



Media Release

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Feedback sought on draft G21 region public transport strategy

A draft strategy to guide public transport decision-making in the G21 region for the next 20 years was released for public comment today.

The draft G21 Region Public Transport Strategy has been months in the making and aims to introduce measures to increase usage of public transport.

G21 – Geelong Region Alliance Deputy Chairperson Jason Trethowan said extensive community input had guided the development of the draft strategy.

“It was essential to ensure the strategy was both visionary and tailored to the specific needs of the region,” Mr Trethowan said.

“We canvassed community views widely through public forums, a summit and other means during 2013. We also sought expert technical opinion and advice.

“We now have a *Draft G21 Region Public Transport Strategy* on which we want feedback prior to completing the document for final sign-off by G21 councils and the G21 board.

“For those who attended one of the community forums or the summit this is a chance to take your involvement in the strategy development to the next level.

“Work for the G21 Regional Growth Plan showed that the region’s population could grow beyond 500,000 by 2050. The G21 Region Public Transport Strategy will guide governments and the private sector plan to meet future transport needs in that environment.

“Our region is a unique mix of urban, peri-urban and rural communities. So there isn’t a one-size-fits-all solution to public transport. Our challenge has been to identify what we as a community expect and what solutions are available, affordable and practical.

“The draft strategy includes a specific action plan for each of the five G21 member municipalities and an overarching set of actions for the region,” Mr Trethowan said.

The strategy has established four high-level objectives:

- **Access for all** – a base level of service for all across the region

- ***A well-connected region*** – access to and between the region’s centres
- ***Urban public transport for an urban centre*** – reshaping and simplifying the current network to develop a ‘go anywhere’ network
- ***Improved information, planning and partnerships*** – G21 to have lead role to find new ways to better public transport, sooner.

The draft strategy can be viewed and comments made on-line at:

www.G21Transport.com.au

Hard copies of the draft strategy may also be viewed at selected customer service centres/offices of G21’s five member councils:

City of Greater Geelong

- All Customer Service Centres

Golden Plains Shire

- Bannockburn Customer Service Centre, 2 Pope St, Bannockburn;
- Linton Customer Service Centre, 68 Sussex St, Linton

Surf Coast Shire

- Torquay Customer Service Centre, 1 Merrijig Dr, Torquay
- Lorne Visitor Information Centre, 15 Mountjoy Pde, Lorne
- Winchelsea Community House, 28 Hesse St, Winchelsea

Borough of Queenscliff

- Queenscliff Customer Service Centre, 50 Learmonth St, Queenscliff
- Queenscliff Library, 55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

Colac Otway Shire

- Colac Customer Service Centre, 2-6 Rae St, Colac
- Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre, 69 Nelson St, Apollo Bay
- Colac Community Library and Learning Centre, 173 Queen St, Colac

Hardcopy feedback should be mailed to: G21 Public Transport Strategy, PO Box 104, Geelong 3220.

Feedback will be accepted until close of business Friday 28 March 2014.

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