

Media Release

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TRANSPORT JOBS ON THE MOVE TO BENDIGO GOV HUB

The Andrews Labor Government is boosting the number of people working in Central Bendigo with Bendigo-based Department of Transport staff, including VicRoads, moving into the new Bendigo Gov Hub.

The move would bring the 115 people strong Transport workforce in as the latest tenants of the new GovHub, which will bring together up to 1000 public servants from the City of Greater Bendigo and other government agencies, revitalising the northern end of the CBD.

The announcement comes ahead of the formalisation of the new Department of Transport on 1 July and will bring together staff from VicRoads, Regional Roads Victoria and Public Transport Victoria who are currently located at East Bendigo.

Alongside Department of Transport staff, the GovHub will be home to agencies including the City of Greater Bendigo, Regional Development Victoria, Agriculture Victoria, Parks Victoria.

Alongside delivering the Gov Hub, the Andrews Labor Government committed to bringing 100 new jobs to Bendigo. With the inclusion of two new government agencies - Portable Long Service Authority and the Victorian Labour Hire Licensing Authority – in the Gov Hub 55 new jobs have already been created.

The first focus group consultation on the project was held last night to allow tenant agencies, advisory groups, neighbouring businesses and the local Indigenous community to have their say on design concepts and themes.

An important focus of the GovHub will be the use of public spaces, connectivity with the surrounding precinct and city centre and how the history and heritage of the Lyttleton Terrace site will be reflected.

An open community consultation session will be held on Saturday 27 July at Bendigo Town Hall, to give the community an opportunity to speak with the architects and design team. After community consultations, architects will commence detailed design a construction tender will be awarded in mid-2020, ahead of the GovHub's opening in mid-2022.

Community members can find out more about the consultation session at rdv.vic.gov.au/bendigogovhub.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"The GovHub is setting Bendigo up for future economic success – generating new jobs, revitalising our city centre and creating a one-stop-stop for the community to access a range of government services."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"We're creating more secure government jobs in one of Australia's fastest growing regional cities - and the Bendigo GovHub will bring together hundreds of local and state workers in the heart of our CBD."