



**SUBURBAN  
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**Newsletter**

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**BOX  
HILL**

# Suburban Rail Loop East roars ahead

Second major contract signed to deliver the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East tunnels, with the first tunnel boring machines (TBMs) on their way and tunnelling to start in 2026.

We're making massive progress building SRL East between Cheltenham and Box Hill, with more than 1,500 people working on the project and construction underway at all six underground station sites and the train stabling facility.

The second major tunnelling contract has been awarded and TBMs ordered - arriving on site from next year.

Terra Verde - a consortium of WeBuild, GS Engineering and Construction, and Bouygues Construction - will build the northern section of the twin tunnels from Glen Waverley to Box Hill.

The global companies have extensive experience here and overseas, including building the Metro Tunnel Project, North East Link, Sydney Metro and Grand Paris Express.

SRL East has been in construction since June 2022 and crews have made huge progress building TBM launch sites and moving underground services to make way for the new stations and twin tunnels.

Work is now ramping up for the major construction phase - digging the 26km twin tunnels from 2026 and excavating the six new stations between Cheltenham and Box Hill.

Trains will be taking passengers in 2035.



## More homes for Box Hill

As Australia's largest housing project, SRL will deliver more homes and housing choice where people want to live - close to jobs, services and world-class public transport.

We've been speaking to local communities for several years about how SRL can help meet the challenges of population growth and housing supply. Thousands of Victorians have provided feedback that has been incorporated into 'Visions' for the neighbourhoods around the SRL East stations.

The newly released Vision for Box Hill sets out the ambitions for your community that will guide formal structure planning in 2025.

**Take a look inside** to see how your input is helping to shape the future of Box Hill.

More information  
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# Box Hill community shapes suburb's future

Our city and state are growing. We need more public transport and more housing – and Suburban Rail Loop will deliver both.

We're now preparing structure plans for these areas to help cater for growth and realise the full potential of SRL as a city-shaping project.

The feedback of your community, local councils and stakeholders has informed this planning every step of the way. We've received many thousands of responses through extensive and ongoing consultation, with more opportunities to have your say coming soon.

The Vision for Box Hill outlines the long-term aspiration for how the neighbourhood will evolve over the next 20

to 30 years. It will help guide structure planning for the broader area around the new station and ensure it meets your future needs.

We received more than 750 responses from the Box Hill community to the Draft Vision, which was released in late 2023, and many of these responses have been incorporated into the final Vision.

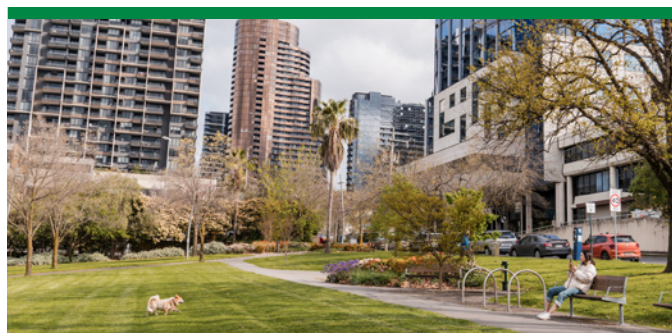
A draft structure plan along with Planning Scheme Amendments for Box Hill will go on public exhibition next year, with further opportunities for you to have your say. The structure plan is expected to be finalised in 2026.

Take a look at the Vision for Box Hill at [suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/final-visions](https://suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/final-visions)

## How we've adopted your feedback



You told us you wanted more activity on Station Street and Whitehorse Road and the Vision has been updated to prioritise active and diverse uses of these areas.



We heard you would like better connections and the plan now includes more links between Surrey Park, Laburnum Activity Centre, Box Hill Central, Box Hill Gardens and the hospital, improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

## What's happening near you in 2025

This year we started construction of a temporary bridging structure along Whitehorse Road that will keep local traffic moving during construction of the station underneath. This work continues in the new year.

Crews will move more underground services and utilities during 2025, ahead of major construction. We're doing what we can to reduce impacts to Box Hill Gardens – and most of the gardens will remain open during construction.

Detours, traffic management and notifications are in place to help locals and drivers plan ahead.

The SRL East project is creating greener, shadier spaces and at least 750 trees will be planted in Burwood and Box Hill over the next three years.



To learn more about what's happening in your local area, check out construction progress and find out about opportunities to have your say, scan the code or head to our website.

# TUNNEL BORING MACHINES

Tunnel boring machines will begin arriving on site next year, ready to start tunnelling in 2026

## Launch site north

Tunnel boring machines will launch from Burwood to carve the tunnels between Glen Waverley and Box Hill, heading north to Box Hill and south to Glen Waverley. Tunnelling of this section starts in 2026.

## Launch site south

Four tunnel boring machines will launch from Clarinda to dig the tunnels between Cheltenham and Glen Waverley. Two will travel south to Cheltenham – via the train stabling facility at Heatherton – and two will head north to Glen Waverley. Tunnelling in this southern section also starts in 2026.

CHELtenham

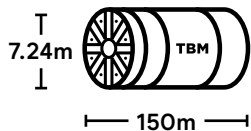
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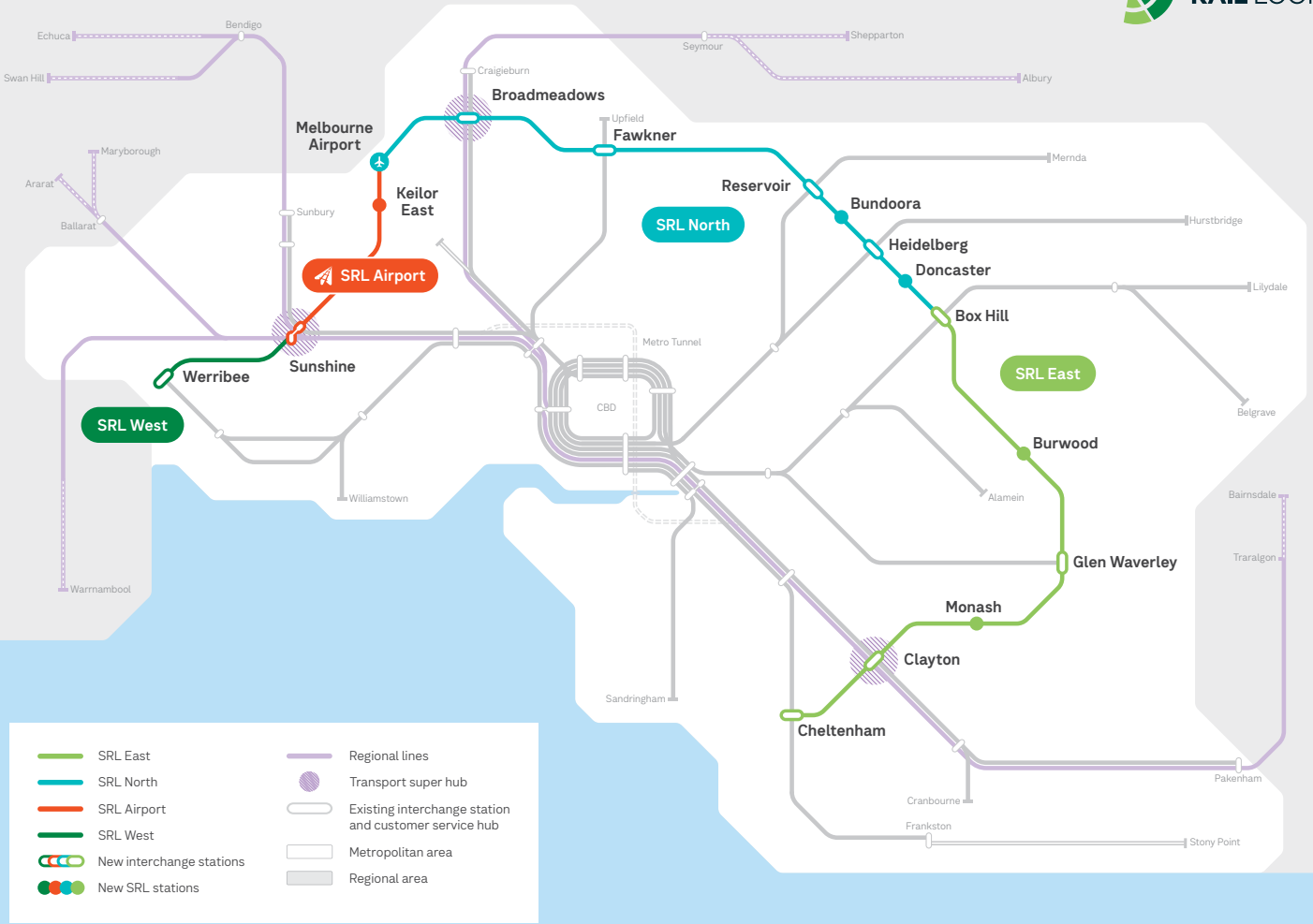
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### Did you know?

The SRL tunnel boring machines will be 7.24 metres in diameter and up to 150 metres long. Two will be remanufactured after finishing work on the Sydney Metro project.

- SRL East underground station
- Transport super hub (Regional connection)
- SRL East rail tunnel alignment
- Existing rail alignment
- SRL rail tunnel continued
- Stabling facility



For illustrative purposes, subject to further detailed technical investigations and consultations.

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