

# Rail for Rowville

## A PTUA Factsheet



### The 'Rowville Corridor'

#### Meeting the needs of students, businesses and residents



People queuing for the inadequate bus services along Wellington Road.

The Cities of Monash and Knox are home to over 300,000 residents. These municipalities contain major employment and residential areas including Monash University with over 23,000 students and a scientific precinct that includes Australia's first synchrotron.

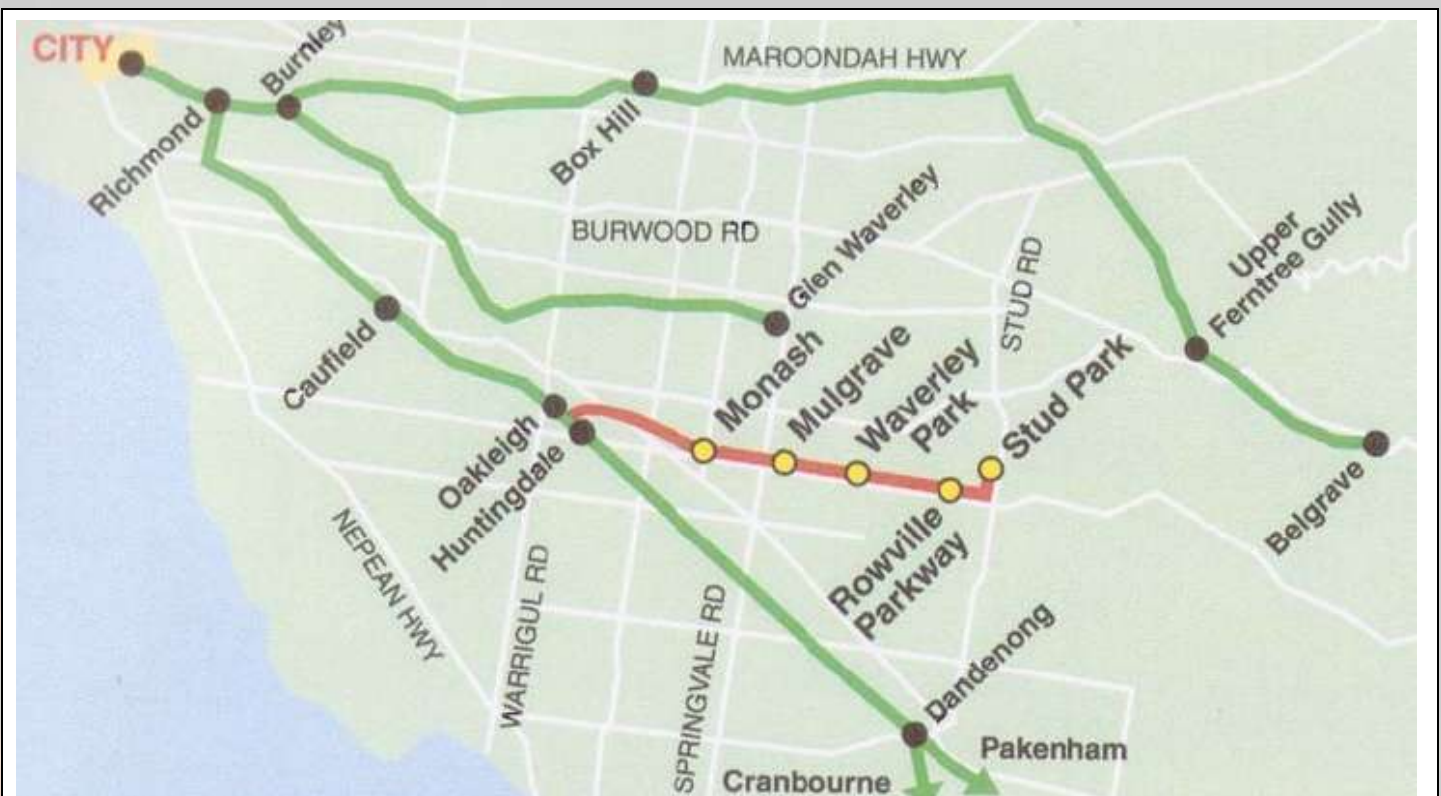
The City of Monash alone accounts for 6% of all metropolitan jobs within Melbourne with the majority of employees living in neighbouring municipalities such as Knox.

#### Public transport needs:

While the Dandenong rail line provides public transport access into the City of Monash for Melbourne's southeast, connections to the east and into Knox are extremely poor. Although it is claimed that the Wellington Road SmartBus will address this situation, the bus service will face heavy traffic congestion like every other road vehicle.

The concept of a rail line to Monash University and Rowville was first proposed in the 1969 Transport Plan. With the economic strength of the region and continued population growth, the rail line is needed now more than ever to provide fast and efficient passenger movements.

**As explored overleaf, a rail line to Rowville is not just feasible but necessary to ensure good economic management into the future**



The proposed alignment of the Rowville Rail Line

## SmartBus – it’s not that smart:

Due to a reluctance to expand Melbourne’s rail network, the Government has responded by proposing a ‘SmartBus’ service along Wellington Road. Unfortunately it will take people that catch this bus over 50 minutes to get into the CBD.

In contrast, the Rowville rail line would take just 30 minutes to reach the city, providing a much quicker alternative than the Monash Freeway.

Businesses would also benefit – the Rowville rail line could carry thousands of passengers per hour, effectively removing a lane of traffic from the Monash Freeway. Reducing congestion means businesses will be able to transport freight more quickly, cheaply and easily.

**The Rowville rail line needs action, not excuses!**

### For further information:



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