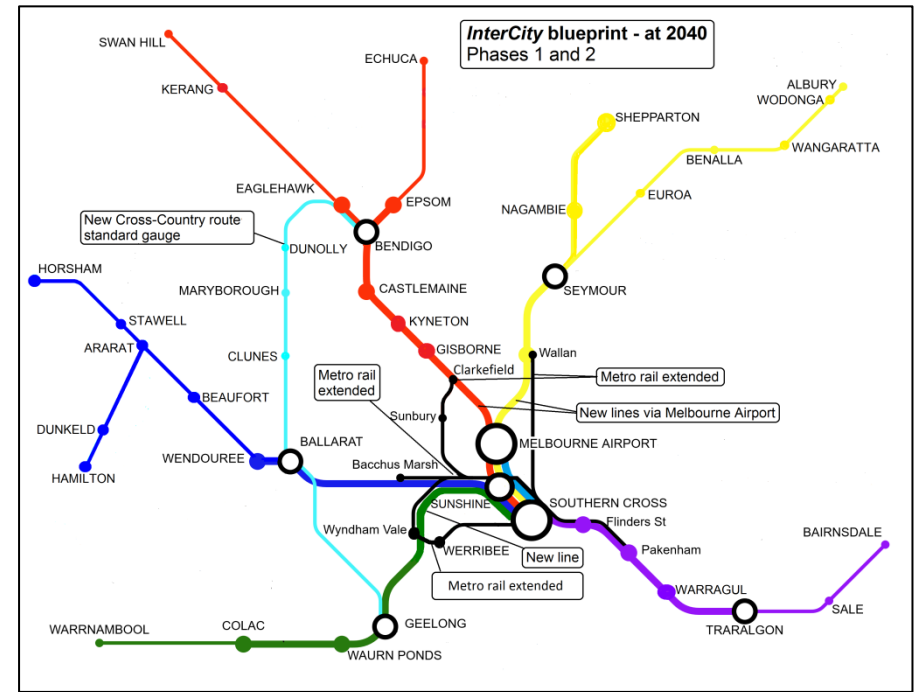


Rail Futures Institute (RFI)

Proposed development of Melbourne Airport railway, regional and future high speed links

- RFI has been undertaking a major study of Victoria's regional rail network as part of wider investigation into the potential for faster rail to help re-balance Melbourne's rapid population growth in favour of the accelerated growth of regional cities within commuting distance (and time) from Melbourne.
- These studies have highlighted the potential of Melbourne Airport to become a **major rail hub** as a key element of a network re-structure to ultimately provide:
 - a 15 minute journey to Southern Cross Station every 10 minutes on dedicated Airport line trains stopping only at Sunshine
 - direct services to Bendigo every 30 minutes (15 minutes during peak periods) with a potential metro interchange at Clarkefield
 - direct half-hourly services to Seymour and to Shepparton every two hours (more often during peak periods)
 - direct services to Wangaratta, Wodonga and Albury several times daily
 - easy interchange at Sunshine with Melbourne Metro (to Parkville, CBD, Clayton (Monash precinct) and Dandenong), also Geelong and Ballarat trains
 - Interchange at Southern Cross with all other metropolitan rail lines and the Gippsland line
 - Future potential for very fast trains (VFTs) to Sydney every 30 minutes and hourly to Canberra
- The three-stage development would be phased over a 10-15 year period:
 - **Stage 1** – new dedicated rail corridor from Southern Cross to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine built to High Speed Rail (HSR) standards - part surface on existing railway land, part underground construction.
 - **Stage 2** – new rail corridor Melbourne Airport to Clarkefield, linking to the existing Bendigo line.
 - **Stage 3** – new rail corridor from Oaklands Junction (just north of the Airport) to Beveridge/Wallan via the Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR) reservation, linking to the Seymour, Shepparton and Wodonga/Albury lines built to HSR standards and a Metro interchange at Wallan
 - **Future Stage 4** – potential for HSR corridor beyond Wallan to Sydney via Shepparton, Wodonga/Albury, Wagga Wagga and Canberra.



- Key features of the proposed development would include:
 - Southern Cross Station - dedicated Airport line platforms and potential City airline terminal facilities – **major iconic development potential** on rail sidings land with Latrobe Street bridge both sides frontage
 - Melbourne Airport – dedicated platforms (elevated or underground) for frequent CBD shuttle trains.
 - Melbourne Airport – underground platforms for Bendigo and north-eastern regional trains and Sydney/Canberra VFTs.
 - Tottenham – servicing/stabling sidings for Airport trains, regional trains and future VFTs (on VicTrack land).
 - Sunshine - sub-surface platforms providing easy interchange with Metro and regional trains at the recently rebuilt Sunshine station with major development potential and value capture on VicTrack land

