Ballarat Bus Network Review

Project Cost

Not costed (Victorian Government project)

Investment Needed

TBD

City of Ballarat Investment

None

Project Description

Review of the design, timetabling and reach of the Ballarat bus network, operated by Public Transport Victoria, to ensure the government's investment in buses delivers maximum benefit for Ballarat residents.

Community Benefit

An overhaul of Ballarat's bus network will bring a range of benefits for residents including:

- Increasing the convenience and accessibility of the bus network for users, and providing incentives for new patrons to use buses
- Reducing the number of car journeys, easing traffic congestion at peak times and relieving strain on Ballarat's road network

Location

· Across Ballarat urban area

Why should Governments invest in this project?

Voter Appeal

Council's 2023 bus network survey found residents wanted better cross-town services, faster journey times and greater frequency of services.

Respond to Growth

Lucas, Alfredton and Winter Valley have grown substantially since the last major changes to the bus network (2017) but provision of bus routes and services has not kept pace with growth and resident demand.

Address disadvantage

A review and overhaul of the bus network can result in improved transport options for people without independent transport to access education, employment, and medical services, and better transport options for people with disability.

Status

 Continued advocacy to the Victorian Government for a review of the Ballarat bus network















Ballarat-Carngham Road Upgrade

Project Cost

Not costed (Victorian Government project)

Investment Needed

- The project is part funded with \$6.6 million for design work through 2022/23 Victorian State Budget
- Remaining investment ask is to be determined following completion of design work.

City of Ballarat Investment

None

Project Description

Upgrade and duplication of a 2.4 kilometre section of Ballarat-Carngham Road between Wiltshire Lane and Dyson Drive, providing two lanes in each direction, central median, upgraded intersections and associated landscaping/shared path facilities.

Community Benefit

Delivery of a key transport corridor to support businesses and residents in the Ballarat West Growth Area, bringing improved travel times and road safety, and reduced risk for residents and road users, particularly Alfredton, Lucas and Winter Valley.

The upgrade will improve the quality the freight route for trucks and heavy vehicles.

Location

 Ballarat-Carngham Road between Wiltshire Lane and Dyson Drive, Ballarat West Growth Area

Status

- Preliminary concept design work and investigation completed
- Funding required for more detailed design work, a cost estimate and full business case

