



Media Release

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NEW CITYRAIL TIMETABLE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The NSW Government has invested \$3.6 billion in 626 new train carriages for commuters.

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today encouraged CityRail passengers to go online and view the new 2009 Timetable so they can start getting prepared for its introduction in October.

Mr Campbell said the 2009 Timetable would be introduced on Sunday, 11 October, after an extensive public awareness campaign to ensure customers are aware of the changes and can plan their travel.

“From today the new Timetable is available on the Transport Info website and I’m encouraging commuters to go online and familiarise themselves with it so they are prepared well in advance of October.

“The 2009 Timetable has been finalised following extensive community consultation and this has resulted a number of service improvements such as frequency of trains and connections to other services being fully incorporated in the new timetable.”

Mr Campbell said the new Timetable takes advantage of opportunities provided by integrating the \$2.3 billion Epping to Chatswood rail link into the broader rail network, allowing CityRail to run additional services to benefit customers and to ease crowding issues.

“More than 10,000 people are riding the Epping to Chatswood Rail Link each day and I expect that number to grow when it is fully integrated into the network,” Mr Campbell said.

“Our Cityrail network now provides more than 300 million passenger journeys a year and the new Timetable is aimed at addressing crowding issues in the short term before the metro system is built and before the 626 new PPP carriages start coming on line from next year.

“The new Timetable will see additional peak hour services, with six-car trains increased to eight-car trains on more services across Sydney to provide extra capacity.”

Mr Campbell said the benefits of the new timetable would include:

- additional peak services to the Western, South and East Hills lines
- additional services 9am to 12 noon for Western, South, Northern and North Shore passengers
- additional carriages on peak hour trains to increase capacity
- a more even spread of patronage across peak hour trains
- additional weekend services on the Bankstown and Inner West Lines
- crowd relief at CBD stations through altered platform arrangements
- direct rail access from the CBD to the Macquarie Park/North Ryde employment corridor.

To view the 2009 Timetable visit: www.131500.info

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