



Successive Labor and Liberal Governments have ignored Rowville Rail for decades. The Greens will provide metro style public transport to Rowville and enhance accessibility to the Monash education and employment precinct.

Although Rowville Rail was proposed almost 50 years ago, Labor and Liberal governments have left many residents, workers & students in the Rowville corridor without access to train services.

Currently, 53,000 people travel to Monash University every day, and the Monash employment cluster already supports 75,000 jobs. This makes it the second largest employment centre outside the CBD.ⁱ

However, accessibility to this important area by public transport is extremely limited.

Only around 6% of Rowville residents travelled to work by public transport, in contrast to 79% that travel by private vehicle.ⁱⁱ

The Greens will allocate \$100 million for comprehensive technical designs and approvals for Rowville Rail.

Planning will include a business case, detailed costings and cost benefit analysis to define the best alignment and technical requirements for the implementation of the project.

Planning will include consideration of connections to the Cranbourne/Pakenham Line, the Alamein line, the Suburban Rail Loop and orbital connections. A staged approach to works will also be considered.

COST

The Greens policy platform will be fully costed and funded.

The Greens will allocate \$100 million to plan for Rowville Rail and advocate for the project to be shovel ready by 2022.

The Federal Government has allocated \$475 million for a rail link to Monash University. According to the federal minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities, an extension from Huntingdale station to Monash University, can be delivered with matching funds from the State Government.ⁱⁱⁱ

The Greens will insist that this allocation of federal money remain in place to construct the best alignment for Rowville Rail.

Infrastructure Victoria estimated \$5 - \$10 billion for the complete project to Rowville, with construction taking up to 5 years, however this did not take into account the Suburban Rail Loop.

ⁱ DELWP 2016, Plan Melbourne 2017 – 2050.

ⁱⁱ Census data 2016, City of Knox: Method of travel to Work, prepared by Id profile.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Age 2018, State government urged to get on board \$1 billion Monash express.