

New road connections to replace the congested level crossing and roundabout at Coolstore Road, Croydon. Artist impression only. Subject to change.



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Updated designs released



We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing at Coolstore Road, Croydon, and building a new transport hub, which will connect Croydon's town centre.

The new Croydon Transport Hub will make it easier to get where you need to go and provide a modern and safe Croydon Station precinct.

We're building new road connections to replace the congested level crossing and roundabout at Coolstore Road, connecting Croydon's retail precincts and creating more options to cross the rail line for all transport users.

The new elevated Croydon Station will have two entrances, more platform coverage and modern lighting and CCTV.

We're also building a new, streamlined bus interchange that will make it easier and safer for commuters to connect between bus and train services.

We've released updated designs for the new Croydon Transport Hub, providing the community with its first look at the architectural designs for a new transport precinct that will rejuvenate the heart of Croydon.

Works will start in autumn 2023 and will finish in 2025, making the Lilydale line level crossing free.

Get involved by joining us at one of our community information sessions or visit our virtual information room.

Why this level crossing needs to go



More than 10,000 vehicles travel over this road each day.



Removing this level crossing will connect the Croydon precinct, which is currently divided by the rail line.



With the boom gates gone, we can create safer and more efficient road connections for Croydon.



More than 100 trains pass through the level crossing every week day.



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Protecting the local environment

While some vegetation will need to be removed from the rail corridor, our engineering and construction teams have refined the construction methods to build the new rail bridge, which will mean more than 200 trees can be saved.

We are also harvesting seeds from the existing vegetation. This allows saplings to be grown from trees that are removed. Seed harvesting helps maintain connection to the area and replenish existing species.

Our project team has progressed the development of new landscaping plans, which includes the community's feedback for native species as part of more than 70,000 trees, shrubs and grasses being planted throughout the new station precinct.



Scan the QR code to learn how we're saving more than 200 trees or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/coolstore-road-vegetation-and-landscaping

Repurposing trees for the community

We'll work with local community groups and Maroondah City Council to discuss how some of the removed vegetation can be used for local initiatives and projects.

Some of the programs we'll look to explore:

- Donating logs to community groups, gardens, schools, Indigenous organisations, and artists
- Donating native seedlings to local nurseries for future planting
- Mulch for landscaping and revegetation
- Reuse of hollow tree logs for habitat

If you're part of a group that could use timber for local community initiatives, please get in touch with the project team by emailing contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au or call 1800 105 105.

Preserving the Croydon War Memorial

We're supporting Croydon RSL with its plans to relocate the historic Croydon War Memorial to Civic Square, providing improved access for the community.

The Croydon War Memorial was erected as a drinking fountain more than 100 years ago to commemorate those from the Croydon district who have served in various conflicts. Buried close to the memorial is a time capsule containing archival information about Croydon RSL.

Like many residents, Arthur, Croydon RSL's President, has fond memories of gathering at the memorial for the Anzac Day dawn service with his family.

'One of my fondest memories was taking my eldest grandson to the dawn service at Croydon War Memorial. He was wearing my father's rack of medals and I was wearing mine,' Arthur says.

However, in its current location in the roundabout at Coolstore Road, the memorial is unsafe for the community to access and challenging for the Croydon RSL to host its commemorative services.

This year, we will work with Croydon RSL and Maroondah City Council to relocate the war memorial to James N Stevens Memorial Lawn at Civic Square, Croydon.

An important consideration for Arthur and the RSL when planning the relocation is to provide the community with a place for quiet reflection, away from Croydon's busy town centre.

'I am looking forward to providing a safe environment to conduct our service and a place of reflection so the community can come and remember our fallen comrades,' Arthur says.



Arthur visiting the new site at Civic Square.

A modern and safer Croydon Station



Looking towards the new Croydon Station from the pocket park on Main Street. Trees and plants depicted at 3-5 years from planting. Artist impression only. Subject to change.

Our updated designs showcase new architectural features for a modern and safer Croydon Station precinct.

The new rail bridge and new Croydon Station will unify Croydon's town centre, bringing together the two precincts on either side of the rail line. Generous open space will make it easier for commuters, pedestrians and cyclists to get around, while providing a safe and connected transport hub for both rail and bus users.



Architectural finishes

The rail bridge positions the new transport hub in the heart of Croydon. Its warm colour and textured screening provide a visual celebration of Croydon's new connection.

The light and natural colours pay homage to the autumnal hues of the nearby Dandenong Ranges. These will brighten and open the precinct, further enhancing commuter safety.



More natural light

Glass will encase the lifts and stairs at both station entrances, allowing more natural light into the station.

As you make your way up to the new, elevated platforms, commuters will enjoy panoramic views of the nearby Dandenong Ranges. The new, elevated platforms will provide more weather protection.



Safer and modern facilities

More lighting and CCTV throughout the station precinct will improve safety as you move between the station, car park and bus interchange.

Whether you're waiting to catch a train, bus or your ride home, a sheltered waiting room offers a safe area for commuters, with direct line of sight to the nearest pick-up and drop-off zone.

New kiosk facilities at the station's main entrance will provide an appealing meeting point for commuters.



More bike facilities

We're making it easier for cyclists, with a new Parkiteer bike storage cage and 33 standing bike hoops, providing a total of 92 bike spaces. This will make leaving the car at home a more viable option for commuters.



Rejuvenated open space

The new station precinct connects with and celebrates Croydon Town Square, with glazed bricks on the station buildings, inspired by the brick buildings of nearby Main Street.

The rejuvenated open space features new wooden seating with back and arm rests. It will also include some of the 70,000 new trees, shrubs and grasses that will form part of the precinct.



Scan the QR code to watch our explainer video about the update designs or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/coolstore-road-updated-designs-precinct-explainer



View of the new Croydon Station and bus interchange from Main Street. Artist impression only. Subject to change.

Connecting Croydon



Looking into the forecourt from Wicklow Avenue at the new Croydon Station. Artist impression only. Subject to change.

The updated designs incorporate extensive community feedback, reflecting a strong desire for a safe and open transport hub that makes it easier to get around Croydon's town centre.

We're building new road connections to replace the congested level crossing and roundabout, connecting Croydon's retail precincts and creating more options to cross the rail line for all transport users.

Journeys will be safer and more reliable through Croydon's town centre – whether you walk, cycle, drive or catch public transport.

A new, 14-bus bay interchange, with more shelter and seating at each bus stop, will provide improved public transport connections for commuters.

Last year, the community told us they wanted safer and more intuitive walking and cycling connections for Croydon.

We're building new forecourts, pedestrian crossings, and walking and cycling paths, which will create a natural extension of the town centre, enhancing central Croydon as an appealing urban centre.



View the new station design

Scan the QR code to view the new station design and road layout or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/coolstore-road-roll-plot

How community feedback shaped the design

	What we heard	How we're delivering on your feedback
Station design	Many locals feel unsafe at the current Croydon Station.	The design of the station precinct allows for open sightlines, more CCTV and lighting.
New colour schemes	The look and feel of the station are particularly important, and the concept design colour scheme needed more work.	Our urban designers and architects have refined colour palettes for the station precinct and added new materials, including bluestone paving, wooden seating and glazed bricks on the new station buildings.
Landscaping and vegetation	The inclusion of plenty of landscaping is important to the community, who want to maintain the green feel of Croydon.	To ensure the green feel of the area is retained, we're increasing our earlier commitment to plant more than 60,000 trees, shrubs and grasses to over 70,000. This vegetation will be planted throughout the new station precinct. We have also refined the construction methods to build the new rail bridge, which will mean more than 200 trees can be saved.

For more information about what we heard from the community, and how your feedback has helped shape the design, read our consultation report at: levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/coolstore-road-consultation-report

Get involved

Join us at one of our community information sessions to view the updated designs, chat with the project team and see how your feedback influenced designs.

Virtual sessions:

- Wednesday 22 March, 6pm to 7.15pm
- Thursday 30 March, 6pm to 7.15pm

Face-to-face session:

- Saturday 25 March, 11am to 2pm
- Keystone Hall, Civic Square,
Croydon VIC 3136

Registrations are required for virtual sessions only.

You can register to attend at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/events

Virtual information room

Visit the virtual information room to find out more about:

- How to get around the Croydon Transport Hub
- Landscaping and vegetation
- The Croydon War Memorial
- What to expect during early works



Stay informed

You'll also see us popping up at the local shops and Croydon Station. Feel free to stop by for a chat.



Read at your own pace

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New Croydon Station. Artist impression only. Subject to change.



Early works starting soon

Early works are on track to start in autumn 2023. The project team will prepare the project site so major construction can begin on the rail bridge in late 2023.

Works will include:

- site establishment, including temporary site sheds and facilities
- installation of safety fencing for project works
- vegetation removal
- utility relocation such as electrical poles and underground services.

You may notice more trucks, construction machinery and workers in the project area. We'll let the community know well in advance of any upcoming disruptions or changes in the local area.

Changes to the way you travel

To build the new rail bridge and Croydon Station, from late March 2023 we will close the northern station car park and relocate some bus stops to nearby Kent Avenue and Croydon Road.

Alternative parking options for commuters will be available and

new pedestrian crossings built to ensure you can get around the station precinct safely and easily.

We'll provide more information about what changes to expect so you can plan ahead.

Project timeline



2022

- Early designs announced
- Community consultation
- Contract awarded



2023

- Updated designs released
- Early works begin
- Major works begin



2025

- Boom gates gone for good and new Croydon Station open

Timeline subject to change.

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