

FIRST 7-ELEVEN STORES START SELLING MYKI CARDS

Public transport users can now buy and top up a myki card from 7-Eleven stores in Melbourne's CBD.

Twenty stores began offering card sales on Thursday, 9 February, with all suburban 7-Eleven outlets due to be selling and topping up myki cards by the end of the month.

Transport Ticketing Authority Chief Executive Officer Bernie Carolan said the introduction of card sales and top up services at 7-Eleven was important for all public transport passengers.

"It's great to have 7-Eleven on board and for the first stores to be selling and topping up passengers' myki cards," Mr Carolan said.

"Most 7-Eleven stores are open 24 hours a day so passengers know they can buy or top up a myki at any time and immediately be able to travel.

"Adding to the retail network is a key part of making myki simple and convenient for public transport users and this gives myki customers another option when it comes to topping up on the go."

"When the rollout of the myki retail network is complete, passengers will be able to buy and top up cards at around 800 retail outlets across Melbourne."

A 7-Eleven store will display signs informing customers that it now offers myki card sales and top up services.

It will not be possible to buy a Metcard from these locations once myki services are available, however passengers can continue to travel using Metcard until late 2012.

In addition, 90 independent retailers will begin selling and topping up cards in the first half of March.

Around 400 independent retailers that already offer myki top up services will sell myki cards by the end of April.