

Station Street, Beaconsfield, March 2023

Level crossing removal community update



Help shape the design of your new road bridge

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.

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

Late last year, we asked you what you value about the Beaconsfield area, how you move around and what you would like to see as part of the project. Your feedback has helped us refine and improve our designs.

Now we're asking for your feedback on specific design elements of the new road bridge and landscaping around the site.

Early works will start in mid 2023 and the boom gates will be gone for good in 2025.

The nearby level crossings at Brunt Road in Beaconsfield, Station Street in Officer and Webb Street in Narre Warren will also be removed in 2025.

Why these level crossings need to go



5200 vehicles pass through the level crossing each day



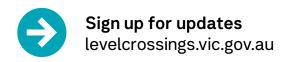
boom gates down for 28 per cent of the morning peak



3 near misses and one collision since 2012



25 trains travel through the level crossing during the morning peak









How your feedback is helping shape our plans so far

Late last year, we asked the community to share their ideas and feedback on what they valued about the Beaconsfield area and what they would like to see as part of the Station Street level crossing removal project.

We heard that the village like atmosphere and local flora and fauna are highly valued by the community. You also told us you want to see the project deliver:



pathways for pedestrians across and around the road bridge



better connections between the station and local streets



improved safety

Key themes were highlighted in the feedback including the local heritage and protecting vegetation and wildlife.

We're considering your feedback as we work to refine the final designs.

Have your say, Beaconsfield

You can now provide feedback on the look and feel of the new road bridge.

We want to hear your thoughts on:

- colours and finishes on the road bridge
- landscaping.

Have your say by visiting engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-station-streets-beaconsfield-and-officer - by 11:59pm Sunday 23 April 2023.

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

Next steps

Along with technical investigations, your feedback from this round of consultation will help us refine aspects of the project including the look and feel of the road bridge.

We'll share final designs and show you how your feedback has been incorporated.

Sign up to project updates at **levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe**.

You can receive SMS updates by texting STATION to 0418 998 433 for future construction impacts in Beaconsfield.

Improving connections

Many locals expressed the desire to see more walking and cycling paths in the area.

In response, the project team has modified the design to include a shared use path along Beaconsfield Avenue, improving connections for pedestrians and cyclists to safely access Beaconsfield Station.



Scan the QR code to check out concept designs and have your say on selected design elements of the road bridge.



Protecting the Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands

You told us that the native wildlife, wetlands 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.

We're working closely with Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands and Melbourne Water to undertake environmental assessments of the area. These will inform how we minimise our impact in the final designs and during construction.



Reflecting heritage

We heard that retaining local heritage within the Beaconsfield community is important to you.

The construction of the new bridge requires us to acquire one property on Beaconsfield Avenue, known locally as the station master's house.

While the construction of the new bridge will impact the extension at the rear of the house, we have committed to retaining the remainder of the property and key historical elements.

We will also retain the Bunya Bunya Pine tree. Appropriate environmental controls will be put in place to protect the tree during construction and allow the tree to remain in-situ on completion of the project.

Station Street. Officer

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

When the Officer level crossing closes permanently, drivers will be able to access Princes Highway and Princes Freeway via the new road bridge at Brunt Road.

We're working closely with key stakeholders to ensure any changes and disruptions to local traffic are minimised.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2025.

Thank you for sharing your feedback

In late 2022, we asked you what was important to you in the local area, how you move around and what you want to see delivered as part of the project.

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

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share ideas and tell us about the local area.

Your feedback will help shape final designs, making sure the area meets the needs of the community. We will share designs of Station Street, Officer later this year.

Key themes to emerge from the feedback were:



proximity to transport is valued by locals



walking and cycling connections to Officer Station



village like atmosphere



improved safety

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If you have any questions or would like more information, call 1800 105 105 or email contact@ levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Follow us on social media or send us a private message on our Facebook page.

> Our team will work with the community and train passengers to keep you informed about what's happening during each stage of construction.

What's coming up in 2023



continue site investigations



release final designs



set up site offices



begin early works



start major construction

Project timeline



Late 2022

Community consultation

Early-mid 2023

Further engagement on design aspects

Contract award

Early works

Mid-late 2023

Major construction

2025

Level crossing removed

* Timeline subject to change.

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