



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Transport

Reference: Transport – City and Environment Directorate

Hearing: 24 July 2026

In relation to: Rapid bus services

Question received: 3 August 2026

Answer Due: 10 August 2026

The Draft Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework says that the intention is to "Keep key southern rapid bus routes running through to the City from Molonglo Valley, Weston Creek and Tuggeranong."

1. What corridor will these rapid services travel along to get to the City?
2. Will these services be supported by dedicated bus lanes through to the City?

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The draft Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework (the Framework) is a strategic planning document that is focused on establishing a long-term land use and transport vision for the Southern Gateway corridor. As a strategic vision-setting document it identifies potential future opportunities for change within the corridor. It does not determine the detailed design, operation or configuration of future transport infrastructure or services. The opportunities identified in the Framework would be subject to future decisions of government and further statutory planning, detailed planning and design processes. The draft Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework does not identify a final corridor for rapid bus services travelling to the City. At this stage, the Framework indicates that key southern rapid services would continue to provide connections to the City. Any future changes to bus routes, interchange locations or supporting infrastructure will be subject to further planning, technical assessment, community consultation and Government decision-making.
2. Bus priority lanes already exist along sections of the corridor. The draft Southern Gateway Planning and Design Framework supports improving public transport reliability and travel times, and opportunities to enhance bus priority may be considered as part of future planning and design work. Any future bus priority measures would be subject to further planning, technical assessment and Government decision-making.

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Signature: 
By the Minister for Transport, Tara Cheyne MLA

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