



10 MORE LEVEL CROSSINGS TO GO **85** GONE BY 2025

Congestion at Keon Parade, Keon Park

We're removing another dangerous and congested boom gate on the Mernda line

The Victorian Government has committed to removing 75 dangerous and congested level crossings by 2025. With 47 already gone the project is ahead of schedule so another 10 have been added to make it 85 level crossings gone by 2025.

We're removing 6 level crossings on the Mernda line. 1 is already gone, 4 are going and now we'll remove the level crossing at **Keon Parade**, Keon Park.

Removing this crossing will **improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains, more often.**

With this frustrating boom gate out of the way, we're helping people travel to local shops, schools and community services faster. It will also cut travel time to the M80 Ring Road.

Site analysis

This level crossing clogs local roads and puts lives at risk. There has been 1 crash and 24 near misses at this site since 2012.

Around 33,000 passengers use the Mernda line each day. Current network plans involve running more trains along the line, which would mean even more boom gate downtime.

Local progress

We've already removed the level crossing at High Street in Reservoir and built a brand new Reservoir Station.

Works are now underway to remove the level crossings at Oakover Road, Bell Street, Cramer Street and Murray Road in Preston. This means that Bell Street will be level crossing-free. We're also building the new Preston and Bell Stations.



Reservoir Station, Reservoir

New station



A new station will be built at **Keon Park** as part of the crossing removal.

● Crossings removed

- High Street, Reservoir

● In planning or construction

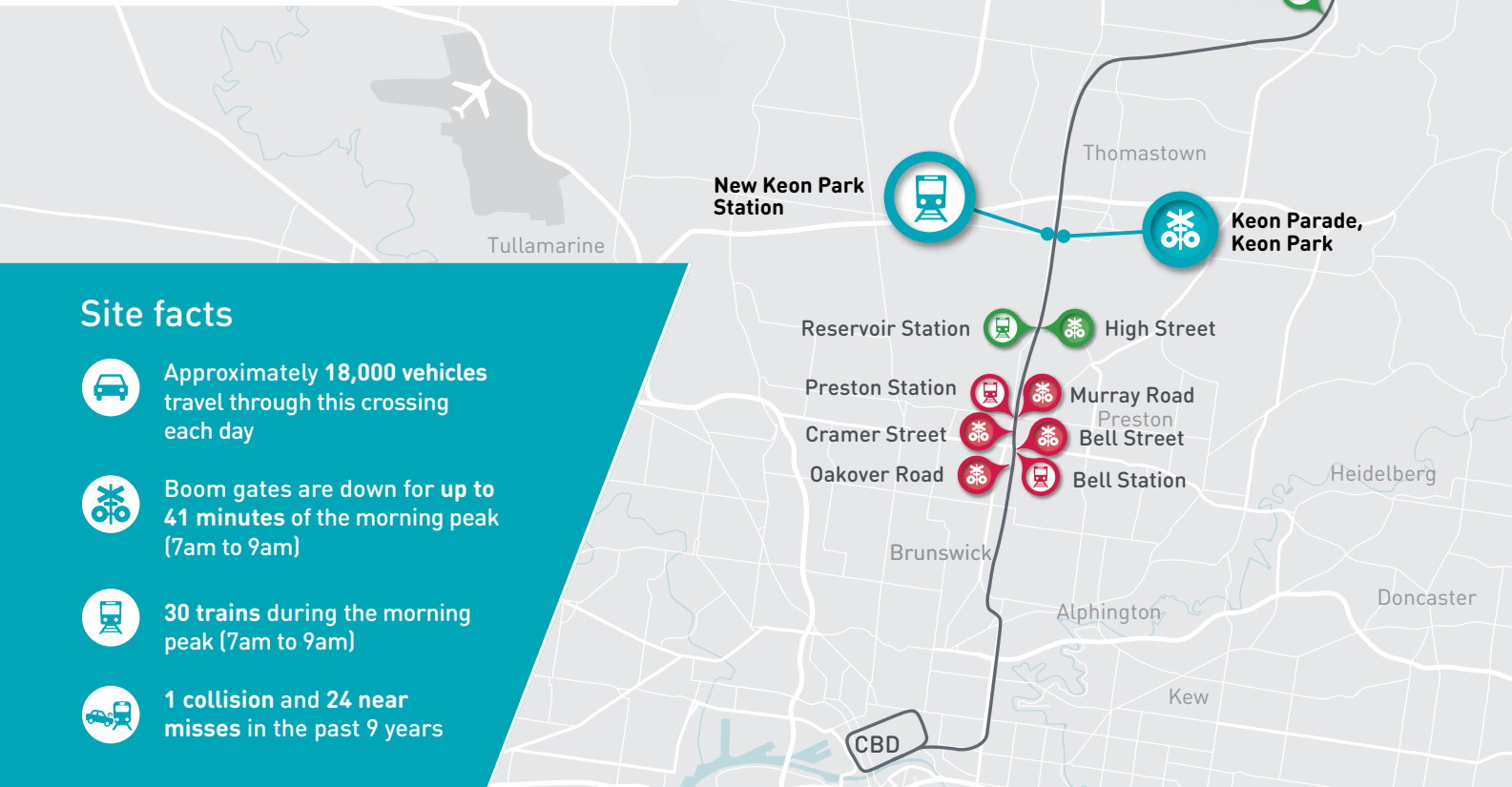
- Murray Road, Preston
- Cramer Street, Preston
- Bell Street, Preston
- Oakover Road, Preston

● New crossing removals

- Keon Parade, Keon Park

LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS AND NEW STATIONS

- New station / site
- Delivered
- In planning or construction



Site facts

- Approximately **18,000 vehicles** travel through this crossing each day
- Boom gates are down for up to **41 minutes** of the morning peak (7am to 9am)
- 30 trains** during the morning peak (7am to 9am)
- 1 collision and 24 near misses** in the past 9 years

Project benefits

We're removing six dangerous and congested level crossings on the Mernda line and building seven new stations by 2025.

- More than **\$1.1 billion** is being invested in upgrading the line including the rail extension and new stations completed in 2018
- Removing the level crossing will **ease congestion** on the busy M80 Ring Road and 903 SmartBus route, and provide faster access to the Western Ring Road
- Allows more trains to **run more often**
- The new Keon Park Station will have **better facilities for passengers** including more lighting and CCTV
- Across Melbourne, we'll create over **20 MCGs worth of open space** and over **50kms of new walking and cycling paths**.

Design and next steps

Initial technical assessments indicate the following design solutions will deliver the best outcome for the community.



We'll build a new **rail bridge over the road*** to remove the **Keon Parade** level crossing. This design means we can get rid of this dangerous level crossing sooner and will be less disruptive for road and rail users during construction.

* Further engineering assessments and community engagement will be undertaken on these projects.



Keon Parade, Keon Park

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