



WHAT IS SMARTBUS?

SmartBus is an innovative, high-tech concept that marks a new era in bus travel in Melbourne. The program will provide "cross-town" bus services using arterial roads to efficiently and reliably link Activity Centres, railway stations, shopping centres and community facilities.

SmartBus provides

- Increased frequency of services
- Additional night services
- Additional weekend services
- Improved reliability
- Bus priority at signalled intersections
- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant bus stops
- Accessible low floor buses
- High visibility branding
- Real time passenger information at bus stops
- Improved passenger information including timetables and local area maps at every stop

SMARTBUS STAGE 1

Existing and committed SmartBus routes account for about 80km of network comprising of Springvale Road, Blackburn Road, Warrigal Road and the recently announced Wellington and Stud Roads.

SMARTBUS STAGE 2

Red Orbital

The Red Orbital currently operates between Mordialloc and Box Hill connecting Mentone Railway Station, Oakleigh Railway Station, Chadstone Shopping Centre and Box Hill Central.

The Red Orbital will be the first bus route to traverse around Melbourne, connecting over 90 activity hubs, including Box Hill Central, Doncaster Shopping Town, Heidelberg Railway Station, Northland Shopping Centre, Preston Railway Station, Essendon Railway Station, Sunshine Railway Station and Altona Railway Station.

Green Orbital

The Green Orbital currently operates between Chelsea and Nunawading connecting Chelsea Railway Station, Edithvale Railway Station, Springvale, Glen Waverley and Nunawading.

The extension of the Green Orbital will traverse across outer Melbourne, connecting over 70 activity hubs, including Box Hill Central, Doncaster Shopping Town, Eltham Railway Station, Greensborough Shopping Centre and Railway Station, Keon Park Railway Station, Broadmeadows Shopping Centre and Railway Station and Airport West Shopping Centre.

Yellow Orbital

The first part of Yellow Orbital is Outer Eastern (Stud Road) which will operate between Frankston and Ringwood connecting Frankston Railway Station, Dandenong Railway Station, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Knox City Shopping Centre and Ringwood Railway Station. This service will commence in late 2007.

The extension of the Yellow Orbital will traverse across outer Melbourne, connecting 50 activity hubs, including Ringwood Shopping Centre and Railway Station, Blackburn Railway Station, Greensborough Shopping Centre and Railway Station, Epping Shopping Centre and Railway Station, Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre and Railway Station and Melbourne Airport.

SMARTBUS STAGE 3

Blue Orbital

The Blue Orbital will traverse across inner Melbourne, connecting Sandringham to Williamstown via Clifton Hill, Moonee Ponds and Footscray.

Green Orbital

The extension of the Green Orbital will traverse from Airport West to Werribee connecting Keilor, Watergarden Shopping Centre and Railway Station, Brimbank Central Shopping Centre, Deer Park Railway Station, Laverton, Hoppers Crossing, Werribee Plaza and Werribee Railway Station.

TIMING

Red Orbital Stage 2

Development works commence November 2006

Green Orbital Stage 2

Development works commence 2007 / 2008

Yellow Orbital Stage 2

Development works commence 2008 / 2009

Stage 3

Extension of the Green Orbital - from Airport West to Werribee - and implementation of the Blue Orbital 2010 / 2011

SMARTBUS TECHNOLOGY

Major technological upgrades will be installed throughout the SmartBus Network.

- GPS tracking equipment for buses
- Buses to be able to request priority at traffic signals if they are on-time or late
- Real-time passenger information signs will be at strategic locations
- All bus stops to have new "totem" signs

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