

New Albion Station Community engagement report

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New Albion Station featuring a new pedestrian overpass with lifts and stairs. Artist's impression – subject to change.

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Project overview

Pedestrian overpass at the new Albion Station with lift and stairs to the platform. Artist's impression – subject to change.



We're building a new modern and accessible Albion Station as part of the Melbourne Airport Rail Stage 1: West Footscray to Albion Rail Upgrade.

It will feature a pedestrian overpass that will make it easier and safer to catch the train and cross the rail line. Funded by the Victorian Government, the new station will provide an important boost to the local area.

A welcoming entrance to the station will feature an overpass with lifts and stairs, and a new station plaza with new seating, bike hoops and landscaping.

The new centrally located pedestrian overpass will make the journey across the rail line easier and safer for all commuters, including people with disability, and those with a mobility aid, luggage, or a pram.

New pedestrian paths connect to Sydney Street and to the bus bays on Ballarat Road Service Road, as well as Talmage/Ferguson Street. The existing underpass will remain to provide a convenient way for locals to safely cross the rail line.

Gathering your feedback

We asked you to view the early designs and have your say on what's important to you about the new Albion Station including landscaping preferences, how you use the station precinct, and how you'd like to hear from us.

We made the early designs available for comment during a formal community engagement period, from Saturday 16 May until Sunday 14 June 2026.

Your feedback reflected in this report was collected through an online survey on the Engage Victoria website.

We also invited the community to ask questions on our Engage Victoria project page and speak to the project team at our online and in-person information sessions, and at pop-ups at Albion Station and Sunshine Marketplace.

The feedback received helps us understand what's important to the community.

Thank you to all who asked us a question, filled in the survey and attended an information session.

Your feedback

The community provided a range of feedback on the early designs for the new Albion Station, with respondents sharing their views on station access, landscaping, local identity and the future station precinct.



**170 early design
survey responses
received**



**288,000 people
reached via social
media advertising**



**2,900+ people
reached by our
email updates**



**4,346 visitors to our
Engage Victoria online
consultation hub**



**10 questions via
Engage Victoria
consultation hub**



**Community updates
sent to 39,000+
properties**



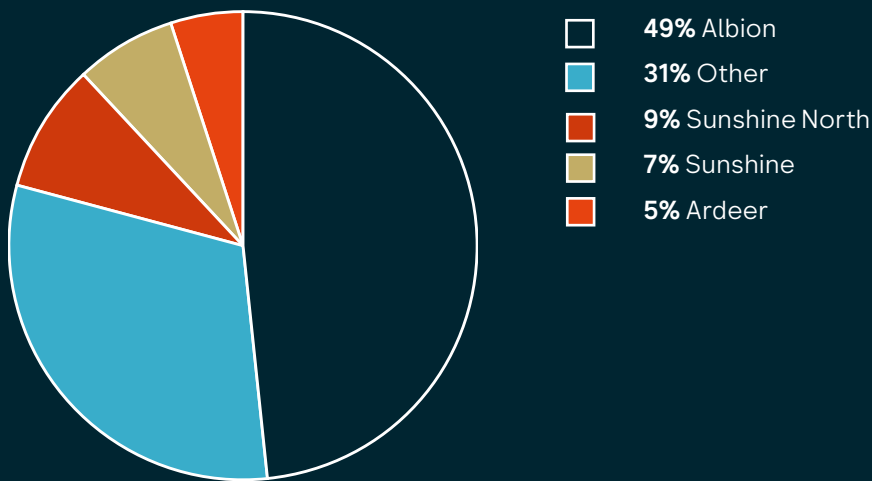
**41 participants
across 4 information
sessions**

What we heard

About you

We asked you to share your preferences, insights and feedback on the project.

Where you live



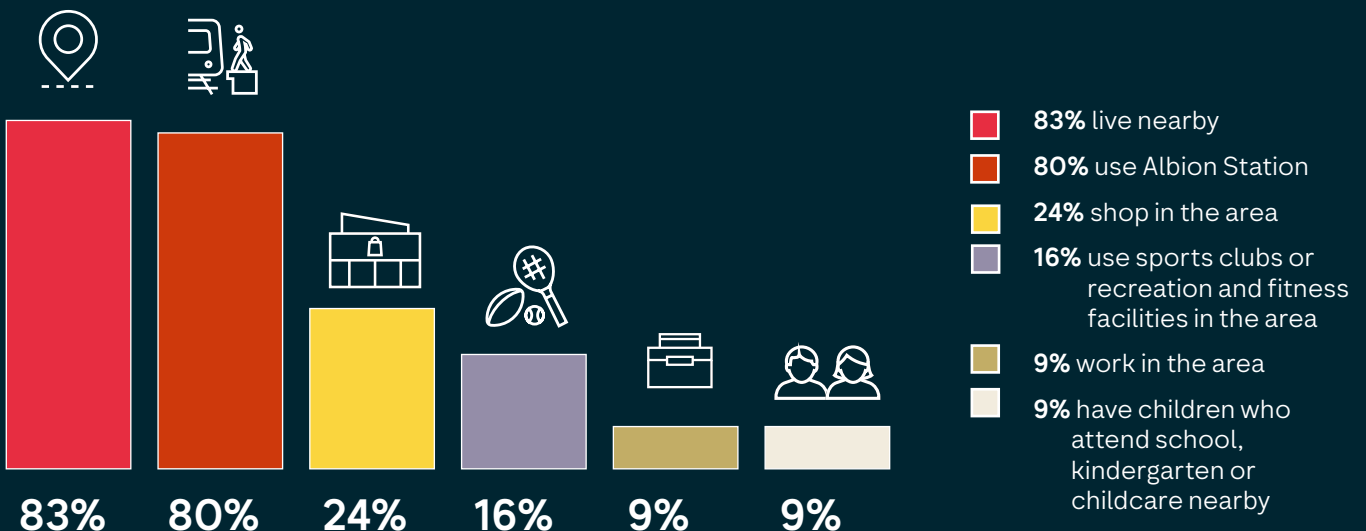
About the data

Data in this report comes from the 170 responses to the community survey.

Note that some survey questions had multi-select response options. In these cases, percentages total more than 100%.

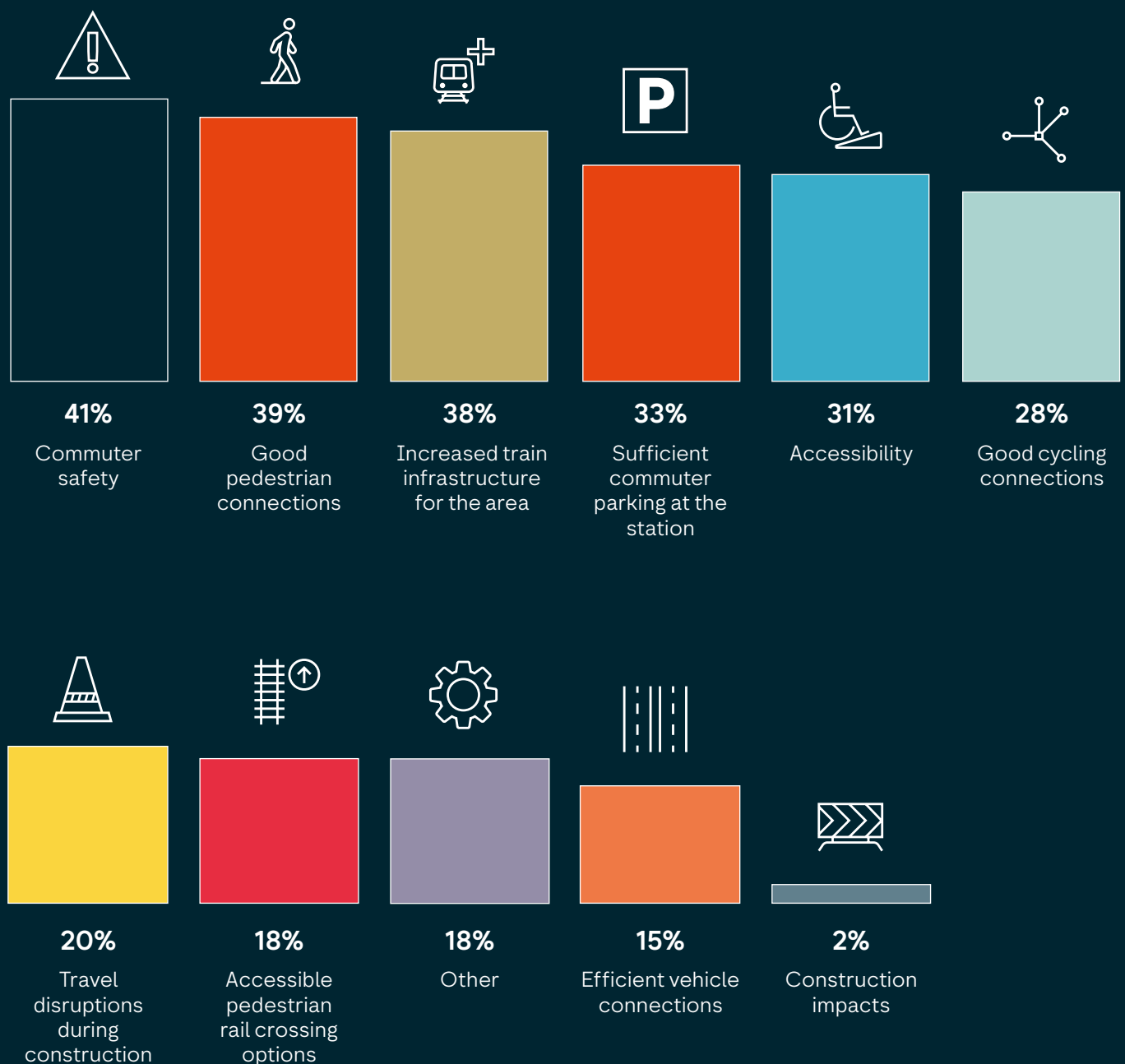
Other questions required a single response. In these cases, questions may be slightly above or below 100% due to rounding.

Your interest in the project



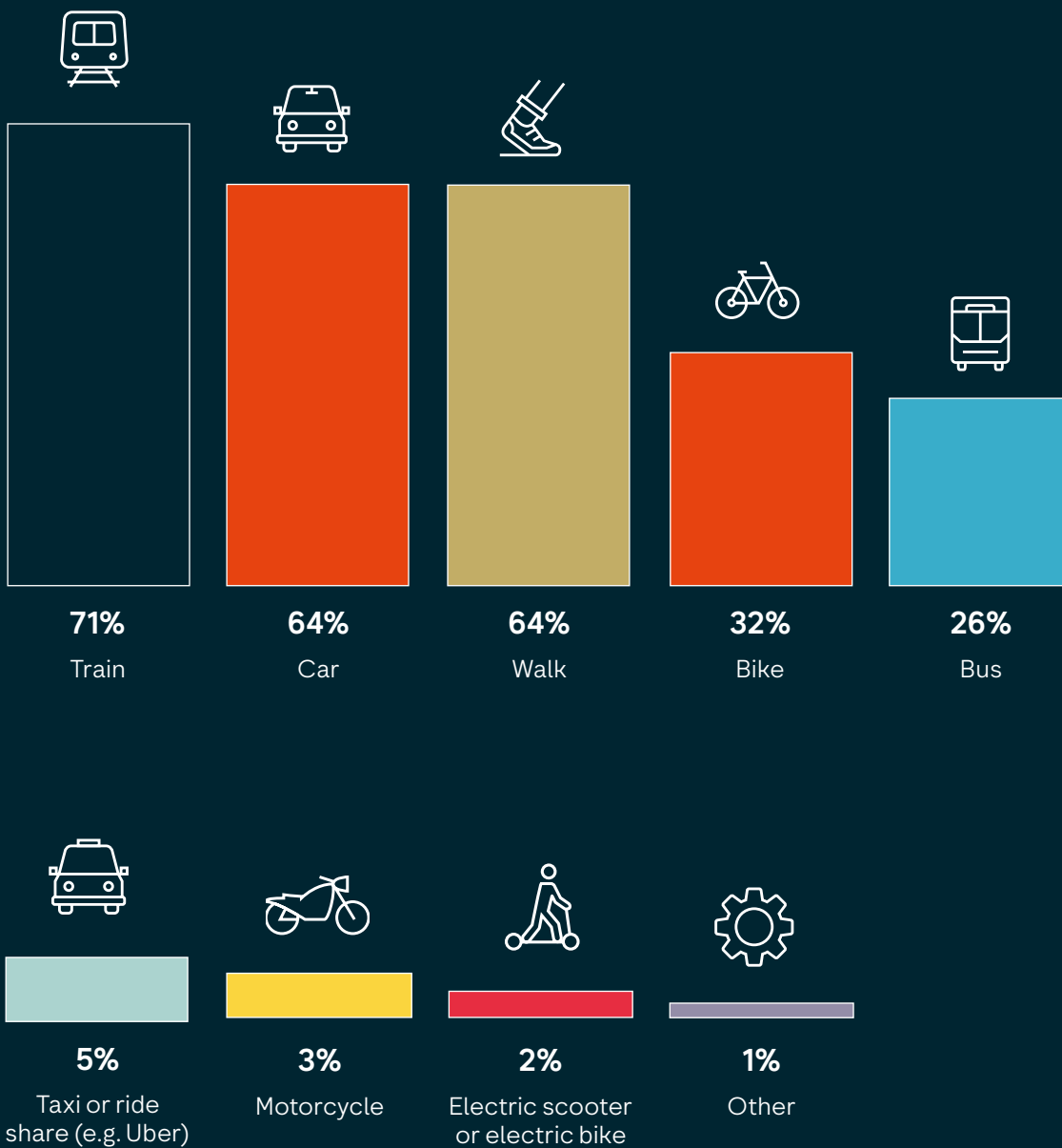
Aspects of the new Albion Station that are most important to you

We asked you to select your top areas of importance.

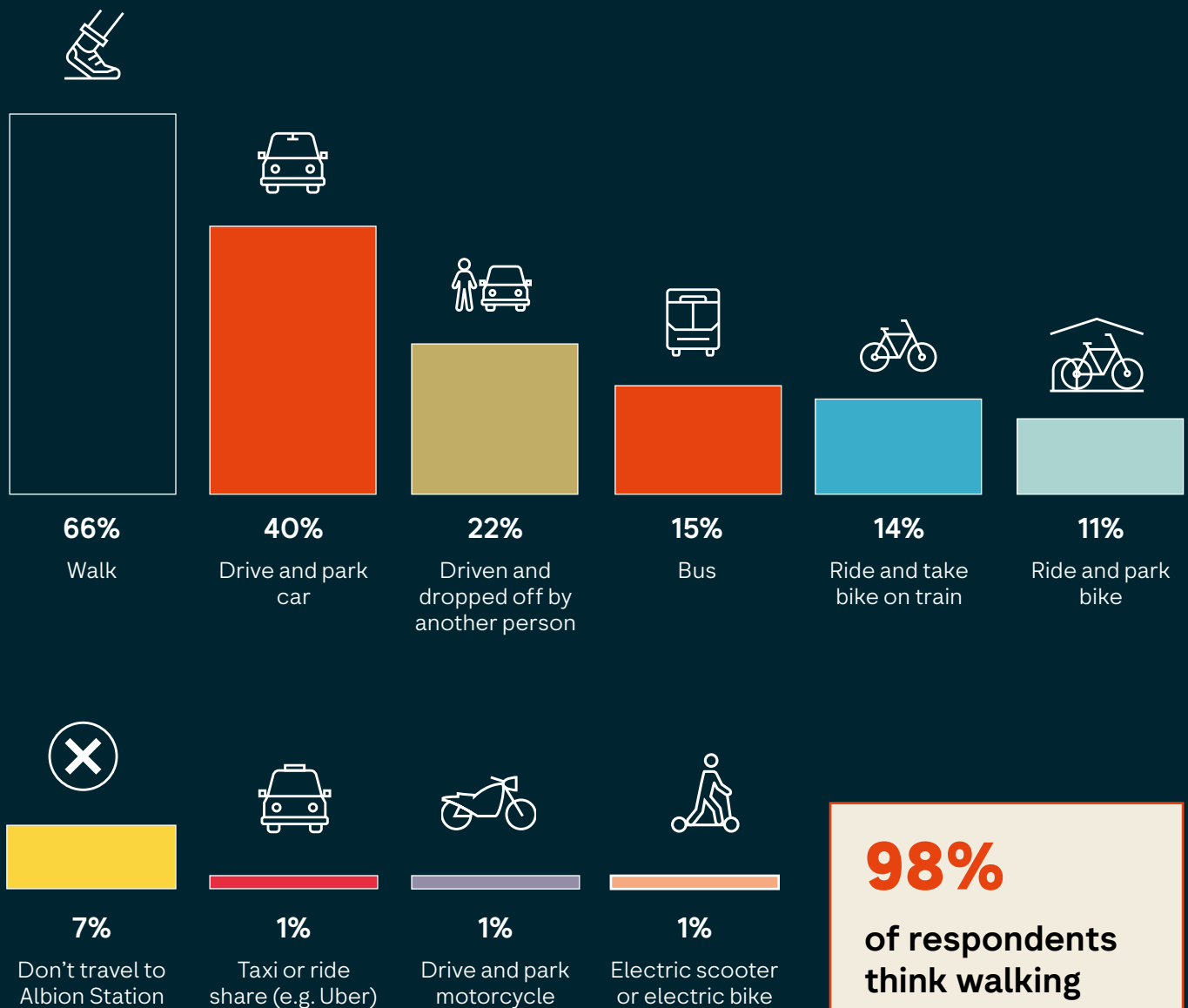


Moving around the area

We asked how you mostly get around the Albion and Sunshine Area



We asked how you travel to Albion Station



98%

of respondents
think walking
connections
to and around
Albion Station
are somewhat or
very important

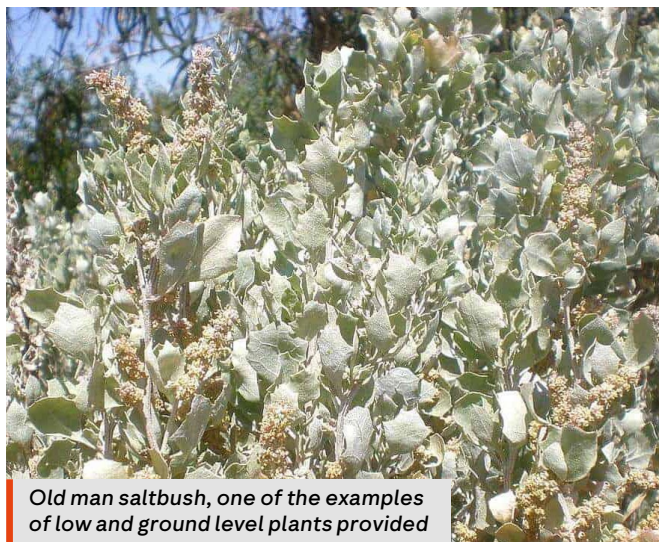
Landscaping

We asked you to tell us what types of plants you prefer in the new Albion Station precinct.

We provided options including flowering plants, grasses, trees, and low and ground level plants. **Out of these options, most people preferred a mix of each.**



Billy button, one of the examples of flowering plants provided



Old man saltbush, one of the examples of low and ground level plants provided



Knobby club-rush, one of the examples of grasses provided



Dwarf gum, one of the examples of trees provided



89% of respondents said landscaping in the precinct is somewhat or very important to them.

Here are the most frequently mentioned key themes from this feedback



Walking, cycling and getting to the station

You told us that improving connections to and from Albion Station is a priority. We heard strong support for better walking and cycling connections, safer access across the rail line and easier access to local destinations and public transport. Some respondents also highlighted the importance of providing facilities that support active travel, such as secure bike parking.



Safety and accessibility

Keeping the station precinct safe, welcoming and accessible was a key theme in your feedback. You highlighted the importance of good lighting, clear sightlines and security measures to help people feel safe when travelling through the precinct. We also heard that accessible routes and easy movement through the station should remain a key consideration in the design.



Station facilities and passenger comfort

Many of you told us that station amenities are an important part of your experience. We heard about the importance of retaining toilets, as well as weather protection to provide shelter from rain, wind and sun.



Parking and transport connections

You told us that convenient access to the station is important. Feedback highlighted the need for commuter parking, safe pick-up and drop-off areas and convenient connections between trains, buses and other transport options.



Heritage and history

You told us the new station should reflect Albion's unique identity. Many respondents highlighted the importance of recognising local heritage, including the John Darling Flour Mill and silos, and preserving the area's industrial character. Many respondents also indicated a preference for materials that respect the area's industrial character.



Community character

Many respondents described Albion as a connected community with a strong local character and emphasised the importance of creating a station precinct that feels welcoming and distinctly Albion.



Green spaces and station character

You told us that the new station precinct should be both greener and distinctly Albion. We heard strong support for more trees, shade and planting throughout the precinct, including native species that reflect the local environment around Kororoit Creek. Many respondents also highlighted the importance of creating an attractive precinct that helps new infrastructure integrate with its surroundings.



Future development and project delivery

You also shared feedback about the future of the precinct and the delivery of the project. We heard interest in how the station will integrate with future infrastructure and development in the area, as well as the importance of clear communication about construction activities and disruptions as the project progresses.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the early designs.

In early 2027 we will further engage with the community on a number of planning considerations.

Your feedback will help inform aspects of the final designs for the project, which will be released later in 2027.

When the final designs are released, you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the final designs and chat to the project team.

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Project timeline



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