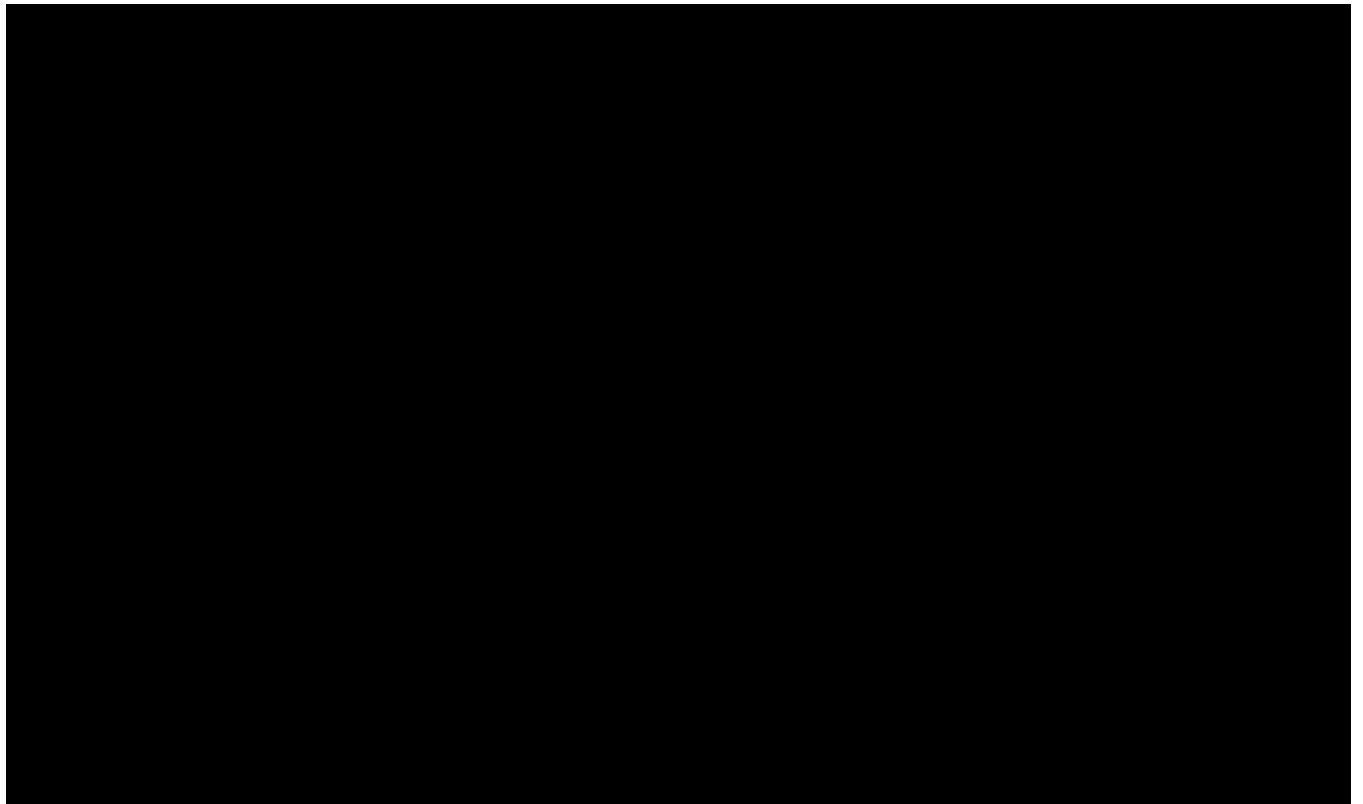
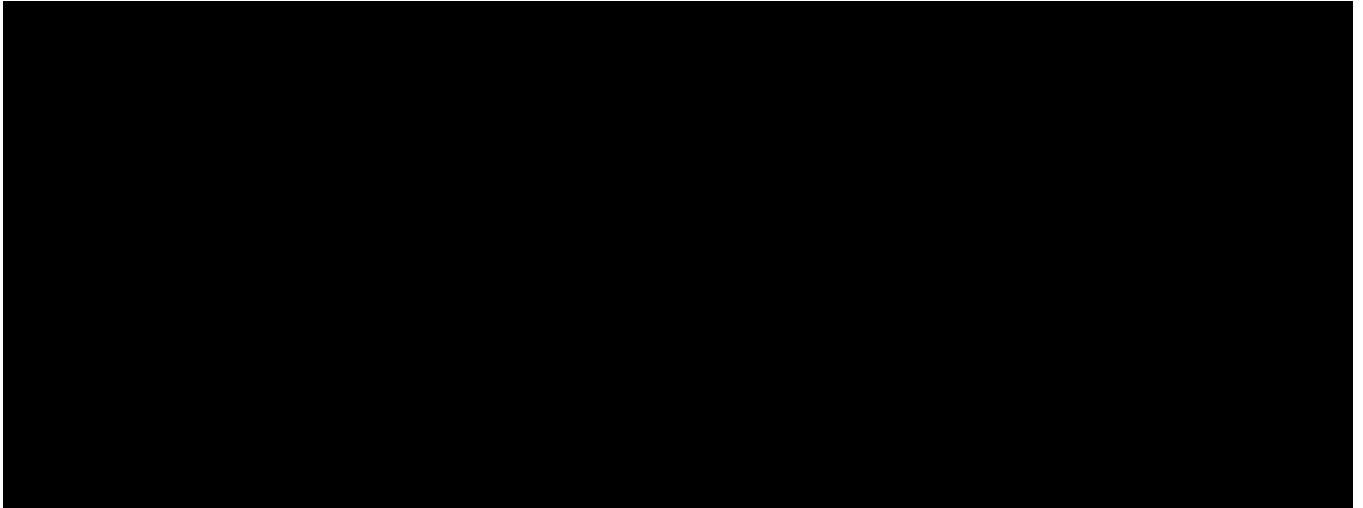
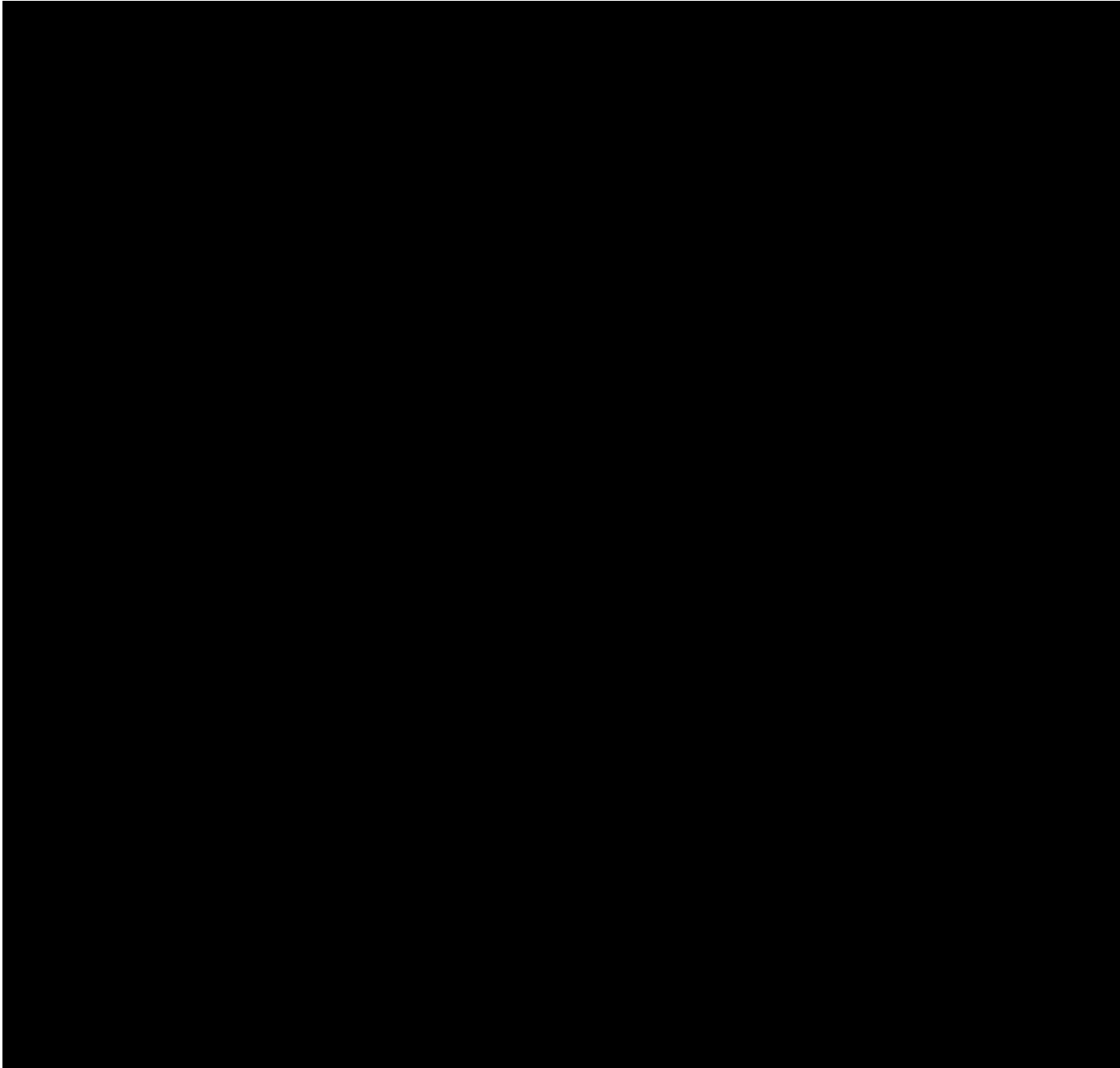


Submission form: Victoria's draft 30-year infrastructure strategy





Your feedback

Add as many sections as you need to provide all your feedback in this submission.

Topic/area:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Recommendation name:	Extend Melbourne's trams to encourage more new homes nearby
Recommendation number:	8
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
2. Tell us why	Of the two Kensington proposals, one extension proposal makes sense, the other does not in its current form
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	I read with interest the proposal to build two tram line extensions into Kensington. I write as a Kensington resident and public transport user and observer of 40 years standing. Re Infrastructure Victoria's updated draft 30-year infrastructure strategy published in the past week. Part of Recommendation 8, the map on page 39 shows tram extensions for all of Melbourne, so detailed routes are not clear at the chosen resolution and in this aspect alone all proposals appear speculative to say the least. Extended Tram Route 5 – Malvern to Flemington Bridge (North-South) This route would extend north and west along Spencer St, deviate to connect with North Melbourne Metro station, then north along Dryburgh or Laurens Street to pick up Macauley Rd outside the North Melbourne football ground and then north again on Boundary Rd to meet tram Route 57 near Flemington Bridge Metro station. (Strangely, the map also seems to show the new Route 3 duplicating Route 57 thereafter and finally terminating at Moonee Ponds Junction?) An even better terminus may be on a stub off Route 57 somewhere along Smithfield Rd to better serve Kensington Banks residents. I believe this route has real merit. It provides transit for residents & workers in the new Arden precinct, good connections between a number of north & west Metro and Yarra Tram lines and better public transit opportunities for North Melbourne, Kensington & Ascot Vale residents. Extended Tram Route 3 – East Malvern to Kensington (East-West)

	This route seems to extend from Swanston St west along Victoria St before following Route 57 and then following Macauley Road westward to Kensington. I believe this route has no merit. Macauley Rd is narrow and heavily trafficked; too narrow to add tram tracks. Notwithstanding that, the line would have to cross the increasingly busy Upfield and already at-capacity Craigieburn Metro lines. Crossing them at grade would be unworkable, (The Level Crossing Removal Authority has the same intractable problem with the two Macauley Rd crossings!) Citylink viaducts above prohibit a bridge over the Upfield line and crossing Moonee Ponds Creek would mean a too-expensive tunnel under. A better and more cost-effective inner suburban east-west solution would be to move the current 401 shuttle bus service to run a frequent service from St Vincent's Plaza westward on Victoria St, then to Footscray Metro station via North Melbourne, Arden, Macauley & Kensington Metro stations. Moreover, bus priority at traffic signals would be absolutely necessary.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	See above

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More feedback (optional)

Tell us about infrastructure challenges, gaps or opportunities not covered by the draft strategy. This can include things you think we should add to an existing recommendation, or suggestions for a new recommendation.

Please provide evidence for your suggestions. This can include data, specific examples, cost benefit analyses, surveys, or program evaluations. Also, explain how your suggestions align with the objectives of our draft strategy (see page 11 of the draft strategy).

Suggestions for new recommendations should point towards infrastructure opportunities that can deliver long-term benefits for Victorians. They should also be areas where the Victorian Government has a leading role.

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