



# Maidstone Street, Altona level crossing removal

Community webinar

Wednesday 17 July 2024







Artwork: 'Journey Across Three Countries' by Robert Kelly, signifying the You Yangs, Macedon and Dandenong Ranges over Port Phillip Bay.

## Acknowledgement of Country

**In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria and their connections to land, waters and community.**

We deliver our LXP projects on Bunurong, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Wadawurrung Country and pay our respects to their spirit and passion in their past and present custodianship of this Country.

We also pay our respects to the Elders of the Kulin Nation, past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

LXP is committed to be led by Victorian Aboriginal people to deliver great change on country and progress their social advancement.

# Using zoom



1. Please keep your camera on during the session
2. Stay on mute until it's your turn to talk
3. Use the Chat button if you need assistance during the session
4. Use the Raise Hand button to ask a question
5. Or type a question using the Q&A button

# Agenda

1. Project overview
2. Maidstone Street design
3. Community engagement
4. Next steps
5. Questions



# Why we're removing it



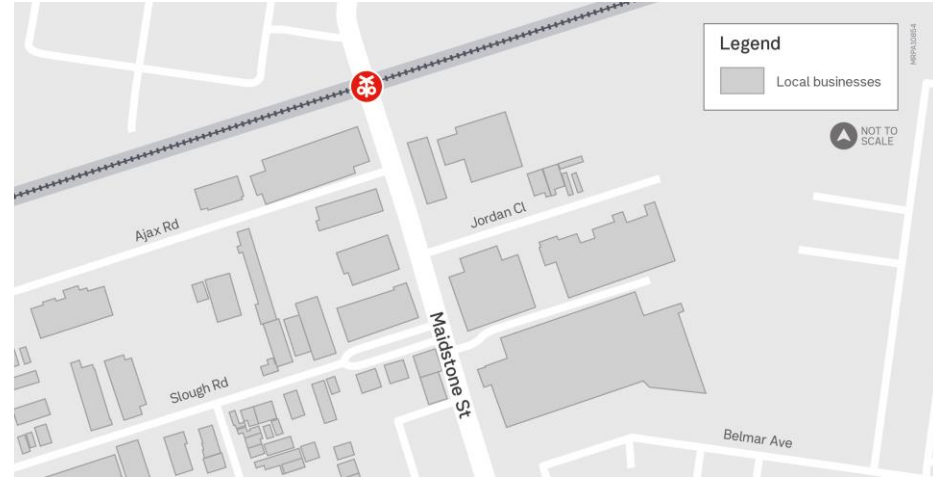
Approximately **14,400 vehicles** travel through this level crossing each day



**Boom gates are down for up to 25 minutes** of the morning peak



Up to **48 trains** during the morning peak

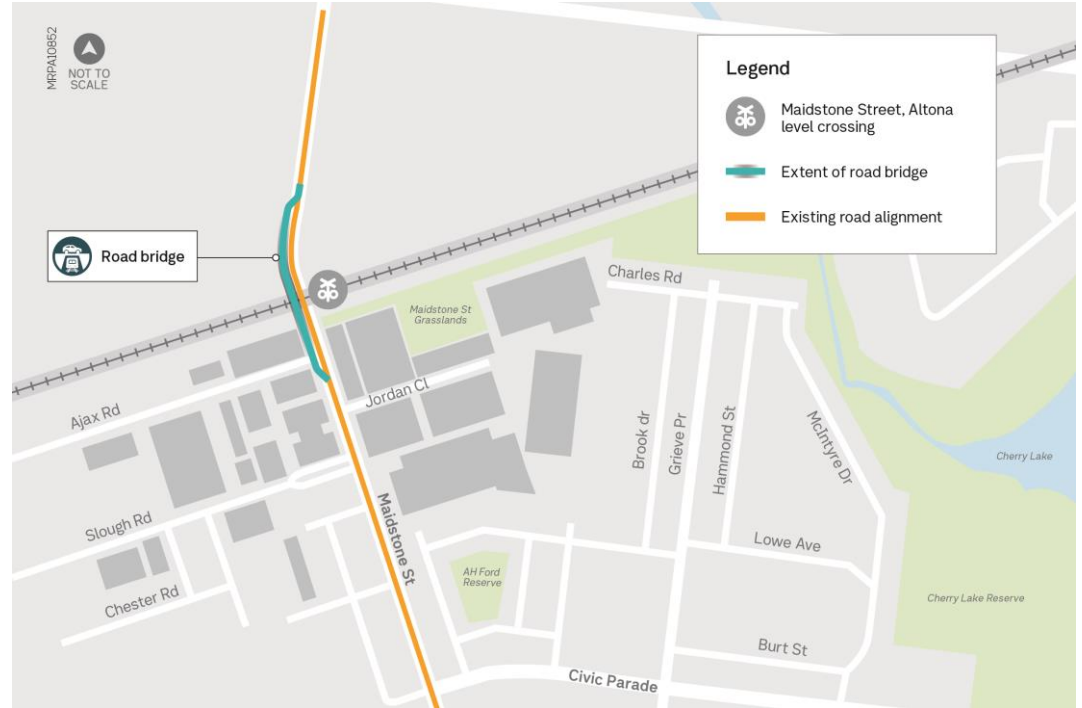


## Project benefits

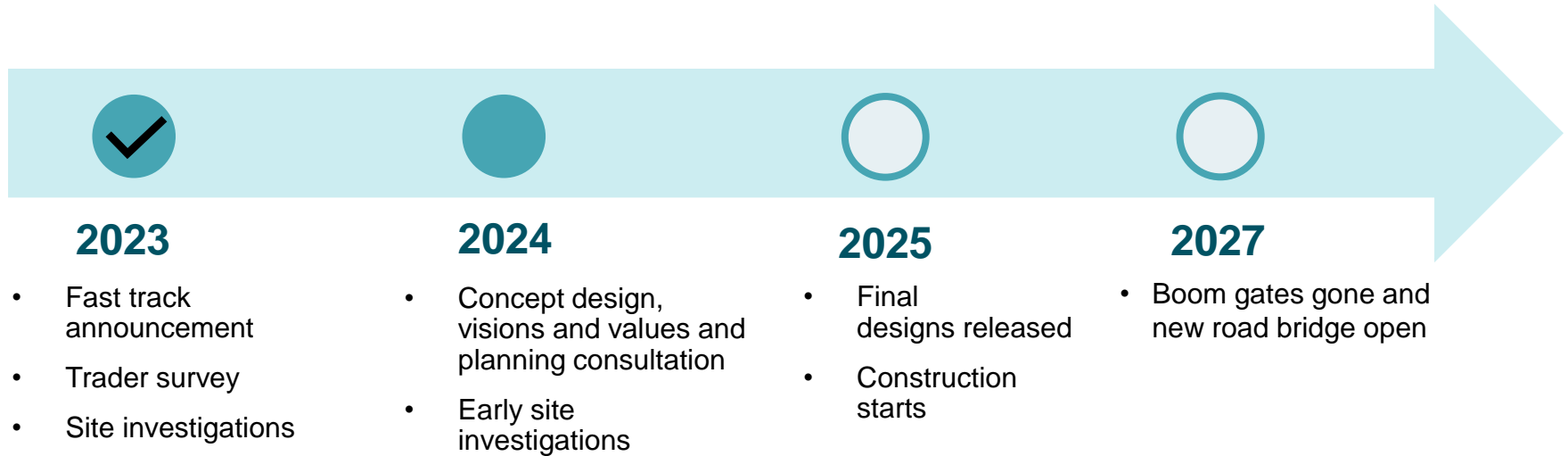
- Improves safety
- Eases congestion and unclogs local roads
- Werribee Line **level crossing-free by 2030**

# Maidstone Street level crossing removal

- We're building a new road bridge over the rail line, avoiding impacts to important utilities, protected grasslands, and creating better connections for this busy industrial area.
- Improves safety and reduces congestion.
- Minimises disruptions during construction.



# Project timeline



Timeline subject to change

# Maidstone Street design



# Why a road bridge is the best solution

- Each level crossing has its own set of characteristics to consider when preparing to remove it. A design that may suit one area may not necessarily suit another.
- Means we can get rid of the crossing sooner and helps minimise traffic disruptions during works.
- Avoids impacts to oil and gas lines and allows for future development in the rail corridor.
- Helps protect the nearby Altona Grasslands.
- Reduces impacts to contaminated soil in the area.



Looking across the new Maidstone Street road bridge towards Kororoit Creek Road. *Artist impression, subject to change.*



The new Maidstone Street road bridge, looking towards Kororoit Creek Road. *Artist impression, subject to change.*





A view of the new Maidstone Street road bridge from the rail line. *Artist impression, subject to change.*

Looking across the new Maidstone Street road bridge towards Kororoit Creek Road. *Artist impression, subject to change.*



# Communications and engagement overview



# Working with the community

- From project inception through to design, delivery and completion
- Support through construction and leave a positive legacy
- We tailor engagement to suit needs of diverse communities
- We update you with letterbox drops, web updates, and other communications
- We've been working with local businesses since 2023 to understand their operations and how to minimise disruptions during construction.
- If you're a business or trader, complete our survey at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au) on the Maidstone Street project page.



*Community engagement on other projects*

# Community consultation



## 1. Concept designs and feedback

- 2024

We've released early concept designs. We're asking how locals move around the area and what's important to reflect in the design.



## 2. Final designs

- 2025

We'll share final designs, shaped by local feedback.



## 3. Construction

- 2025 to 2027

We work with the local community and businesses to help manage disruptions.



Artist impression, subject to change

# Have your say



## Design feedback

Help refine the final designs for the removal of the Maidstone Street level crossing.



## Planning approval

Make a formal submission as part of the planning approval process.

A graphic consisting of a dark teal speech bubble containing the text 'Take our surveys' and a white document icon with a teal border and a folded corner, containing the text 'To have your say'.

Take our surveys

To have your say

Complete the online surveys at [engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-maidstone-street](https://engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-maidstone-street) by 11.59pm, Sunday 11 August 2024

# Next steps

**Using your feedback, alongside technical requirements we'll release final designs and begin construction in 2025.**

## Stay up to date

You can contact us on **1800 105 105** or email us at **[contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)**



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# Questions





Thank you

