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6 Petitions, Joint Letters & Deputations

6.1 *Petition: Bus Route 606 service frequency Elsternwick - Port Melbourne 2*



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PETITION: BUS ROUTE 606 SERVICE FREQUENCY
ELSTERNWICK - PORT MELBOURNE

A Petition containing 737 signatures, was received via change.org.

The Petition states the following:-

Every day, countless residents and students across the City of Port Phillip are left waiting, or worse - stranded, due to the inadequate service frequency and reliability of bus route 606.

For many schoolchildren, elderly residents, essential workers and families, this bus route is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Connecting Elsternwick Station to Fishermans Bend and servicing key areas such as Elwood, St Kilda, Middle Park, Albert Park and Port Melbourne, Route 606 is a lifeline for the community.

However, during peak times, buses are routinely overcrowded, delayed, or fail to arrive at all - forcing passengers, including children, to wait in uncertainty or miss vital connections like school start times or medical appointments.

This is not acceptable.

We are calling on the City of Port Phillip Council for support of this petition and the Victorian State Government to take immediate action by:

- o Increasing the frequency of bus route 606, especially during peak school and commuter hours:*
- o Ensuring buses run on time and reliably*
- o Providing safe, accessible public transport for all, especially vulnerable users like students and older residents*

No child should be left behind. No elderly resident should be left waiting.

Reliable public transport is not just about convenience, it is about equity, safety and community wellbeing.

Sign this petition today to demand fair, frequent and dependable public transport for all. Let's ensure Route 606 works for the people who need it most.

OFFICER COMMENT

The petition received highlights community concerns regarding the frequency, reliability and accessibility of bus route 606, which connects Elsternwick Station to Fishermans Bend and services key suburbs including Elwood, St Kilda, Middle Park, Albert Park and Port Melbourne. The petition notes that the current service levels are inadequate, particularly during peak periods, and that this has a disproportionate impact on vulnerable users such as schoolchildren, older residents, essential workers and families.

Route 606 provides a key north-south public transport connection and is currently served by a bus approximately every 30 minutes, Monday to Friday and a bus every 60 minutes on the

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weekend. It is the only direct public transport link between Port Melbourne/Fishermans Bend and St Kilda, making it a strategically important service for local mobility.

The service also plays an important role connecting local schools including Port Melbourne Secondary College, Albert Park College and Elwood College and Council officers have been made aware of overcrowding issues on this route and have raised this matter with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) during regular officer-level meetings.

Noting the importance this bus route plays for the local community, and for the future growth of the Fishermans Bend precinct, Council officers agree that the current service levels are inadequate.

The request for improved service on route 606 is consistent with the objectives of the City of Port Phillip's Integrated Transport Strategy, which advocates for a public transport network that is accessible, reliable and equitable. Furthermore, the petition aligns with Council's endorsed advocacy priorities, including the need for enhanced public transport provision to support the development of Fishermans Bend.

Council is currently undertaking a range of advocacy activities in relation to Fishermans Bend, including the preparation of a formal response to the recently released Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan. Council has expressed concern that the proposed transport infrastructure outlined in the Plan is insufficient to support the scale of anticipated growth in the precinct. Further information on Council's position is available at: Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan puts growth plans at risk.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition regarding service frequency and reliability concerns on bus route 606.
2. Acknowledges and thanks the petitioners for their submission and ongoing advocacy on this matter.
3. Requests that officers incorporate advocacy for increased service frequency on bus route 606 as a distinct component of Council's broader Fishermans Bend transport advocacy campaign.
4. Requests officers to include advocacy for increased frequency of bus route 606 within Council's formal response to the Victorian Government's Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil