

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



Maidstone Street, Altona, October 2024

Thank you for your feedback



We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing at Maidstone Street, Altona and building a new road bridge over the railway line, avoiding impacts to important utilities, protected grasslands, and creating better connections for this busy industrial area.

The new road bridge design means we can get rid of the crossing sooner and helps minimise traffic disruptions during construction. The bridge will also improve safety and reduce congestion.

In July, we released the concept designs for the new road bridge for community feedback.

We heard from a range of community members, including local businesses, landowners, residents and emergency services.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their feedback on the Maidstone Street, Altona level crossing removal project.

Your feedback is an important part of refining the designs to deliver infrastructure that will serve the community, now and into the future.

This feedback will be incorporated into the final designs, which will be released in 2025.

Why this level crossing needs to go



14,400 vehicles travel through the level crossing each day



48 trains during the morning peak (7am – 9am)



Boom gates are down for up to **21%** of the morning peak (7am – 9am)



Werribee Line level crossing free by **2030**



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How we engaged

There was a strong level of interest from the community during consultation.

83



design survey responses and 11 planning submissions

5,315



page visitors on Engage Victoria

1,058



email subscribers

14,000

community updates delivered



2

community pop ups



21

attendees at the community information sessions online and in person

15+



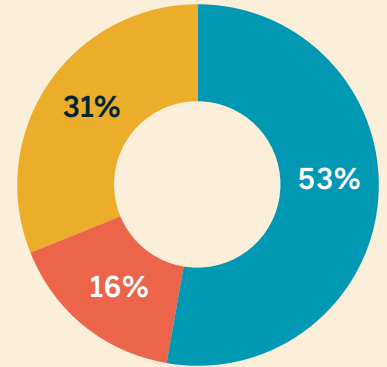
meetings with key stakeholders

What you told us

We asked the community to share how they moved around the area, as well as provide feedback into the look and feel of the new road bridge and landscaping preferences. Here's what we heard:

Where you live

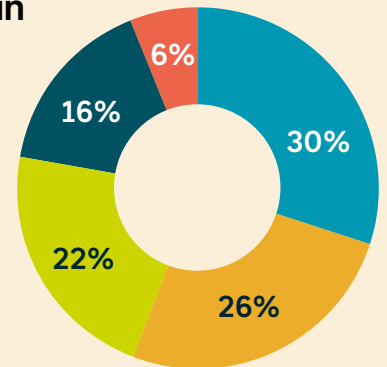
- Altona: 53%
- Altona Meadows: 16%
- Elsewhere: 31%



How often you take the train

We asked how often people used the Werribee line. Most used it a few times a week or once a month.

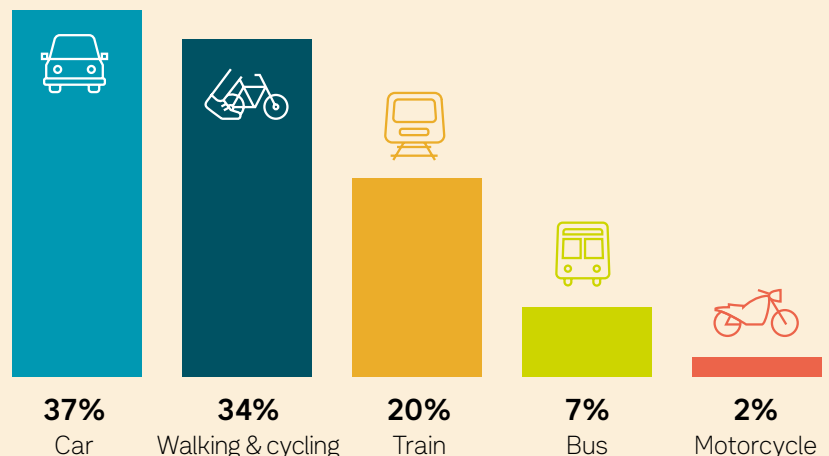
- 30% use it once a month
- 26% use it a few times a week
- 22% never use it
- 16% use it five or more times a week
- 6% use it once a week



We heard Maidstone Street is a key travel route throughout the week.

Mode of transport used the most

The majority use a car to get around, with walking and cycling combined the next most popular modes of transport.



Improving the local area

The community most wanted to see **reduced congestion, improved safety** and **better train services** as part of this project.

Walking and cycling connections were also considered very important by the majority of respondents.



20%

Reduce congestion



18%

Improved safety



17%

Better train services

The bridge look and feel

We asked the community which design elements they would most like to see on the bridge and in the landscaping.

Design elements

We heard good lighting on the new road bridge was a top priority to improve safety.

Patterned and textured surfaces and safety and passive surveillance were also in the top three, as were requests for anti-graffiti measures on the project.



Earthy, natural tones

58% preferred earthy, natural tones



Vibrant, bold colours

23% wanted to see vibrant, bold colours



Urban and industrial finishes

19% liked urban and industrial finishes

Landscaping

Landscaping options included native trees with grassy underplanting, a mix of native trees and plants, or planting to match the grasslands. While the mix of native trees and plants was the most popular, **29%** wanted a mix of all the options.



Example of a mix of native trees, plants and grasses

32% wanted to see a mix of native trees, plants and grasses



Example of native street trees with grassy under planting

22% wanted to see native street trees with grassy under planting



Example of grassy understorey plantings

17% wanted planting to reference the nearby grasslands

What else you told us

We asked you what else you would like to tell us that may be relevant to the project. Here are the most frequently mentioned key themes from this feedback.

- Better pedestrian access and cycling connections
- Ensuring traffic flow is effectively managed throughout construction
- Clear detour information
- Safety and improved road accessibility

Your feedback will help inform aspects of the final designs for the project, which will be released in 2025. When the final designs are released, you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the final designs and chat to the project team.



The new Maidstone Street road bridge, viewed from the rail corridor. Artist impression only. Subject to change.



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

How your feedback influences design

Thank you to everyone who submitted their feedback on the Maidstone Street, Altona level crossing removal project. Your feedback is important.

The feedback will be reviewed by our design teams and integrated into the project over the coming months. This includes how the bridge will look and feel and the kind of landscaping we use. It will also help inform new walking connections, as well as how we mitigate disruptions during construction.

Next steps







We're reviewing the feedback we received to incorporate this into the design.

Final designs will be released in 2025, before construction begins for the new road bridge.

More information about the designs, disruptions and detour routes will be available in the new year.

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Project timeline

-  **2022**
 - Project announced
-  **2023**
 - Site investigations
-  **2024**
 - Concept designs and community consultation
 - Site investigations
-  **2025**
 - Final designs released
 - Early construction
-  **2026**
 - Major construction
-  **2027**
 - Boom gates gone and new road bridge open

Timeline subject to change.

Supporting businesses

We have been working closely with local businesses to better understand their operations and how we can help minimise disruptions during construction.

We will share more information about detours and access with local businesses as the project progresses. There will be more opportunities for business engagement and tailored trader support throughout the project.




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