

Reconfiguring the City Loop

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- \\ The *City Loop Reconfiguration (CLR)* project will provide more cross city suburban metro rail services for growing areas in the north and south-east of Melbourne.
- \\ It will redesign the City Loop so that two of the four tunnels operate separately from the others, allowing more metro style, reliable “turn-up-and-go” services to be run through the Loop and across suburban Melbourne.
- \\ The project will increase services by supporting many more trains to enter the City Loop. Redesigning two of the four tunnels in the City Loop will allow more trains to travel through the city and continue to the other side, rather than travelling around the City Loop and returning on the same line. This results in more services being able to operate on key train lines, increasing capacity and reliability across the network.
- \\ This project provides more reliable services as well as additional capacity for new services for the growing northern corridor, including the Upfield and Craigieburn lines and into Mitchell Shire, including future electrification towards Wallan.
- \\ The growth corridor to the north will experience significant population growth, with Mitchell, Whittlesea, and Hume local government areas projected to grow from 500,000 residents in 2021 to almost 1 million by 2051. This population growth will lead to significant increases in travel demand from new residents.
- \\ The project relieves crowding on northern Victoria V/Line services on the Shepparton and Seymour train lines.
- \\ The project will increase services on the Frankston and Glen Waverley lines, and improve reliability for the Alamein, Belgrave, and Lilydale lines.
- \\ Infrastructure Victoria’s strategic assessment found that the CLR project produced strong benefits to address the challenges of reducing road network congestion, reducing public transport crowding, and reducing vehicle emissions.
- \\ The project provides opportunities for future housing development within proximity of train stations in established suburbs on the Craigieburn, Frankston, Upfield and Glen Waverley lines where service improvements occur.



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