

Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project

Summary

In 2025, the Tasmanian Government completed a strategic study to identify ways to improve public transport, reduce traffic congestion and support future growth across Greater Hobart.

The study recommended a rapid bus network across three routes, integrated with existing bus services, ferries, cycling and walking connections.

The route between the Hobart's city centre and Claremont was identified as the highest priority for further investigation.

Detailed planning is now underway for this route, including design, technical and economic assessments. These investigations will build on the earlier study and test its findings.

Over the next two months, we will work with communities in the northern suburbs to help inform this planning.

An initial report will be completed later this year. Subject to government approvals, more detailed planning will continue until mid-2027.

The project is still in the early planning stages and can only progress if it receives approval from the Tasmanian and Australian Governments and funding is secured.

If approved and funded, detailed design, approvals and construction would begin no earlier than 2028.

Route selection



A number of possible routes were considered during the strategic study.

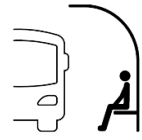
The proposed route uses a combination of existing roads and part of the former rail corridor between New Town and Glenorchy. The study found this option provided a good balance between faster and more reliable public transport, cost, impacts and opportunities to support future development.

Using the entire rail corridor between Claremont and Macquarie Point would require substantial additional works and would have greater environmental, heritage and community impacts.

What are the features of a rapid bus service?



Frequency: There will be services to the city every 10 minutes at peak times, and every 30 minutes off-peak.



Stations: Between the Hobart City Centre and Claremont, twelve accessible stations will offer shelter, seating, lighting and real-time information. Each station will be designed to suit its location and provide a safe, welcoming experience for passengers.

Learn more



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

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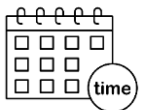
Have your say



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

Complete the survey on the project webpage 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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