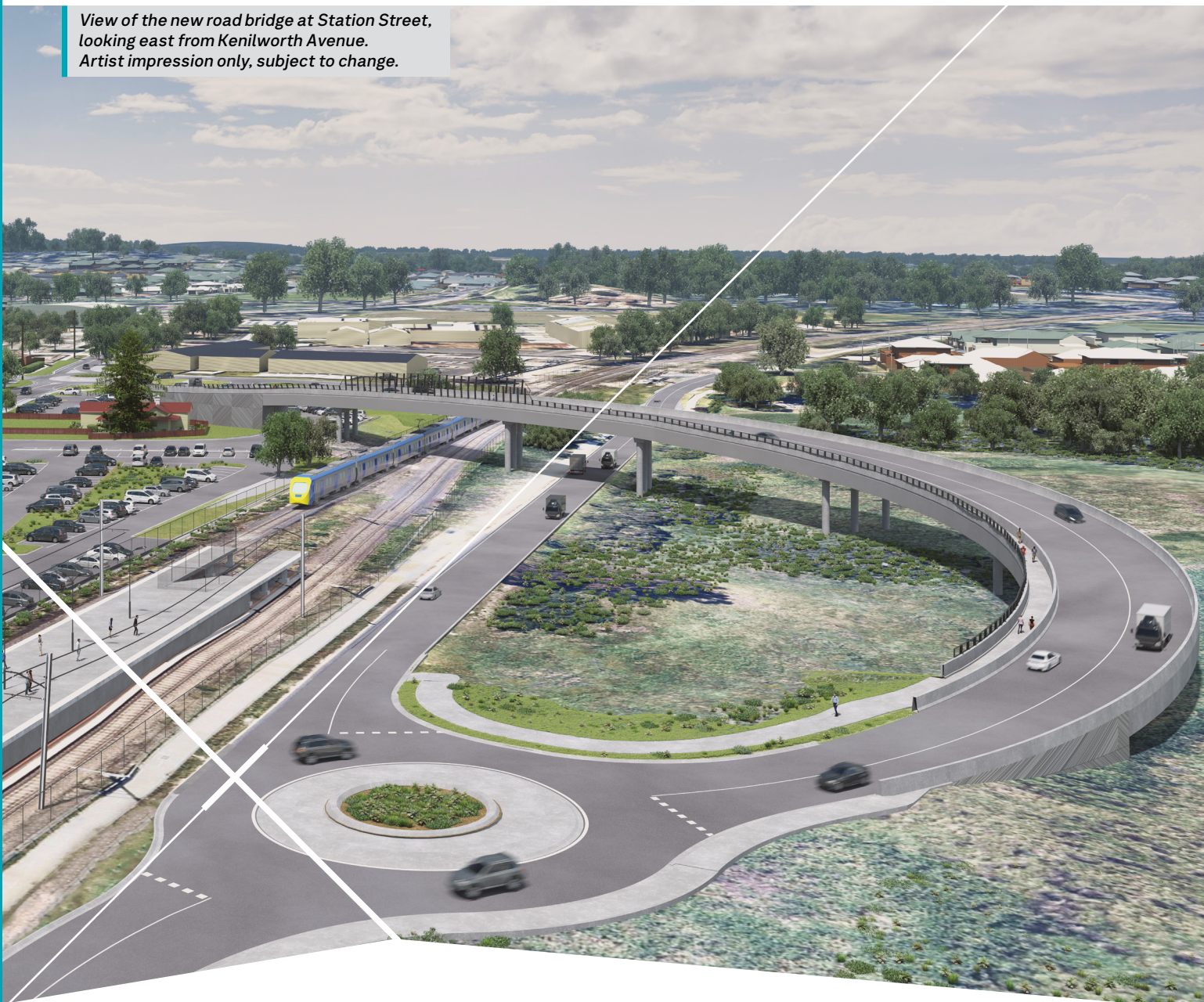


# Station Street, Beaconsfield and Station Street, Officer

Consultation report

June 2023

*View of the new road bridge at Station Street,  
looking east from Kenilworth Avenue.  
Artist impression only, subject to change.*





View of the new road bridge from Beaconsfield Avenue.  
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# Project overview

## Station Street, Beaconsfield

**We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing at Station Street, Beaconsfield by building a new road bridge over the rail line.**

The Victorian Government has fast tracked this level crossing for removal, with 22 level crossings being removed on the Pakenham Line to make it boom gate free in 2025.


The boom gates at Station Street are down for up to 28 per cent of the morning peak, causing delays for the 5200 vehicles that use the crossing each day.


Building a road bridge allows us to get rid of the crossing sooner, improving connections to the Beaconsfield Station precinct and making room for possible future transport upgrades.


Major construction will start later this year.


**With the removal of the nearby level crossings at Brunt Road in Beaconsfield, Station Street in Officer and Webb Street in Narre Warren, the Pakenham Line will be level crossing free in 2025.**

### Why the level crossing needs to go

 **5200 vehicles** pass through the level crossing each day

 Boom gates down for **28 per cent** of the morning peak

 **Three near misses** and **one collision** since 2012

 **25 trains** travel through the level crossing during the morning peak

# Introduction


**Beaconsfield locals shared their ideas and thoughts on what they value about the local area and what they'd like see as part of the final design.**


Two rounds of consultation were held, with opportunities for the community to provide feedback by completing an online survey on the Engage Victoria platform.


In October 2022, we asked the community what they value about the local area, how they move around and what they'd like to see delivered as part of the project. We heard that the village like atmosphere, pathways on and around the road bridge and better connections between the station and local streets are important to the community.

In March 2023, we sought further feedback on elements of the project's design including landscaping, colours and finishes on the road bridge.

### We heard that locals wanted to see the project deliver:

 Infrastructure that blends in with the natural surrounds, in terms of look and feel

 New native trees, shrubs, flowering plants and grasses

 Safe and accessible access to the station precinct.

Protecting the native wildlife and vegetation in and around the project area is also important to the community.

Hard copy surveys were available on request to members of the public that preferred to provide a written submission.

Opportunities for the community to provide feedback were promoted in a community update which was distributed to 13,000 homes and businesses in Beaconsfield and Officer.

Consultation was promoted via Facebook, station pop-ups, local door knocks and in email updates sent to 450 subscribers.

Along with technical investigations, this feedback will help us refine aspects of the project including the look and feel of the road bridge. We will share how community input has shaped the project, and present final designs to residents and stakeholders in coming months.



### Reflecting heritage


We heard that retaining local heritage within the Beaconsfield community is important to locals. The construction of the new bridge requires us to acquire one property on Beaconsfield Avenue.

In good news for the community, most of the property and key historical elements will be retained, with the new bridge impacting only the extension at the rear of the house. The nearby Bunya Bunya Pine tree will also be retained.



Native trees planted along the shared use path at South Gippsland Highway

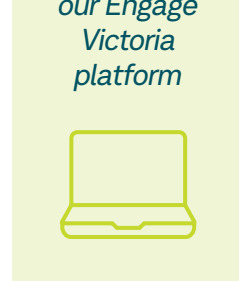
 **450** subscribers received email updates

 **4263** visits to our Engage Victoria platform

**40** questions asked on our Engage Victoria platform

Consultation surveys open for a total of **2** months

 **229** submissions over the two consultation periods





# What we heard

## What you value about your local area



**Village like atmosphere**

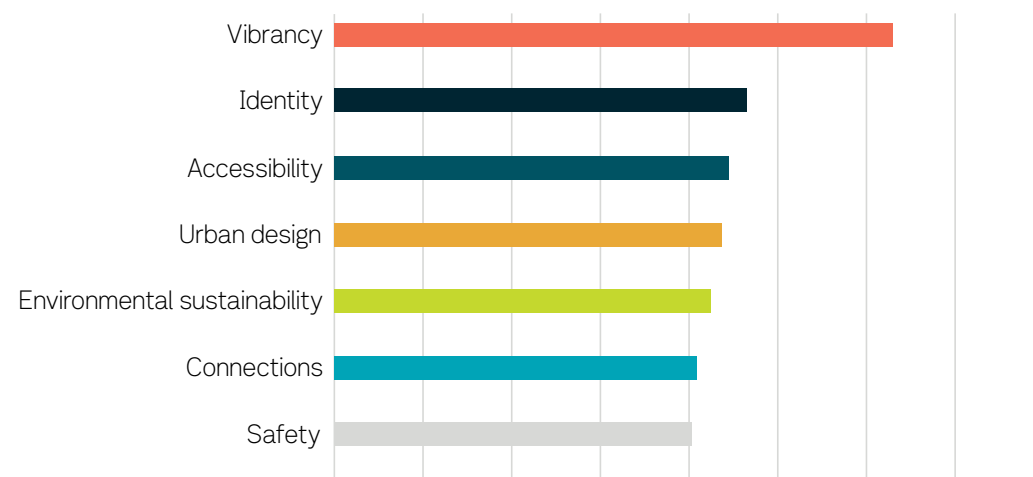


**Local flora and fauna**




**Sense of community**

We heard that vibrancy, identity, accessibility and urban design are important principles to you.




## Your preferences surrounding design and landscaping.


*Tree and plants along shared walking and cycling paths*



*Vegetated embankments*



*Natural look and feel on new infrastructure*





Landscaping around the new South Gippsland Highway road bridge.

# Key themes from your feedback



## Local heritage

We heard that retaining local heritage within the Beaconsfield community is important to you, including the Bunya Bunya Pine tree.



## Environment

You told us that the native wildlife and vegetation in and around the project area is important to the community. We are committed to protecting the cultural heritage and environmental aspects of the Beaconsfield area, including Cardinia Creek.



## Urban design

We heard that you want a natural look and feel on the new infrastructure that blends in with its surroundings.



## Safety

Improved lighting and CCTV to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists was highly valued in the feedback. Safe access to the station precinct was important to the community.



## Landscaping

You told us you would like to see a combination of native trees, shrubs, flowering plants and grasses planted that extend the character of the local area and Cardinia Creek.



## Local traffic

You told us that the traffic impacts to Goff Street as a result of the new roundabout on Beaconsfield Avenue is a key concern to the local community and residents. We're investigating traffic measures and working with key stakeholders to minimise impacts to local streets. More information will be available as the project progresses.



## Improved connections

We heard that you'd like to see more walking and cycling paths in the area. You also wanted to see planting along shared use paths and pedestrian paths.



# Station Street, Officer

To help create a level crossing free Pakenham Line, we're closing the level crossing at Station Street, Officer.

In late 2022, we asked the Officer community what is important to them, how they move around the area and what they want to see delivered as part of the project.

We met with businesses in the area to understand how they use Station Street and Officer South Road.

When the Officer level crossing closes permanently in 2025, drivers will be able to access the Princes Highway and Princes Freeway via Brunt Road, where we're removing the level crossing and building a new road bridge.

This feedback will help shape final designs, making sure the area meets the needs of the community. We will share final designs for the project later this year.

## We heard you want to see the project deliver:



Better access to Officer Station



Improved lighting and CCTV



Better walking and cycling connections.

# Next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback about the Station Street, Beaconsfield and Station Street, Officer level crossing removal projects.

We will use your feedback to progress the designs, ensuring that the key themes from your feedback are reflected.

We'll share final project designs and more details about our works in the coming months.

## Connect with us

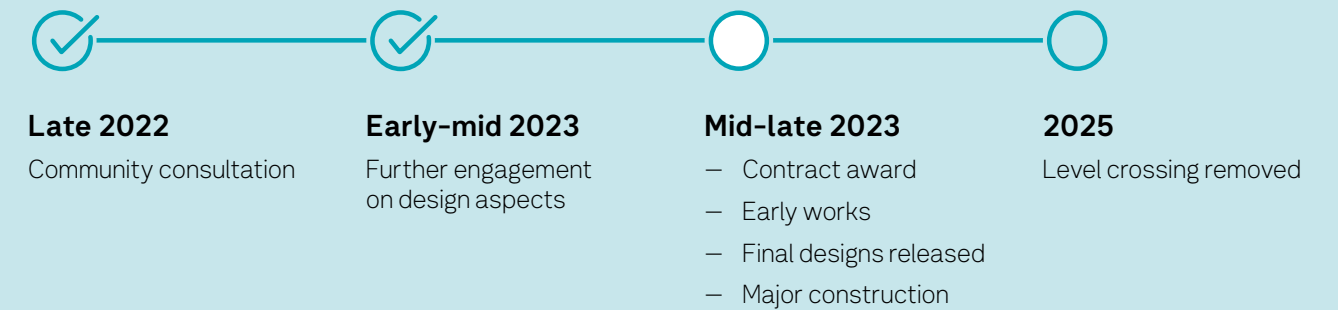
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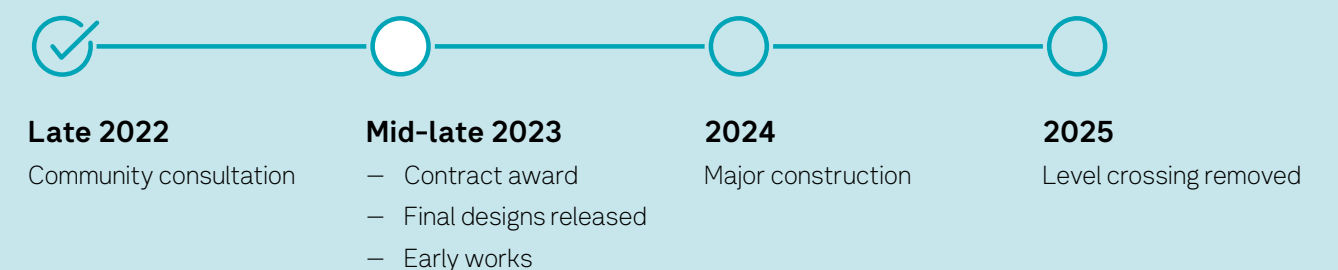
## Station Street, Beaconsfield

### Project timeline



## Station Street, Officer

### Project timeline



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Station Street, Beaconsfield Level Crossing.








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