

Keon Parade level crossing

# LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

KEON PARADE, RESERVOIR

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# Keon Parade's level crossing to go in 2025

We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing at Keon Parade and building a new Keon Park Station.

The Victorian Government is investing \$2 billion to upgrade the Mernda line to improve safety, reduce congestion, and allow more trains to run more often.

The Keon Parade level crossing is one of six being removed on the Mernda line. One is already gone, four are going this year and we'll remove the level crossing at Keon Parade in 2025.

Extensive engineering and technical assessments have confirmed building a rail bridge over Keon Parade is the best way to remove this level crossing.

A new Keon Park Station with modern facilities will be built in a new location on the south side of Keon Parade.

Construction will start next year with Keon Parade's boom gates gone for good and the new Keon Park Station open in 2025.

The removal of the Keon Parade level crossing will change how locals live, work and travel. With no level crossing journeys will be faster and local roads safer.

## Why this level crossing needs to go



More than **18,000 vehicles** travel through the level crossing each weekday



Boom gates are down for up to **41 minutes** during morning peak (7am to 9am)



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



One serious crash and 24 near misses in the past nine years



**33,000 passengers** use the Mernda line each day



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## YOUR NEW KEON PARK STATION



Keon Park Station

# We're building a modern Keon Park Station in a new location on the south side of Keon Parade.

Designed with safety and convenience in mind, the new station precinct will provide easier access and new local connections to shops, buses and neighbourhoods for the community.

Technical and engineering assessments determined that it's not viable to build the new Keon Park Station north of Keon Parade due to the narrow rail corridor, overhead power transmission lines and other significant utilities assets crossing the rail corridor.

#### Features of the new station precinct



CCTV and more lighting to create a safer station precinct



Lifts and stairs making it more accessible for everyone to catch the train



Central elevated island platform with seating and standing areas protected from weather



All-ability access to trains



Upgraded modern facilities with two station entries



Convenient access to local shops and public transport



Dedicated pick-up and drop-off zone, close to the station



New Parkiteer secure bike storage

# Removing this level crossing will



## Improve safety

Significantly improve safety for pedestrians, bus and train passengers, cyclists and motorists.



## New local connections

The project will revitalise the Keon Park Station precinct with new local connections and walking and cycling paths making it easier to visit shops and public transport.



## Faster travel times

Reduce congestion on roads and cut travel time to the M80 Ring Road and the 903 SmartBus Route.



## Easier station access

The new Keon Park Station will offer convenient access for residents and workers from Reservoir and Thomastown, including a new pedestrian crossing across High Street at Hughes Parade.



High St

High St



New rail bridge over Keon Parade

Mahoneys Rd

Asquith St

Merrilands Rd

Hughes Pde

Rail bridge

Train platform

Station entry

& Level crossing removal

Thomastown Industrial Precinct

**Existing Keon Park Station** 

Keon Pde

**New Keon Park Station** 

Arundel Ave

Liston Ave

Lloyd Ave

JC Donath Reserve

Johnson St

## A new rail bridge over Keon Parade

Each level crossing is unique and our engineers consider a range of factors when determining how best to remove the boom gates. A rail bridge over Keon Parade with a new Keon Park Station will deliver the best outcome for the community because:

- we can remove this level crossing sooner
- more efficient construction with less disruption to road users and passengers on the Mernda line
- more trees and vegetation can be retained
- minimal impacts on underground utilities in the area.

Detailed engineering and design work will continue, and we'll share further information with the community in late 2022.



New open space and walking and cycling path in Carrum



Moreland open space and elevated rail





## Have your say

Tell us what's important to you for the Keon Parade level crossing removal and new Keon Park Station.

We want to hear what locals love about the neighbourhood and how you move around the area including:

- What would you like to see in the new station precinct?
- What would you like to see delivered as part of the project?

Along with our technical investigations, your feedback will help us shape the final design.

Share your views online at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-keon-parade by 11.59 pm, 25 April 2022.

## Upcoming community information sessions

Join us at one of our community information sessions where you can learn more about the project, ask the project team questions and share your feedback.

#### **Session Details**

Tuesday 5 April, 6pm to 7pm, online

Thursday 7 April, 6pm to 7.30pm, Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir

### How to Register

Register for a session at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-keon-parade

## Planning approval

Planning for this project will proceed under Clause 52.03 of the Darebin and Whittlesea Planning schemes.

We're seeking community submissions on a range of planning matters including:

- construction-related impacts
- environmental impacts
- · amenity impacts
- native vegetation
- · heritage.

The consultation period is now open and you have the opportunity to provide a submission.

All submissions received will be included in a public consultation summary report.

This report will inform the Minister for Planning's assessment of the project under Clause 52.03.

You can make your planning submission online at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-keon-parade by 11.59 pm, 25 April 2022

If you would like a hard copy submission form sent to you, call us on 1800 105 105 or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



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## For more information

If you would like more information about the Keon Parade Level Crossing Removal Project:

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- · Site investigations
- · Technical assessments



### 2022

- Community engagement
- Further engineering investigations
- Project designs released
- · Early works



## 2023

· Construction begins



## 2024

Construction



## 2025

- · Boom gates gone for good
- **New Keon Park** Station open

\*Timeline subject to change.

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