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Mr Josh Bull MP  
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**Via Email:** [josh.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:josh.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Mr Bull



**RE: REVIEW OF SUNBURY BUS NETWORK AND LONG-TERM PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT PLANNING**

Hume City Council at its meeting of 22 May 2023 resolved:

*“That council write to the Minister for Public Transport and the Member for Sunbury, asking that they consider a review of the Sunbury bus network.”*

A copy of the Notice of Motion is attached for further context.

The Sunbury community is rapidly growing with 889 lots released in the last 2 years and more than 3,700 lots forecast to be released in the next five years. By 2041, Sunbury is forecast to grow to the size of a Bendigo or Ballarat.

As you are aware as Sunbury grows, significant demands will be placed on infrastructure and transport networks. Access to a safe, reliable and efficient public transport system is essential for the present and future liveability of Sunbury.

Council welcomes and appreciates the recent investments and planned upgrades by the Victorian State Government of the Sunbury bus terminus and suggests that this provides the perfect opportunity for a network wide renewal of the bus offering in Sunbury.

However more broadly, the current bus network in Sunbury has not undergone significant review or changes for more than ten years. Due to the current and future growth of Sunbury it is not meeting the needs of many residents, especially members of the community with differing abilities and needs.

Council is writing to request your support for the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to undertake a review of the existing bus network in Sunbury as a priority. This review should examine:

- a) Route coverage
- b) Service frequency
- c) Utilization
- d) Service delivery models, and
- e) Options to extend services beyond the current service end time, including consideration of the introduction of a limited on-demand style service.

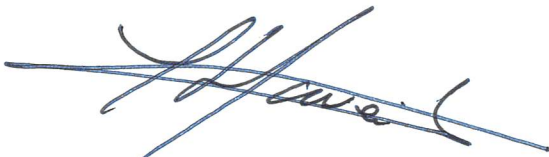
Additionally, the three new train stations along the Sunbury/Bendigo train lines planned to support new communities in the Sunbury South and Lancefield Road Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) have great potential to support public transport patronage within and beyond Sunbury.

Council would also appreciate your support to encourage DTP to prepare a comprehensive public transport plan for the long term needs of Sunbury. This would identify the timing of new station delivery as well as corresponding changes to the bus network and bus interchange needs. Council would be very pleased to provide input on a draft strategy and assist to ensure it is linked to changing land uses as Sunbury grows.

A public transport plan would provide direction for interim decisions ensuring the ultimate public transport network is future proofed. The plan can also set out the needs for staged delivery of efficient and timely public transport upgrades to keep pace with the evolving needs of the local community.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Jillian McQuade, Acting Manager City Strategy, on 9205 3047 or email at [jillianmc@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:jillianmc@hume.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Haweil', written over a horizontal line.

**CR JOSEPH HAWEIL  
MAYOR**

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CARRIED

**9.2 NOM23/016 - Cr Naim Kurt**Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell**That Council:**

The Council officers investigate options for hosting an Anzac Day Service at the Broadmeadows War Memorial at the Broadmeadows Town Park in 2024.

CARRIED

**9.3 NOM23/017 - Cr Jarrod Bell**Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft**That Council:**

- 1.1 Recognize the current and future growth of the Sunbury community and the expected demands this growth will place on infrastructure and transport networks.**
- 1.2 Confirm that access to a safe, reliable, and useful public transport system is essential for the present and future liveability of our City.**
- 1.3 Acknowledge:**
  - a) That the Sunbury bus network has not undergone significant review or changes for more than ten years.**
  - b) That the current bus service does not meet the needs of many users especially members of the community with differing abilities and needs.**
  - c) Recent appreciated and welcomed investments and planned upgrades by the Victorian State Government of the Sunbury bus terminus provides the perfect opportunity for a network wide renewal of the bus offering in Sunbury.**
- 1.4 Council write to the Hon Ben Carroll MP, the Minister for Public Transport, and Josh Bull MP, the Member for Sunbury, noting the above and seeking a review of the Sunbury bus network. This review should examine:**
  - a) Route coverage**
  - b) Service frequency**
  - c) Utilization**
  - d) Service delivery models, and**
  - e) Options to extend services beyond the current service end time, including consideration of the introduction of a limited on-demand style service.**
- 1.5 That Council should, where possible using its own expertise and data and research, advocate for improvements to public transport access for all in our community.**

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