



Ruthven Street level crossing removal project

Online information session

April 2026



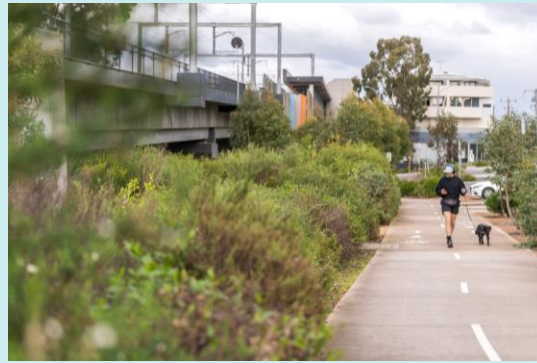
Image from a smoking ceremony at one of our projects.



Acknowledgement of Country

What we'll cover in this session

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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 and raised pedestrian crossing near the Ruthven Street rail bridge.
- Construction will start later this year.
- The boom gates will be gone for good and trains running on the new rail bridge next year.



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)



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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

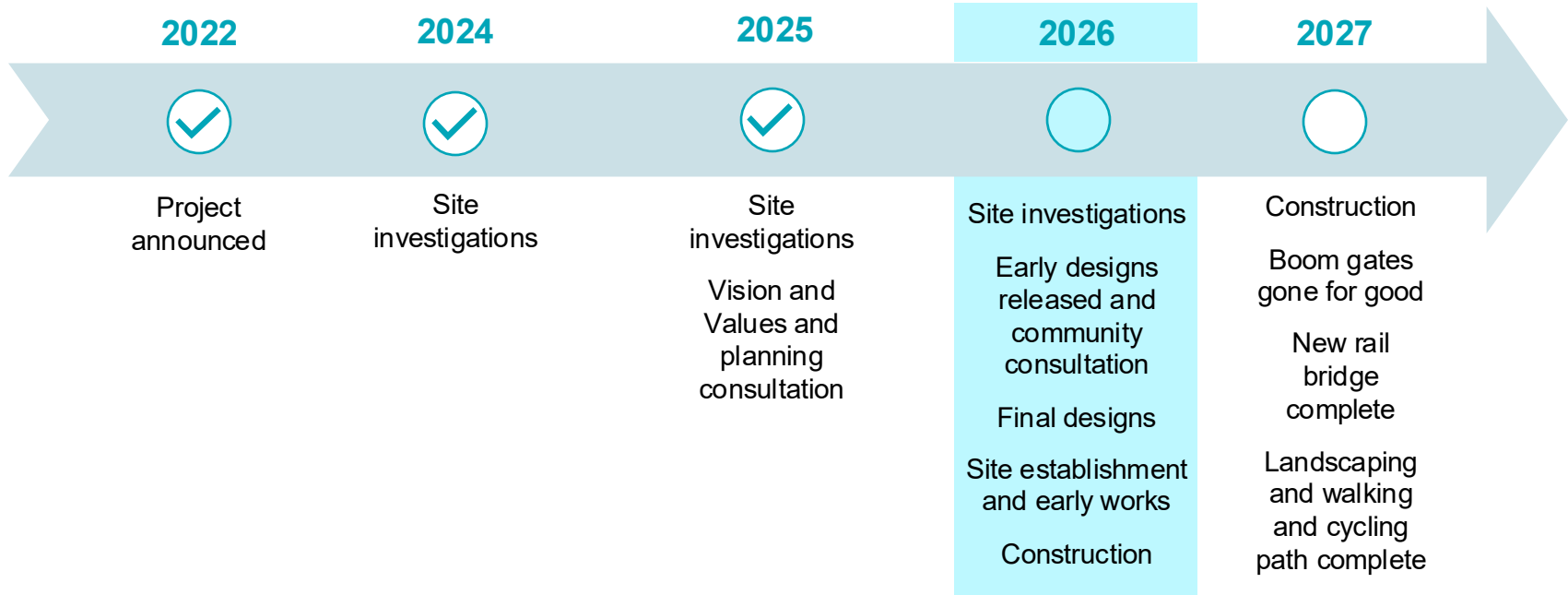


Project includes upgrades at Macleod Park oval and Macleod College oval



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

Project timeline



Rail bridge design





Artist's impression – subject to change.



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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.



Early designs – March to April

We've released early designs and the community are invited to provide feedback on the designs of the project.



Final designs – mid 2026

We'll show the community 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.

Vision and values consultation



Designs that complement the area

You want the rail bridge to complement the area with natural colours, features and architectural finishes.



Landscaping and native plantings

You told us you'd like to see native and local plants and landscaping as part of the project.



Better connections for pedestrians and bike riders

You told us that Macleod and Rosanna are active transport suburbs.



Minimise disruptions and construction impacts

You told us that you wanted less disruptions and impacts to the way you travel.

Read the consultation report at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/ruthven-consultation-report

We want to hear from you



Early design feedback survey

We're seeking your feedback on the project's early designs.

Complete the online survey, and ask the team a question at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-ruthven-street by **11.59pm, Sunday 26 April**.



Join us for an **in-person information session** at Macleod Community Hall on Monday 13 April (evening) or Thursday 16 April (daytime). 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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Sign up for email updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe and under the Hurstbridge Line select **Ruthven Street**



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Thank you

