

Victoria's Bus Plan

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A snapshot of the bus industry

- 400+ metropolitan routes
- 30+ night routes
- 50+ regional town networks
- 125 regional inter-town networks
- 4000+ buses
- 15 million regional trips per year
- 780+ metro school bus services each day
- 600+ regional school bus services each day

Bus patronage during the pandemic has remained much higher than all other public transport modes.



Challenges and opportunities

- A large and complex network
- New infrastructure is changing travel patterns
- A growing population
- A target of net-zero emissions by 2050
- Road congestion and bus performance
- Simpler bus travel planning



About **Victoria's Bus Plan**

Victoria's Bus Plan provides a pathway and a key set of actions to move us towards the bus system Victoria needs.

The plan is founded on six objectives that provide a framework for future priorities and investment.



Aims of Victoria's Bus Plan

- A bus network that better meets public transport needs and demand.
- Network reforms and innovation that make the most of Victoria's \$80 billion Big Build and provide a pathway to effective and efficient future investments.
- Cleaner, smarter fleets with more bus types that best suit the passengers who use them and the routes they take.



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- Improved information delivery to passengers to let them know about their real-time services and changes to their services due to network disruptions.
- A better managed, more efficient and fit-for-purpose bus network with services that deliver great value for money.
- Improved accessibility and safety.



Objective 1

A simpler, faster and more reliable network

Objective 2

A cleaner, smarter fleet

Objective 3

Better performing buses

Objective 4

A better customer experience

Objective 5

**Better governance and systems
management**

Objective 6

Better value for money



Implementing **Victoria's Bus Plan**

2021 – 2023

Leverage the Big Build, addresses priorities and gets ready for future reform.

2023 – 2030

Implements reforms that transform the bus network and align it with growing demand.

2030 and beyond

Embed the long-term actions including expanding and developing the network.



Next steps

Work with industry to develop a **Bus Reform Implementation Plan** to chart a way forward.

