



Project Overview

Melbourne Airport Rail is a once-in-a-generation transformation of Victoria's transport network, connecting Melbourne Airport with a rail service for the first time.



In 2016-17, Melbourne Airport handled more than 35 million passenger movements and by 2038, this figure will almost double to more than 67 million. With only one freeway connecting Melbourne Airport to the CBD, the Victorian Government is providing a new, enhanced alternative for Victoria's future.

The Victorian and Commonwealth governments have committed up to \$5 billion each to deliver Melbourne Airport Rail, which will run from the CBD to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine. The new rail connection will provide a vital link for tourists and business people to connect to regional Victoria and the CBD.

It also has the potential to improve rail services in western and northern Victoria by creating extra capacity on congested rail corridors, meaning faster and more frequent train services to regional centres and other parts of regional Victoria.

The Victorian Government has announced that Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) will be developing a detailed business case for Melbourne Airport Rail, as well as leading planning for Victoria's next round of rail projects as part of the Western Rail Plan.

Project Benefits

Reduced congestion when travelling to the airport

Passenger numbers at Melbourne Airport are expected to almost double by 2038 to more than 67 million people. Melbourne Airport Rail will help meet this increased demand, alleviating pressure on our roads.

Easier access

Sunshine station will be upgraded making it easier for metropolitan and regional passengers travelling to and from the airport.

Support the development of the Sunshine precinct

The upgraded Sunshine station would support the development of the Sunshine employment and innovation cluster, building upon its well-established facilities and services.

Unlocking future growth

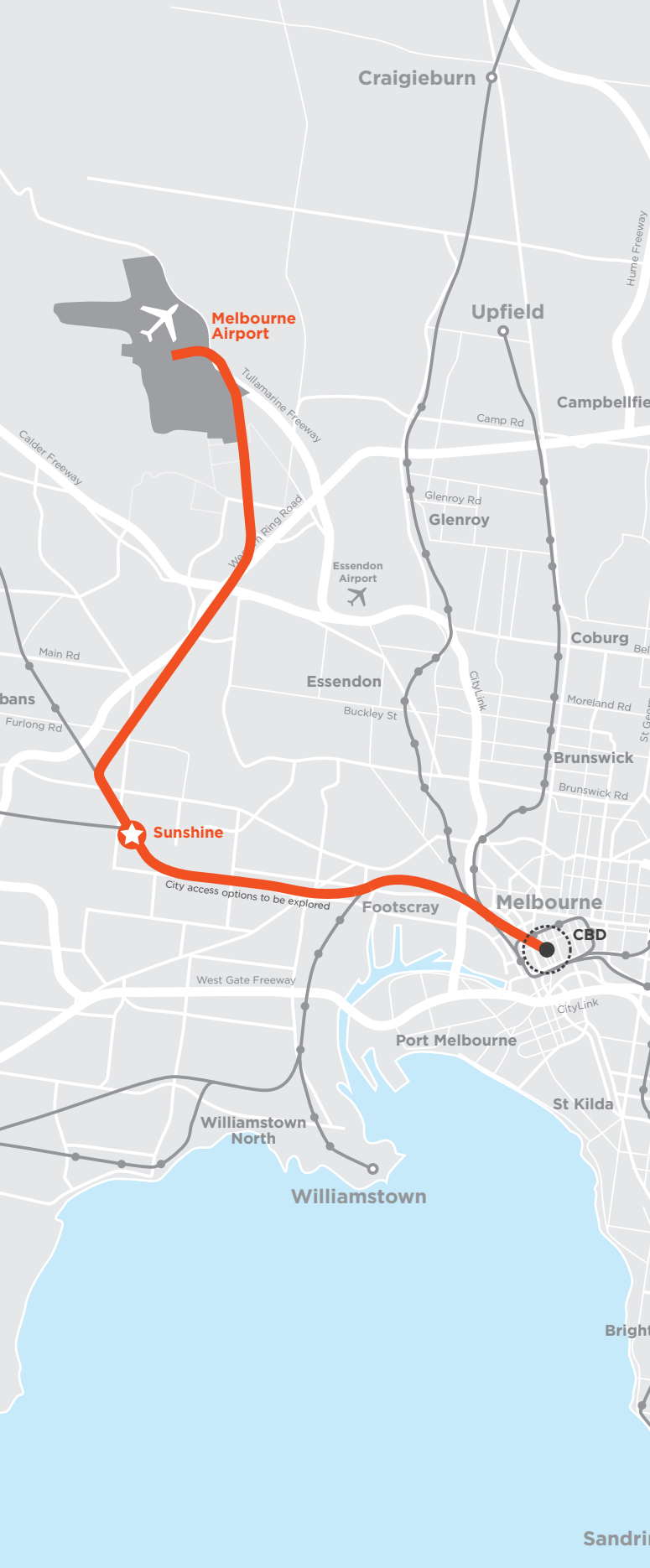
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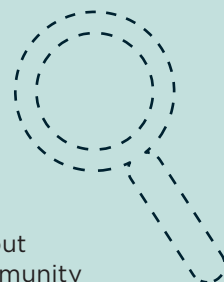




Early investigations

We are currently undertaking early investigations. These investigations help us understand current conditions within and adjacent to the rail corridor. These early investigations include:

- Flora and fauna
- Cultural and historic heritage
- Geotechnical investigations
- Utility surveys and inspections
- Traffic surveys.

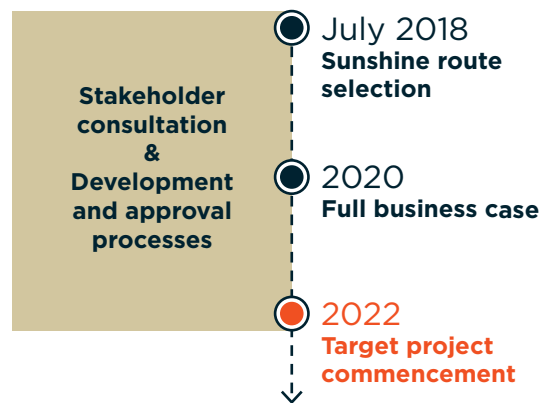


This information combined with input from the stakeholders and the community will inform the initial planning and design.

Next steps

Throughout 2019 and 2020, we will continue to engage with stakeholders and the community to inform the planning and design of the project and support the business case.

Construction of Melbourne Airport Rail is planned to commence in 2022, subject to required statutory approvals.



More information

To find out more about the Melbourne Airport Rail:

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