

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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### Funding boost to deliver more public transport services, more often

The State Government will invest more than \$22 million over the next four years to increase train services during evenings, weekends and major event periods like Mad March.

The funding boost, part of the 2017-18 State Budget, will benefit all lines, with additional services to run on the Gawler, Outer Harbor, Belair, Tonsley and Seaford lines.

Once the \$85.5 million extension of the Tonsley rail line to Flinders Medical Centre is completed, peak-hour services on this line will increase to a 20-minute frequency.

The investment will also mean additional services are on offer for next year's Mad March. More late-night services will mean more options for South Australians and visitors to get home safer and sooner.

New timetables will be released later this year and changes will include:

- Gawler, Outer Harbor, Seaford and Tonsley, and Belair lines running to a 30-minute frequency instead of 60 minutes during weeknights.
- Tonsley line services running at a 20-minute frequency instead of 30 minutes during peak periods.

These new services are made possible by the State Government's ongoing investment in public transport.

We need more services to meet the needs of our growing city. Train patronage has significantly increased from 10.7 million trips in 2009-10 to 14.1 million in 2015-16, a rise of more than 32 per cent.

### Background

These additional services are being supported by a massive investment in our rail infrastructure to deliver better, safer and more reliable services for South Australians including:

- \$16 million for rail signaling upgrades, CCTV, lighting and station upgrades.
- \$48 million for a major upgrade of diesel railcars.
- \$85.5 million for the Flinderslink extension.
- \$152.5 million for Stage 1 of the Gawler line electrification.

- \$174 million for the Oaklands Crossing upgrade.
- \$238 million for the Torrens Rail Junction.

### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

We're adding services and delivering the infrastructure that will bring our train network into the 21st Century, including the electrification of the Gawler Line, the Torrens Junction Project, the Oaklands Crossings upgrade and the Flinderslink extension.

The benefits of investing in public transport flow right through the economy reducing travel times for commuters, easing traffic congestion in the city, and creating jobs for South Australians during construction, upgrades and maintenance.

### **Quotes attributable to Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan**

This Budget continues the State Government's record investment in our public transport network.

We want more South Australians to use public transport, which is why we are continually expanding and improving our network.

For people who work late for a living, like those in essential services and hospitality, these additional services will make getting home easier.

Later services during major events will mean people can enjoy our amazing festivals and events for longer and get home safer and sooner.

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