG as commercial adviser for the Suburban Rail Loop.

The Suburban Rail Loop is a new 90km rail line circling Melbourne's suburbs with 12 new stations connecting every major railway line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line via Melbourne Airport.

This transformational project will change the way people move around Melbourne – enabling Victorians to get to major suburban employment, education and health precincts without having to travel in and out of the CBD.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

“The Suburban Rail Loop will change the way we move around Melbourne forever, and we’re not wasting a minute getting this vital project started.”

“It will create and support local jobs and slash travel times, getting people where they need to go.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

“The Suburban Rail Loop will provide Victorians with better access to jobs, education and health services, wherever they live.”