

SEATS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2016

Regional Rail Improvements

The Public Transport Victoria (PTV) *Regional Network Development Plan* has committed a range of short to long term investments and service upgrades following significant community consultation in 2015.

It includes business cases for replacement of the aged Avon River Bridge at Stratford, track duplication Longwarry-Bunyip and design of new passing loops throughout the region.

These initiatives have been also supported by the recently completed GLGN ***Gippsland Rail Needs Study*** and GLGN and representatives were invited prior to Christmas to assist Transport staff with the preparation of business cases.

A number of business cases will be submitted for consideration by the Government for the May State Budget

Gippsland Logistics Precinct

The State Government has committed \$10 million from the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund for Latrobe City Council to develop the Gippsland Logistics Precinct (GLP) and associated supply chain improvements.

The GLP is a 72 ha site generally consisting of vacant paddocks located adjacent to the Gippsland rail line at Morwell. DEDJTR has established a Project Control Group (PCG) which is meeting regularly. The PCG is providing high level technical advice to help shape the investment from a policy and operational perspective.

Infrastructure Victoria Strategy

In November 2016 Infrastructure Victoria presented its Strategy to the State Government (available on their website). Transport is preparing plans in response to the Strategy.

Latrobe Valley Authority

Latrobe Valley Authority was established late 2016 by the State Government and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the \$266 million support package committed by the Victorian Government in response to the Hazelwood Power Station closure. Transport is working with LVA to provide a number of smaller projects for their consideration. The more important role of transport however, is to assist as an enabler for business and industry growth and to this end we are also working with LVA and Regional Development Victoria.