



Ruthven Street level crossing removal project

Online information session

Monday 8 December 2025



Image from a smoking ceremony at one of our projects.



Acknowledgement of Country

What we'll cover in this session

1. Housekeeping
2. About us
3. Project overview, why this level crossing needs to go, rail bridge design and benefits
4. Project timeline
5. How we work with the community
6. Staying in touch
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About us

Project overview

- We're removing the Ruthven Street, Macleod level crossing by building a rail bridge over the road.
- We're also building a new walking and cycling path along Ellesmere Parade from Ruthven Street to Davies Street.
- We'll also build a new signalised pedestrian crossing near the Ruthven Street rail bridge.
- Construction will begin in 2026.
- The boom gates will be gone for good and trains running on the new rail bridge in 2027.



Boom gates down at the Ruthven Street level crossing

Why this level crossing needs to go



About 12,600 vehicles travel through this level crossing each day



Up to **28** trains travel through the crossing during the morning peak (7am to 9am)



Boom gates are down for nearly **half an hour** every morning peak (7am to 9am)



Boom gates down at the Ruthven Street level crossing.

Benefits of the rail bridge design



Safer journeys for drivers, pedestrians and bike riders



New and improved walking and cycling connections



Makes journeys more reliable for locals travelling through the area



Quieter with no more boom gate bells, fewer train horns and new tracks and sleepers in the rail bridge



No acquisition of private property



Shorter construction period compared to other design solutions



Creates new opportunities for landscaping



Project includes upgrades at Macleod Park oval and Macleod College oval

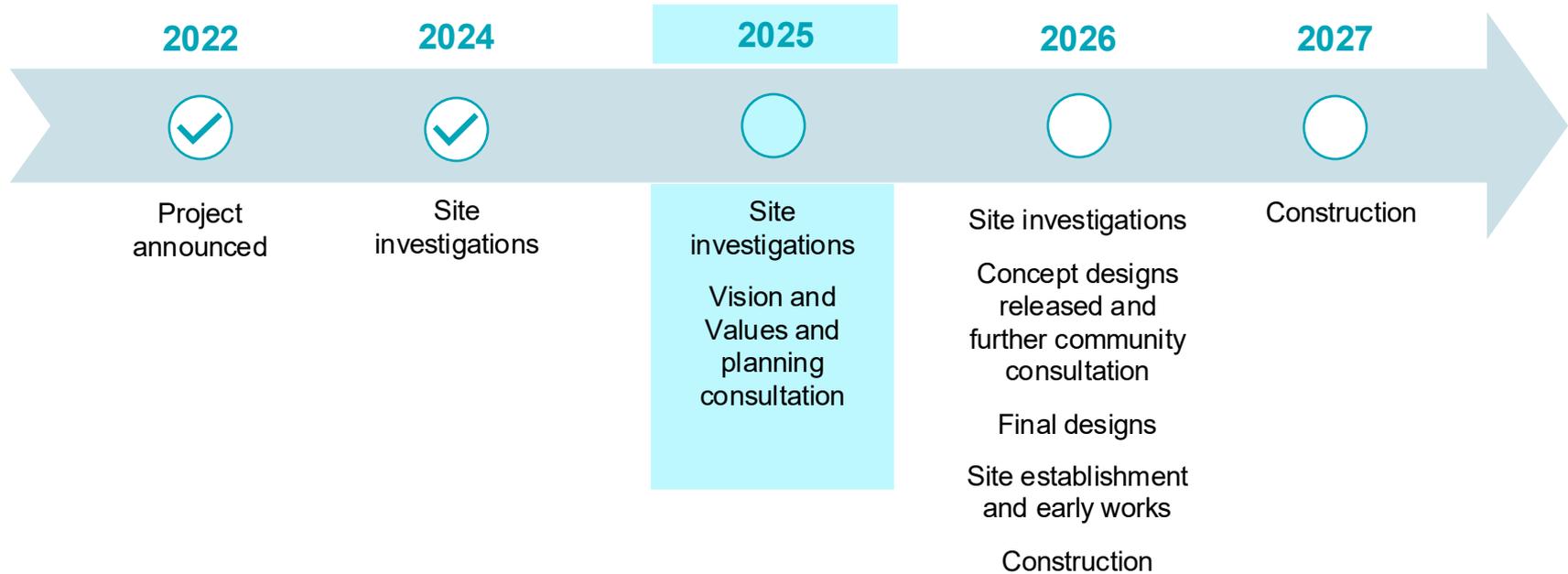


Clockwise from top: Rail bridge in Rosanna, cycling path along Ellesmere Parade towards Lower Plenty Road, and the rail bridge at Toorak Road

Rail bridge design



Project timeline



Stages of consultation and engagement



Vision and values and planning consultation – 2025

We start by asking how you move around the area and what you love about Macleod and Rosanna. We also carry out our clause 52.03 planning consultation, inviting planning submissions from the community.



Concept designs – early 2026

We'll release concept designs and the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the design aspects of the new rail bridge.



Final designs – mid 2026

We'll release updated designs, shaped by local feedback, and let you know what to expect during construction.



Construction – mid 2026 to 2027

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

We want to hear from you



Vision and values

Help us achieve the best outcome for your community by sharing what you love about Macleod and Rosanna and how you move around the area.



Planning consultation

Make a submission about planning matters as part of our clause 52.03 planning consultation.



Complete the online survey, make a planning submission and ask the team a question at **engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-ruthven-street** by **11.59pm, Tuesday 23 December**



Join us for an in-person information session at Macleod College from **5.30pm to 8.15pm, Wednesday 10 December**. Scan the QR code or visit **Engage Victoria** to register.

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To have
your say



Staying in touch



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