

Warrigal Road level crossing removed, looking towards basketball half-court & Como Parade West. Artist impression, subject to change. Vegetation shown at 10 years maturity.



Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale / Issue #09, November 2023



## Final designs released

The Victorian Government is removing 27 dangerous level crossings and building 17 new stations, making the Frankston Line level crossing free by 2029 and improving safety, reducing congestion and allowing more trains to run more often.

Major works are now underway to remove the level crossings at Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale by raising the rail line over both roads and building a new Parkdale Station.

As part of the project, we're creating new open space, gathering places and sporting and recreational facilities for the community to enjoy.

We're also planting more than 100,000 trees, shrubs and grasses in the new open space.

We have now finalised the designs for the new Parkdale Station and the station precinct. These designs contain more details including the car parking layout.

We have also finalised details for the shared use path that will connect Parkdale to Mentone and allow for the future connection to Mordialloc.

These designs have been informed by more than 1600 pieces of your feedback received since starting community consultation in late 2021. We'd like to thank everyone for this feedback, received across three rounds of community consultation and meetings with key liaison groups.

Ongoing detailed design work to confirm landscaping elements and species to be planted will continue in consultation with City of Kingston. More information will be available in 2024.

### Why these level crossings need to go



**34 trains** run during the morning peak



About **20,000 vehicles** travel through these crossings each day



Boom gates down for up to **44 minutes** of the morning peak



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New open space. Artist impression. Subject to change. Vegetation shown at 3-5 years maturity.

# Chat with the project team

Join us at a community information session to view the designs and chat with the project team.

## Find out more



### Face to face

Wednesday 6 December  
4.30pm – 7.15pm



### Webinar

Monday 11 December  
6pm – 6.45pm



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## Project features



2 level crossings gone



A new Parkdale Station



A greener rail corridor and new open space designed with community input



Better and safer transport networks



New recreational facilities, including basketball half-court and open air gym



A new walking and cycling path, improving connections



Improved station car parking

*New Parkdale Station on Como Parade West.  
Artist impression. Subject to change.  
Vegetation shown at 10 years maturity.*

# Your new Parkdale Station

## The new Parkdale Station and precinct has been designed to reflect the bayside character and village feel of Parkdale.

We've designed the station to be as compact as possible and blend in with the surrounding new open space. The main station entrance will be in the heart of Parkdale Village, allowing visitors and locals to easily access and move through the area.

The nautical architectural design of the main station entrance has extended to the station platforms, which will now feature three platform lookout points.

These lookouts will face west, providing views of Port Phillip Bay

and maintaining connection between the station and the nearby beach.

The rail bridge will be supported by single pillars, painted a sandy colour in the new station precinct to complement the warm-toned natural materials and a pale eucalypt colour throughout the linear park.

The central rail bridge design allows us to plant more trees and greenery on both sides of the elevated rail line, providing screening of the rail bridge along both Como Parade East and West.



*A black and white image of the old Chelsea Station in the 1920s as viewed through the Station Street, Chelsea stereoscopic box*



### Existing Parkdale Station building

Due to significant fire damage, we are unable to repurpose the existing Parkdale Station building as originally planned.

The old station building will be celebrated by the installation of an image viewer, or stereoscopic box, showing an image of the former Parkdale Station.



*Chelsea Station stereoscopic box*



New Parkdale Station and open space. Artist impression. Subject to change. Vegetation shown at 3-5 years maturity.

## Connecting East and West

We have designed the new station precinct and open space to connect Como Parade East and Como Parade West, providing easier access to the area for locals and visitors.

The open space under the rail bridge will connect Como Parade East and West, allowing pedestrians to cross under the rail bridge more easily.

The new station precinct will also include a station forecourt and gathering places, integrating with the nearby village green and open space.

The shared use path that connects to Mentone will take advantage of shaded and sunnier areas alongside the rail bridge, making it easier to move between the path and activity areas.

The new alignment will provide a clearer line of sight for people. It also means we can spread recreational facilities to make the best use of the new open space and improve accessibility.

**The key pedestrian crossings in the area, including near the shops, will integrate with design elements such as the new shared use path, village green, new rail passenger car park, station entrances and linear park along the rail line to create better connections in the area.**

## How community feedback has shaped the design

Community feedback has helped shape the designs and we thank everyone for their input as part of the project.

What we heard	How we're delivering
<p><b>Colour palette for screening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A natural, earthy colour was the most popular colour option for screening along the rail bridge, primarily on the station platforms, village green area, and at Warrigal Road and Parkers Road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project has taken this feedback on board and will install screening with a 'sandy dune' finish to complement the warm-toned natural materials of the new station precinct and open space.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public artwork location</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While there is no clear preference for the location of public artworks, the three top selections were 'in the new station', 'woven throughout the new open space' and 'in the village green'.</li> <li>The least popular location option was the pavements around the station precinct and open space.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is currently working through an artist selection process. Preferred art locations will be passed onto the successful artist.</li> <li>We'll share more information on the successful artist and chosen artwork at a later stage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Historical design elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most popular historical design elements relate to key landmarks, First Nations heritage, plant species information and the history of Parkdale Station.</li> <li>Respondents were less interested in using design elements to acknowledge community groups or individuals who have contributed to the local area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project will include an information trail within the open space design.</li> <li>This information has been passed onto the design team to assist in designing the trail. We'll share more information on this design feature soon.</li> </ul>

For more information about what we heard from the community, and how your feedback has helped shape the design, search for the Parkdale consultation reports at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library)

## Parking in the new station precinct

We heard from the community that the best use of space balances car parking, shared use path, landscaping and open space.

This feedback has informed the design outcomes for the parking at the new Parkdale Station precinct. The new passenger parking will include improved lighting and CCTV.

We've also worked closely with City of Kingston on upgrading the informal gravel parking spaces and ensuring the trader precinct continues to be well-served by parking in the area.

There will be 148 time restricted car spaces near the Parkdale shops.



New village green. Artist impression. Subject to change. Vegetation shown at 10 years maturity.



New Parkdale Station. Artist impression. Subject to change. Vegetation shown at 10 years maturity.



New shared use path from Como Parade West, looking towards Warrigal Road. Artist impression. Subject to change. Vegetation shown at 10 years maturity.

The new station precinct parking will include:



49 passenger car spaces



2 spaces for people with disability, with more space to manoeuvre wheelchairs and other mobility aids



6 pick-up-drop-off spaces for passengers to be safely dropped off and collected

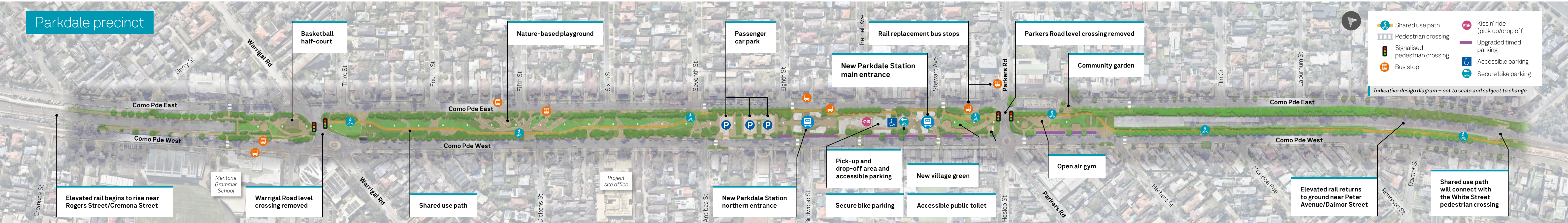


5 motorbike spaces to ensure riders can park in allocated spots



secure parking for up to 26 bikes and additional bike hoops throughout the precinct

## Parkdale precinct



# Works are on, shops are open

## Shop local and support your traders

It's important to support local traders, and that's why we encourage the community and our workforce to shop local as much as possible.

One of our initiatives – *based on feedback from your local traders* – is the launch of a new logo and social media channels dedicated to promoting these businesses.



To stay up to date with your local traders, follow Parkdale Village Traders

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## Project timeline



### Mid 2022

- Early concept designs released
- Community engagement sessions
- Open Space Advisory Panel meetings continue
- Site investigations continue



### Late 2022

- Updated designs released
- Community engagement sessions
- Stakeholder liaison group nominations



### Early 2023

- Start of works
- Liaison group meetings begin



### Mid-Late 2023

- Major construction begins
- Final designs released



### 2024

- Level crossings gone
- New Parkdale Station open



### 2025

- Project completion

*Timeline subject to change.*

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