



Media Release

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TENS OF THOUSANDS CLICK ON NEW CITYRAIL TIMETABLE

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

Embargoed until 5am

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today said tens of thousands of people had logged-on to the Internet to get their first look at the 2009 timetable, which comes into effect on Sunday 11 October.

Mr Campbell said in the space of a fortnight 44,000 visits had been made to the 2009 timetable page, through either the 131500 transport info website www.131500.info or the CityRail website www.cityrail.info.

“When the timetable went up on the web two weeks ago, I encouraged people to get online, have a look at it and get prepared for its introduction. I am glad to see people have heard that message,” Mr Campbell said.

“Having the timetable details on the web, allows commuters to get an early look and be prepared for any changes.

“The 2009 timetable will see the \$2.3 billion Epping to Chatswood Rail Link integrated into the CityRail network, providing a new way of travelling to the city and delivering benefits across the system.”

Some of the benefits of the new timetable include:

- Extra peak services to the Western, South and East Hills lines
- Extra services 9am – 12pm for Western, South, Northern & North Shore passengers
- Extra carriages on peak hour trains to increase capacity
- Extra weekend services on the Bankstown and Inner West Lines
- Direct rail access from the CBD to the Macquarie Park/North Ryde employment corridor.

“CityRail now provides more than 300 million passenger journeys each year and the new timetable will be aimed at addressing capacity issues ahead of the arrival of 626 state-of-the-art train carriages and the completion of the Sydney Metro,” Mr Campbell said,

“Those who are unsure what the timetable changes mean for them should visit either www.131500.info or www.cityrail.info and follow the links to the 2009 timetable.

“The new rail timetable will also mean changes to bus and ferry timetables which will be made available closer to their introduction.”

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