

Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project

Background

Greater Hobart is growing. The Australian and Tasmanian Governments have been investigating ways to provide more reliable public transport, reduce congestion and better connect transport and future development. This project is jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments under the Hobart Public Transport Infrastructure Planning Project.

How was the proposed route identified?

Several route options were examined using combinations of the Brooker Highway, Main Road, local roads and the former rail corridor. The assessment considered public transport performance, passenger experience, cost, impacts and opportunities associated with future development.

Why isn't the entire rail corridor being used?

Our planning and analysis found that providing a reliable two-way rapid bus service along the entire corridor would require significant additional infrastructure and could create greater community, heritage and environmental impacts. The proposed route therefore uses part of the rail corridor between New Town and Glenorchy and a combination of existing roads elsewhere.

What happens to the Intercity Cycleway?

The Tasmanian Government's intention is to retain the Intercity Cycleway. Some sections may need to be realigned around stations, intersections and other infrastructure. More detailed planning will determine these changes.

Alignment with Tasmanian Government Strategy

The Rapid Bus Strategic Business Case, emerged from the vision set by the Greater Hobart 30-Year Plan: to encourage more housing near transport corridors, support medium-density development, and create a transport system that is integrated, sustainable and resilient.

The rapid bus proposal is part of a strategic approach to improving Hobart's transport options, including expanded ferry services, better urban bus services, better bike lanes, improved roads at key locations, more parking, walkable streets and integrating transport planning with land use planning. It is aligned with years of strategic planning for Hobart and Tasmania's future growth and liveability. This has been well-documented in the Tasmanian Government's previous work:

- Hobart City Deal 2019 - 2029
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan (2022) and the Keeping Hobart Moving plan (DRAFT, Oct 2023)
- The Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor Growth Strategy (2024)

The rapid bus proposal is also aligned with the Australian Government's infrastructure policy themes of sustainability, productivity and liveability, which support lower emission forms of transport.

What is the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor Strategy and Plan?

The Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor (NSTC) is the unused railway corridor between Granton to the North and Macquarie Point to the South.

Released in July 2024, the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor Growth Strategy establishes a vision for the corridor and sets recommendations and actions.

This complements work by Regional Development Australia on the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor Plan. This has been jointly funded by the Tasmanian and Australian governments with a grant deed to Glenorchy City Council, to make the corridor more development-ready.

For more information about these projects, please visit:

https://www.hobartcitydeal.com.au/activating_the_northern_suburbs_transit_corridor.

The proposed Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project will support the development of the Transit Corridor between Glenorchy City Centre and New Town. It will give current and future residents along its route fast and direct access to employment, education, recreational, and cultural opportunities across the city.

Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project Engagement

Learn more



Use the QR code to visit the project webpage or go to **engage.building.tas.gov.au**.

Or subscribe to the contact list to stay up to date.

Visit a project display in Hobart or Glenorchy – check the webpage for locations.

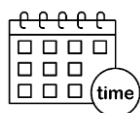
Have your say



Tell us what you think about the project and proposed route for the northern suburbs.

Complete the online survey between **8 September and 9 October 2026** or pick up a paper copy from Glenorchy City Council or the City of Hobart Customer Service Centre.

If you need help to fill in the survey, please contact the project team.



There will be community drop-in sessions along the route and everyone is welcome. Auslan interpreters will also be available at some sessions.

Contact us or check the full schedule online for a time convenient for you.

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