

Media Release

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EXTRA BUS SERVICES SUPPORT FISHERMANS BEND GROWTH

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering more than 900 additional services across the two major bus routes linking Melbourne's CBD and Fishermans Bend, improving access to this growing inner-city precinct.

The changes will deliver more frequent public transport services and better infrastructure to support development within the precinct, which is Australia's largest urban renewal project spanning over 480 hectares.

From 30 October, weekday services will more than double across Routes 235 and 237, targeting a turn-up-and-go 10 min frequency across the day on weekdays, which connect Fishermans Bend with key CBD destinations including Southern Cross Station.

Combined, the weekday services will depart approximately every five minutes from Southern Cross Station.

Bus stops will also be improved on Salmon Street to complement the first stage of redevelopment at the General Motors Site and the opening of the University of Melbourne's new engineering and design campus. Bus operations at Southern Cross will also be improved.

The new services are part of Victoria's Bus Plan, delivering a modern, productive, environmentally sustainable bus network that increases the number of people who choose buses to get where they need to go.

Further details on the extra services will be released in coming months before they begin later this year.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"We're delivering better transport services to Fishermans Bend, whilst also investing in the longer-term planning and development work to ensure we deliver the transport network this precinct will need in the generations to come."

"Buses play a critical role in our public transport network and by increasing services in key locations like Fishermans Bend, we are ensuring passengers can get to where they need to go, when they need to go."

Quote attributable to Member for Albert Park Martin Foley

"Improving public transport will play a key role in revitalising Fishermans Bend as it grows and transitions from its existing industrial use into a vibrant mixed-use community in the coming decades".

Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Region Nina Taylor

"Fishermans Bend is going through a significant growth era and buses are becoming critical to accessing the area more than ever before – these additional services will go a long way to improving passenger journeys."