



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

Hands up who wants to know about the level crossing removals?

What's happening?

The Level Crossing Removal Project is removing 18 level crossings and building 12 new stations as part of a \$3 billion upgrade of the Frankston line that will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often.

Three sets of boom gates – at Park and Charman roads in Cheltenham and Balcombe Road in Mentone – will be gone for good by late 2020.

Works have already started to remove these dangerous and congested crossings by lowering the line into trenches underneath the roads.

A new Mentone Station will be built 150 metres south of its current position. The much-loved station gardens will be upgraded and the five heritage-listed trees will be protected in their current spots during construction. Valuable new community space will be created with a 540m² deck over the rail line.

At Cheltenham the new station will have a plaza connecting Cheltenham Park with the shopping area. The existing palm trees will be returned to the station precinct when construction is complete. The third rail line, currently a dead-end into Cheltenham Station, will be connected. This will allow for more trains, more often on the Frankston line.

The project will include more than three kilometres of walking and cycling paths connecting the Mentone and Cheltenham station precincts. It will also include landscaping, and improved lighting, accessibility and car parking.

How to get more information

The Cheltenham and Mentone Information Hub at 116 Balcombe Road is open Tuesdays 9am to 12 noon and Thursdays 2pm to 5pm. Drop in and learn more about the projects. Call the Level Crossing Removal Project 24 hours a day on **1800 105 105** or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

You can also sign up for regular email updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/contact/subscribe

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Project timeline



Mid 2019

- Major construction begins at both sites



August 2019

- Station car parks close in Cheltenham and Mentone
- Service relocation works begin



Late 2019

- Ground strengthening works



Early 2020

- Cheltenham and Mentone stations close
- Mentone Station construction begins



Mid 2020

- Major construction blitz to excavate the rail trenches
- Cheltenham Station construction begins
- Reconstruct roads over the rail line



Late 2020

- Cheltenham and Mentone stations operational



Early 2021

- Mentone project complete



Mid 2021

- Cheltenham project complete

** Please note that the timeline above is subject to change.*

How we're working with schools

The area immediately around our project in Mentone and Cheltenham is home to five high schools, several primary schools and thousands of students.

We understand people might be wondering how our works will affect students, families and staff so we have set up a dedicated schools reference group.

This is the first time in Melbourne such a group has been established for a level crossing removal. The group is meeting regularly during construction to share project information and help us understand the specific requirements of the school community, such as students moving safely through the project area. These meetings will help minimise disruption to students, parents and staff from the works.

Earlier this year, we asked schools to send a survey to parents and teachers to help us identify some of the key issues that concern the school community, such as disruptions to travel routes.

We will soon ask schools to send out a more detailed survey to all families. We hope you will tell us where, when and how students travel to and from home and school. This anonymous data is crucial to helping us plan ways to help people commute during the works.

We are looking forward to working with the school community to keep everybody informed about our works and travel and parking options. We are also developing exciting partnerships with schools to create a variety of opportunities for students and will be sharing this information with the schools as the project progresses.

Stay safe!

Did you know heavy penalties apply for people found trespassing on tracks? Only cross train tracks at pedestrian crossings.

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