

Funding for Manningham Bus shelter delivery program

The problem

Manningham is the only municipality in metropolitan Melbourne to rely solely on buses for its public transport services.

Due to ongoing demand for bus services, requests from residents to provide bus shelters and improved bus stop facility has increased substantially. In addition, many of the existing shelters are ageing and in need of replacement as they approach the end of their design life.

The current situation

With a lack of fixed rail services and an over-reliance on the private motor vehicle, emphasis must be placed on ensuring the existing bus network operates effectively and bus services remain an attractive transport option for Manningham's residents.

Manningham Bus Network Review 2017 has identified an additional 31 new bus shelters that are required as a matter of priority, based on factors like patronage, proximity of bus stop to local community amenities and historic requests. The delivery of new bus shelters at these priority locations are supported by Manningham Transport Action Plan 2021. Currently, only six of these priority shelters have been delivered due to limited funding available.

There is high demand from Doncaster Hill residents to travel to work by public transport (14.3%). It is Council's objective to seek a 30% mode-shift to public transport or other sustainable modes, as supported by Council's *Doncaster Hill Mode Shift Plan 2014*.

The solution

Funds to be provided to assist Council in accelerating the program of delivering bus shelters at these priority locations that are along key road corridors such as Blackburn, Doncaster and Thompsons Roads, and to replace aging shelters that are at the end of their life.

Our ask

Council calls on the State Government as the public transport provider to:

- Provide \$2.17 million to address the priority list of bus shelter requests to install an estimated 25 new shelters.