

## CITY TO WODEN LIGHT RAIL EXPRESS SERVICE

The ACT Greens want to create a sustainable, connected Canberra that works for everyone.

Critical to this vision is a comprehensive public transport network that ensures everyone can get where they need to go without burning fossil fuel, being stuck in traffic, or having long public transport wait times.

A Canberra-wide light rail network is critical to this vision, but it needs to be done right. We want to make sure light rail is the most attractive transport option for people wishing to travel along its route.

The ACT Greens believe the current plan for Light Rail Stage 2 can be better: the plan should aim to make the service quicker and better integrated into our active travel and bus network.

To ensure the Woden to City service is convenient and used by as many Canberrans as possible, **the ACT Greens commit to making every second service in peak times an express service.**

This would **make light rail the fastest transport option from Woden to Canberra city, almost halving transit time.**

**The City to Woden Express service would cut around 10 minutes off the estimated 25-30 minute route planned in the current Stage 2 proposal,** allowing people to either travel directly from Woden to the city, or use the all-stops service.

The ACT Greens understand that big infrastructure investments like light rail give us a chance to transform Canberra into a sustainable, 21st-century city. That's why we are committed to getting it right, by ensuring Light Rail Stage 2 is as fast, integrated, and future-proof as possible. The proposal will:

- **Ensure Light Rail Stage 2 is the fastest transit option** to get from Woden to the City, by introducing **light rail express services**
- **Integrate light rail networks into existing bus service networks** to ensure that when light rail is introduced to Woden, the frequency of connecting suburban bus services is also improved
- **Build footpaths and lighting to light rail stops,** to enable people to feel safe when going home after dark
- **Integrate light rail with an ACT-wide, off-road cycling network** and other active transport options.

## HOW WOULD THE CITY TO WODEN EXPRESS SERVICE WORK?

There are several ways to design and build express services. Currently, with services every six minutes in peak times, express services can be delivered by implementing timetable changes, which is the cheapest solution. However, we want Light Rail Stage 2 infrastructure to incorporate overtaking tracks at some stations to ensure that express services can continue even when services are more frequent. Crossing point infrastructure would allow light rail vehicles to terminate and change direction without needing to complete the full route.

For a relatively small investment, bypass and crossing point infrastructure could be constructed at several stations, which would enable more complex express services to be included in the timetable, once the network goes to Tuggeranong. These bypass and crossing points must be included in the plans for Stage 2 from the beginning, to ensure that our network can cope with demand in decades to come.

## WHY ARE EXPRESS SERVICES IMPORTANT?

The ACT Greens are committed to ensuring express services help Canberrans get to where they want as quickly as possible.

We know Light Rail Stage 1 - Gungahlin to City - has been incredibly popular, reaching the patronage targets years early. That's because it was reliable, sustainable, affordable, and fast. But it's also because people got a chance to see the potential role of sustainable transport in Canberra's future. Our proposal for Stage 2 of the Canberra light rail network is about making sure people in the south also get the best possible public transport outcomes.

It is critical that all public transport proposals integrate bus, cycling, and other transport options, giving us an integrated approach to getting around our city.

This forms part of the ACT Greens' vision for a sustainable Canberra, which also includes a [Cycling Revolution](#) and [Electric Vehicle rEvolution](#).