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Ask the candidates about their plans for transport for the west

Melton City Council is encouraging residents in the west to let State Election candidates know what their transport needs are at an upcoming community transport forum.

Organised by The Metropolitan Transport Forum advocacy group, the event will cover all forms of transport across the Kororoit electorate which covers Aintree, Albanvale, Burnside, Burnside Heights, Cairnlea, Caroline Springs, Deanside, Deer Park, Derrimut, Mount Cottrell, Mt Atkinson, Ravenhall, Rockbank and Truganina – and the Cities of Melton and Brimbank.

Candidates will have the chance talk about what their plans are for roads and public transport if elected. There will also be an opportunity for candidates to answer questions.

Kororoit is one of Melbourne's fastest growing areas but has missed out on transport infrastructure investment leaving local residents disadvantaged as they try to access work, school and services.

Public transport and roads have consistently been one of the issues facing the City of Melton community. That's why Council launched the Fix our Roads campaign in the lead up to this year's federal and state elections.

This forum has been organised by the Metropolitan Transport Forum which is an advocacy group comprising members from Melbourne metropolitan local governments, associate members representing transport companies, and participants from the State Government and environment groups.

John Fletcher (Liberal) and Luba Grigorovich (Labor), the candidates for Kororoit, will be in attendance – as well as Western Metropolitan candidates, Bernadette Thomas (Greens) and Catherine Cummings (Independent).

The forum will be held on Thursday 6 October at 6:30pm at Burnside Children's and Community Centre.

Tickets to the event are limited. You can book your tickets to the Forum and ask your question at <https://mtf.org.au/upcoming-events/mtf-forum-kororoit/>

Quotes attributable to the Mayor of Melton, Cr Goran Kesic

"We've been calling for more state investment in transport across the region – with our major roads, rail and bus networks all in desperate need of upgrades.



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“Our residents are facing long commutes, high transport costs, and less time spent with families.

“We’ve got 50 new families moving into our city each week and 50 babies being born. This is one of the fastest growing areas in the country.

“We launched the Fix our Roads campaign calling on all candidates to invest in our major roads. Many of our roads are already at capacity and our population is going to more than double by 2050.

“Let your state election candidates know what your transport needs are and tell your story straight to them.”

Quotes attributable to the chair of the Metropolitan Transport Forum, Jonathan Marsden

“The Kororoit forum hosted by Melton is a unique opportunity to discuss key transport issues in Melbourne’s rapidly growing west with candidates from across the political spectrum.”

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