



5 November 2025

The Hon. Gabrielle Williams
Minister for Transport Infrastructure
Minister for Public and Active Transport
Via Email: receptionminwilliams@transport.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister Williams,

Request urgent improvements to the frequency and reliability of bus route 606

I am writing to request urgent improvements to the frequency and reliability of bus route 606, which connects Elsternwick Station to Fishermans Bend via St Kilda.

This route provides a critical north–south public transport link in the City of Port Phillip, serving key suburbs including Elwood, Middle Park, Albert Park, and Port Melbourne as well as the key urban renewal precinct of Fishermans Bend. It is the only direct public transport connection between Port Melbourne and St Kilda and plays an important role in linking our community to local schools, employment hubs, and recreational areas. The route is particularly important for students attending Port Melbourne Secondary College, Albert Park College, and Elwood College.

Currently, the service operates every 30 to 40 minutes on weekdays and hourly on weekends - significantly less frequent than other, less patronised bus routes in metropolitan Melbourne, which often run every 10 to 15 minutes during peak periods.

These intervals are insufficient to meet community needs, especially during peak times. Council has received consistent feedback regarding overcrowding, delays, and missed connections, which disproportionately affect vulnerable users such as students, older residents, and essential workers.

A [community petition](#) calling for improved service levels on route 606 has received over 760 signatures to date, reflecting strong local support for more frequent and reliable public transport along this corridor. As part of the petition parents of school-aged children have shared stories of missed classes, long wait times, and safety concerns due to unreliable service.

I have also attached letters from key local stakeholders supporting this request (below).

On behalf of impact stakeholders, Council respectfully asks:

- That the frequency of route 606 be increased, particularly during peak school and commuter hours
- That service reliability and punctuality be improved to ensure safe and dependable transport for all users

This request aligns with the Victorian Government's Bus Plan and the Horizon 1 objectives in the recently released Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan –, which prioritise



increased service frequency, improved reliability, and enhanced accessibility across the network.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Council looks forward to the opportunity to work with your office and the department to improve public transport outcomes for our community.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Crawford".

Louise Crawford

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



We can confirm the Fishermans Bend Business Forum confirms their support for additional bus frequency for 606 Routes.



Guy Naselli | Managing Director & President Fishermans Bend Business Forum



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Bus 606 through West St Kilda

I am writing on behalf of the West St Kilda Residents Association (WSKRA), a group which has been supporting the approximately 3,000 residents of West St Kilda for over 25 years.

The 606 bus is the only easy public transport link between West St Kilda and Port Melbourne and much of Albert Park in the North, and Elwood and Elsternwick in the South. Many residents, especially young students, are frequent users of the bus. The frequency of the bus is currently quite 'infrequent'- only every 30-40 minutes which causes problems, especially in peak periods. A more frequent service, especially in peak periods around school start and finish times, is required. There have also been problems with the reliability and timeliness of the service. This needs to be reviewed and a reliable service provided.

A comment made by residents is that the large buses currently used are not ideal for some resident streets although in West St Kilda the bus does follow the tram track. More frequent service may enable smaller busses to be used especially in off-peak times when older passengers use the buses.

Providing a timely and reliable 606 service is necessary for current users and is likely to encourage more residents to take advantage of the service!

Leigh Hardy

President, West St Kilda Residents Association