



CASE STUDY

YARRA TRAMS, MELBOURNE

Melbourne's world-famous tram system has provided a crucial mass transit service to hundreds of thousands of inner-suburban residents every day and is a major contributor to the local economy. In the 1990s, the tram infrastructure was requiring upgrading and extension to keep up with the needs of the Melbourne public.

In 1998, Egis was a key private sector partner in the successful Yarra Trams bid to take over ownership and operation of the tram system for half of the Melbourne network. Since then, the success of Yarra Trams has led to it taking over operation of the entire system – one of the biggest and most complex light rail operating contracts in the world.

Egis played a key role during the bid and the early period of the concession in planning for major service and patronage improvements. These included the introduction of "superstops", kerbside running and world-class low floor trams to ensure safer, more comfortable and more reliable services for Melbourne commuters.

The Melbourne tram system remains one of the most successful global examples of a public-to-private sector transport transition.

EGIS' ROLES INCLUDED:

- project sponsor
- investor in the Yarra Trams franchise
- engineering services (through Egis Consulting Australia)

MELBOURNE TRAM FACTS:

Melbourne has the third largest tram network in the world with over 245km of double track, 1770 stops and 29 routes. There are more than 500 trams operating on the network.

As part of the rejuvenation, 17 "superstops" have been built in the city providing enhanced passenger experience and accessibility. More than 10,000 people per day use the Collins Street superstops alone.

CONCESSION CLIENT	– Victorian Government
FRANCHISEE	– Metrolink Victoria Pty Ltd
FINANCING	– Shareholders equity – Rolling stock lease
SCHEDULE	– Commencement of franchise: August 1999 – Duration of franchise: 12 years