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WARRENHEIP STATION

The Ask

\$21.8 million for land acquisition, station development, inclusive of Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, and associated car parking at Warrenheip.

- The project will see the reinstatement of two Warrenheip Station platforms to service passenger trains on the Ballarat railway line
- It will include passenger amenities, DDA compliant access over the railway line and car parking for 2000 vehicles at grade adjacent to the platforms

The City of Ballarat wants a State Government/Opposition commitment for the total amount of funding.

All Ballarat Rail Action Committee member councils (Ararat City, Ballarat City Council, Brimbank City Council, City of Melton, Moorabool Shire Council, Pyrenees Shire) support this project and are lobbying for the Warrenheip Station to be fully funded during the lead up to the November state election.

Key Benefit

- This project has the ability to deliver the '59-minute service' for passenger rail services between Ballarat and Melbourne
- It will remove 2000 commuter vehicles from the Ballarat CBD, freeing this car parking to provide for CBD growth
- The project will be a catalyst for Warrenheip's growth and development as a key area to the east of Ballarat

Overview

The Warrenheip Station is a project identified in the Council's Ballarat Strategy 2015-2040 and a key plank in the City's strategic approach to transport issues.

The Ballarat central area is currently 'parked out'; commuter vehicles sit for 12 hours a day, taking up valuable space in the Ballarat CBD where parking is already a major problem. The Warrenheip Station development would significantly address this issue.

This infrastructure initiative will significantly reduce overall travel times for people commuting between Ballarat and Melbourne.

The project will significantly enhance the accessibility of the Federation University Mount Helen campus.

Context

The recent investment by the State Government in Ballarat railway line upgrades has brought the Warrenheip Station project forward in the City of Ballarat's priorities. With substantial growth across Ballarat, and steady population increases, the necessity to provide enhanced commuter facilities is paramount. This infrastructure will help address these major issues of growth, congestion, travel times and livability for the residents of Ballarat and region.



*Digital representation only

The Benefits

Reduce commuter times, alleviate car parking stress in the northern CBD area of Ballarat, enhance connectivity and accessibility for people in the eastern part of the municipality and broader region, stimulate growth in the Warrenheip area.

The Site

The proposed site is at the former Warrenheip station. As a commuter station on the Melbourne side of Ballarat it will service commuters, Federation University students and local and regional residents.

Timeframe

The ideal scenario is for this project to be delivered in the next two years.

Strategic Alignment

Ballarat

The project forms part of the *Ballarat Strategy 2015–2040* having been identified as a key strategic direction for Ballarat's overall transport strategy.

Regional

The Warrenheip Station is supported by the Ballarat Rail Action Committee with all councils on the committee agreeing on the project's strategic importance.

State: The project will significantly improve commuter times for Ballarat and enable the city to continue to grow and accommodate its share of Victoria's population growth.

Partners

- Regional Councils - Ballarat Rail Action Committee
- Committee for Ballarat

Project Status

Planned and able to be delivered within the two-year time frame.