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‘Super train’ proposal to provide faster, easier journey for Melbourne Airport passengers

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has welcomed today’s AirRail Melbourne proposal to deliver a \$15 billion airport ‘super train’.

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said the proposal, backed by superannuation funds of more than seven million Australians, would provide a rail service designed to best meet the growing needs of both Melbourne Airport and people living and working in the state.

The AirRail Melbourne consortium is comprised of IFM Investors, Melbourne Airport, Metro Trains Australia and Southern Cross Station.

It has proposed to match the \$5 billion funding announced by both the Victorian and Commonwealth governments under the \$15 billion plan.

“The AAA is delighted to see the private sector seeking to contribute to this transformational project,” Ms Wilkie said.

“Melbourne Airport is expecting its passenger numbers to nearly double in the next 20 years and providing fast, easy and seamless access to the airport will be an essential part of supporting this growth.

“A premium, 24-hour service such as this would ensure the airport rail will deliver a great experience for the passenger, no matter when they are travelling.

“The plan would also deliver wider economic benefits and improved connectivity for the people of Melbourne and Victoria.”

Ms Wilkie said the plan to deliver affordable fares and faster travel times under the proposal would be welcomed by passengers.

The project would include 27km of new track and twin rail tunnels to deliver a 20-minute travel time to the city. It would also use a redeveloped Sunshine Stations super-hub to unlock greater access to regional passengers.

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