A world-class Airport Rail Link

AirRail Melbourne has developed a proposal to accelerate the delivery of a world-class, fast, reliable and competitive Airport Rail Link Victorians can be proud of.

Unlocks opportunities for either:
- High speed rail to Sydney
- Northern rail connections to Seymour and Shepparton
- Suburban rail loop

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Sunshine Express Link Dedicated track for Airport trains, Geelong and Victoria’s regions

Relieves congestion on M1, M2 and M80

New Metro Tunnel from south east will enable interchange at Sunshine

Integrated underground Airport Station

With Melbourne’s growth far outpacing all Australian cities, a multi-billion dollar investment needs to go beyond funnelling tourists to and from the airport. It needs to grasp this unique opportunity to provide capacity for the extra public transport services Victoria needs.
Integrating our regions and growth areas with Melbourne and the Airport

Bringing together an unrivalled team of Melbourne Airport, Southern Cross Station, Metro Trains Australia and fund manager IFM Investors, our proposed partnership with government would enable a $15 billion investment in Victoria’s rail network.

Our proposal to build 27 kilometres of new, dedicated tracks from Southern Cross Station to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine would not only enable the premium airport rail services we know passengers expect – it would unlock critical new capacity in Victoria’s rail network to get more people onto trains and help relieve our city’s growth pressures.

**Our proposal would deliver:**

- **World-class airport rail tailored for customers**
  A dedicated, customer focused rail service seamlessly integrated from Southern Cross Station to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine, connecting all Victorian rail services to the airport

- **Critical capacity and connection upgrades to Victoria’s rail network**
  A new ‘Sunshine Express Link’ builds critical network capacity to run more and faster regional trains on new tracks linking Southern Cross Station to Sunshine Station

- **Future rail network growth opportunities**
  Long-term solution that can unlock ‘State shaping’ future rail opportunities for new and faster services to Victoria’s regions and Melbourne’s suburbs

Over 4000 local and international travellers in Victoria have told us they expect:

- **A premium customer experience:** a comfortable journey on fit-for-purpose trains that allow room for luggage and avoid peak commuter impacts

- **A competitive travel time:** needs to be reliable and under 20 minutes

- **The right price:** a ticket price of up to $20 will attract more customers, consistent with SkyBus and other Australian airport rail links

- **Access from home:** 93% of outbound travellers originate from home, even for business trips so connections from across the network are critical
Premium airport express for visitors and all Victorians

- Reliable travel times under 20 minutes
- Trains 24/7 every 10 minutes
- Fair ticket price
- Custom-built Airport trains

- Airport connections through Sunshine for Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and the west
- A new Airport station integrated with the terminals
- Airport access with only one interchange for Melbourne's south-east
- Cuts 30-50 minutes off Airport trips for Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo

Transformative rail network capacity and connections

- Cuts 10 minutes off regional rail trips to the city
- Transport super hubs at Southern Cross Station and Sunshine
- Capacity for 10,000 extra peak hour trips on Wyndham Vale line
- Cuts 15,000 vehicles a day from roads in Melbourne’s north and west

- Attracts 12,000 more residents and 13,000 more jobs in the west
- Reduces overcrowding on the Werribee line by 2000 passengers each peak hour
- Capacity for up to 16 more regional trains per hour from Southern Cross Station
- Reduces carbon emissions by 100,000 tonnes by getting people out of cars and onto trains
AirRail Melbourne: the world-class Airport Rail Link Victorians expect

AirRail Melbourne brings together expertise from some of Victoria’s biggest transport providers: Melbourne Airport, Southern Cross Station, Metro Trains Australia and IFM Investors.

With the operators of both Melbourne Airport and Southern Cross Station in the heart of Melbourne, and with experience in international airport rail, we’re uniquely placed to provide a seamless, end-to-end journey.

We’ve been looking for some time at the best way to deliver a premium Airport rail service, and we’ll be talking with the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments about what’s needed to finally get the Melbourne Airport Rail Link off the ground.

What’s next

Our proposal is currently being assessed by the Victorian Government under the Market-Led Proposal Guideline.

We will be ready to start work by 2020, two years earlier than currently planned.

We know Victorians are as excited as we are about an Airport Rail Link and we’re committed to taking the journey together.

Delivering an Airport Rail Link offers a fair way to invest superannuation funds in a project that will benefit all Victorians - under the AirRail Melbourne proposal, one in two working Victorians will ‘own’ this iconic infrastructure via their superannuation.