

Sunshine Superhub Community engagement report

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Sunshine Station forecourt northern side ground level. Artist's impression – subject to change.

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Project overview

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We're turning Sunshine Station into a superhub as part of Melbourne Airport Rail Stage 1: West Footscray to Albion Rail Upgrade.

Early designs for the superhub will enable a major refresh of the Sunshine Station precinct, unlocking opportunities for future development.

The station will feature an extended concourse and two new platforms for regional services, improving connections for regional passengers and creating room for a rail line to the airport and an electrified line to Melton.

New walking and cycling links will make accessing shops, restaurants and services on both sides of the rail line easier, as well as improve connections between local streets and Sunshine Station.

The upgrades to the precinct will see a new station forecourt and City Place plaza with landscaped open space for the community to enjoy and improved facilities to better serve the community in the west.

Bus interchange upgrades will include new undercover waiting areas to provide more shelter for passengers, new landscaping and better signage.

Works on Melbourne Airport Rail Stage 1: West Footscray to Albion Rail Upgrade are now underway and will be complete in 2030

Gathering your feedback

We asked you to view the early designs and have your say on what's important to you about the upgraded Sunshine 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 Wednesday 25 February until Sunday 29 March 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 in-person information sessions, and at pop-ups at Sunshine 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 Sunshine Superhub, with respondents sharing their views on station access, landscaping, local identity and the future station precinct.



**291 early design
survey submissions
received**



**20,900 people
reached via social
media advertising**



**2,700+ people
received our
email updates**



**24,050 visits to our
Engage Victoria online
consultation hub**



**54 questions via
Engage Victoria online
consultation hub**



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

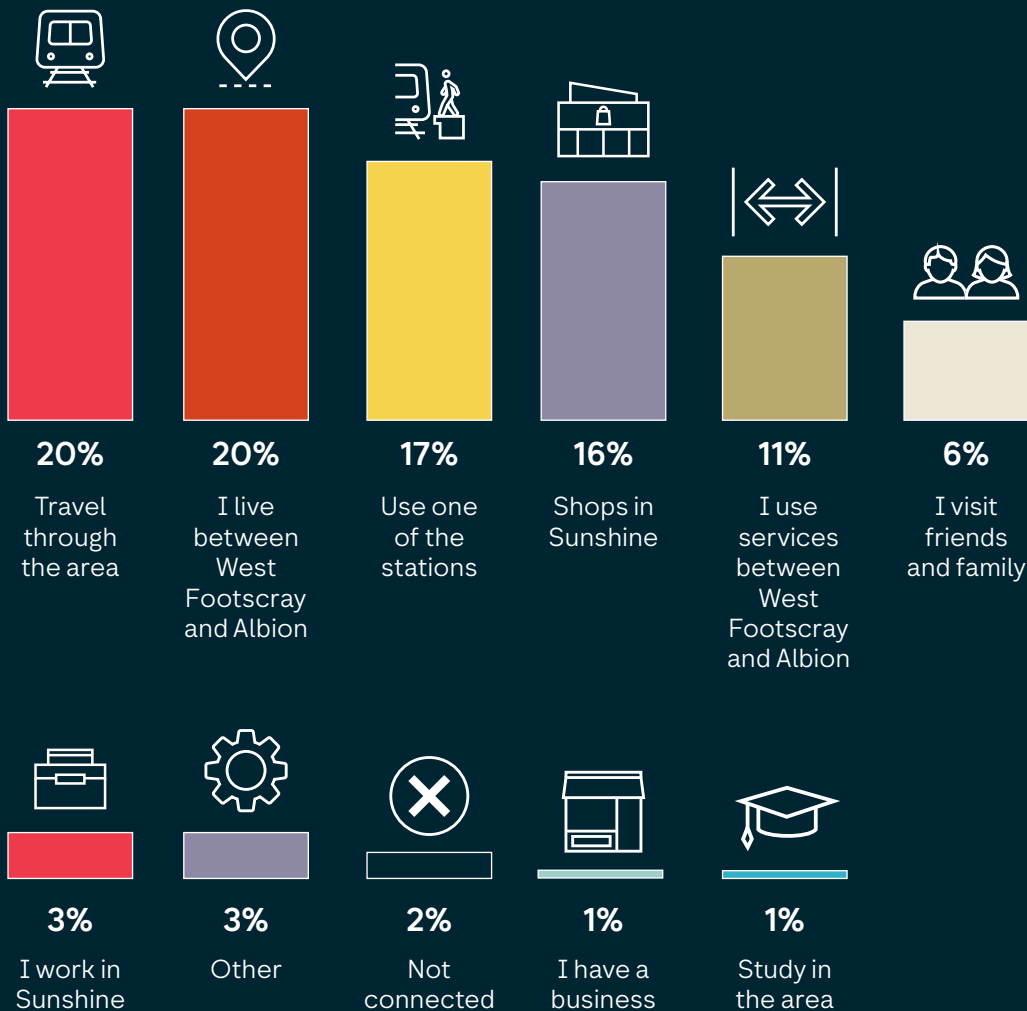


**95 conversations
across 2 information
sessions**

What we heard

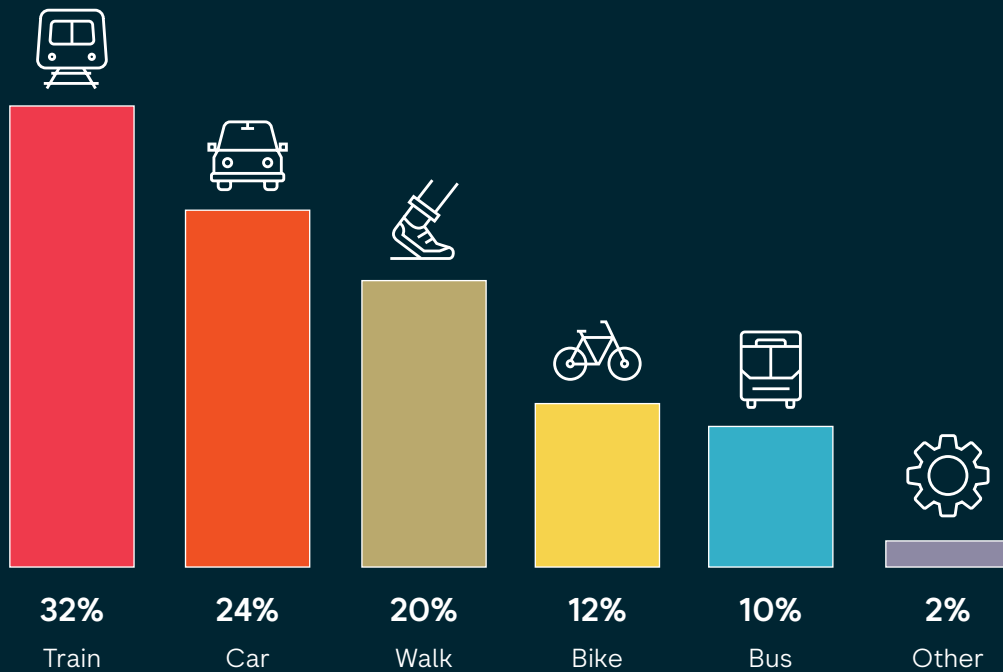
About you

What is your interest in the project? _____

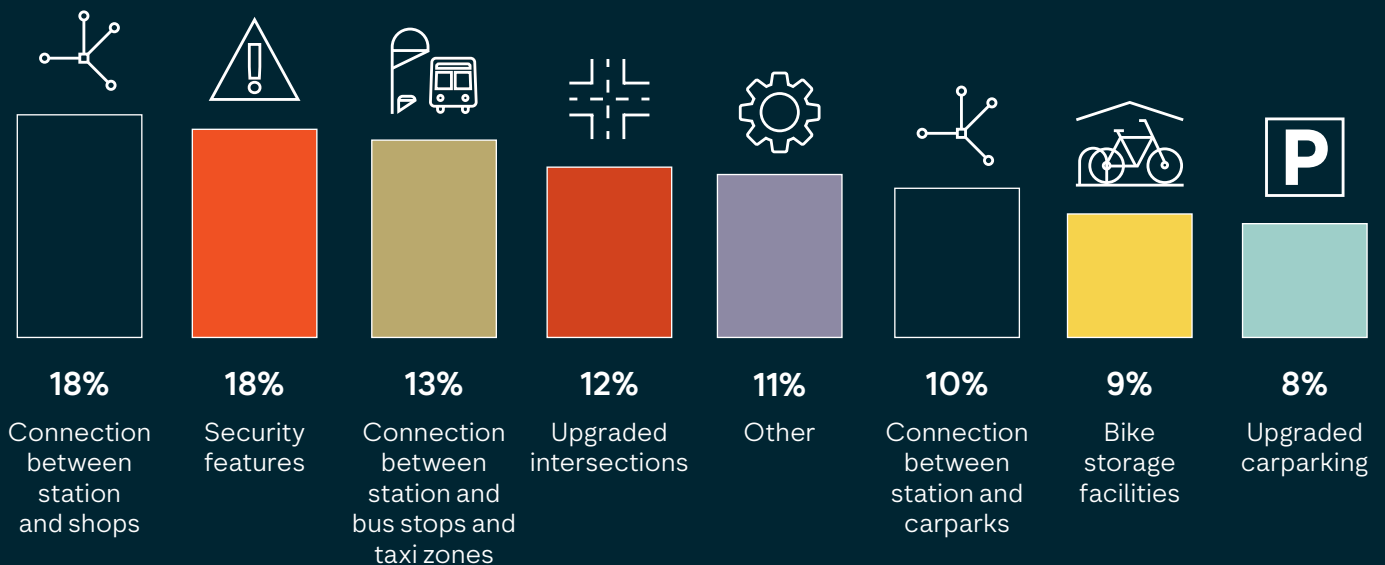


*Some survey questions had multi select options

How do you mostly get around Sunshine?



Sunshine Station and the new upgrades, what is important to you?



“What's important is how the station connects with Sunshine for pedestrians. It should provide an experience that encourages people to visit and spend time in Sunshine. The station shouldn't just be a 'terminal' but a place.”

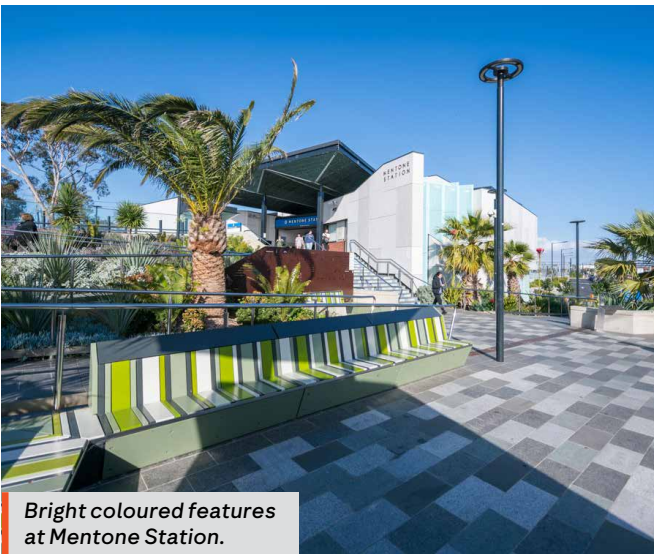
Station look and feel



Seamless public transport connections at Frankston Station. Photo by Peter Clarke.



Natural landscaping treatments at Deer Park Station.



Bright coloured features at Mentone Station.

Which open space design do you prefer?

39% Seamless public transport connections

35% Natural landscaping

26% Bright coloured features

We asked what you would like to see featured as part of the new open space, your top four responses were:

- Landscaping with trees and vegetation
- Security features
- Sustainability features
- Spaces with seating and tables

“I’d like it to have nice landscaping and space for community activities”

You ranked what canopy design you preferred



Canopy allowing dappled light at Union Station, Surrey Hills.

29% Canopy allowing dappled light



Modular canopy at Pakenham Station.

28% Modular canopy



Textured canopy at Frankston Station. Photo by Peter Clarke.

25% Circular canopy



Circular canopy as part of Boronia Station Upgrade. Artist impression, subject to change.

18% Textured canopy



Estelle Street Bridge as part of North East Link allowing views of the local area.



Seating and natural stones at Chelsea Station.



Textured screening at Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer.

Which walking and cycling link designs do you prefer?

41% Seating and natural stones

36% Allowing views of the area

23% Textured screening

You told us that the three most important features along the new walking and cycling links are:

- Landscaping
- Security features
- Seating and accessibility

“Please make it very bicycle friendly to encourage healthy active ways to commute”

Key themes we heard



Safety

You told us safety is a priority when moving through and around Sunshine Station. We heard strong support for security measures such as CCTV, good lighting and clear sightlines to help people feel safe and welcome in the station precinct.



Connections to other transport methods

You told us convenient connections between different transport options are important. Feedback highlighted the need for easy movement between trains, buses, cycling routes, carparks and other transport services.



Walking and cycling connections across the rail line

You told us improving walking and cycling links across the rail line is a priority. We heard support for safer, more direct connections that make it easier to move between local streets, shops, services and the station.



Green space and landscaping

You told us green space and landscaping should be an important part of the upgraded precinct. Many respondents supported more trees, planting and shaded areas to create a more attractive and comfortable station environment.



Future proofing for further upgrades in the west

You told us the station should be designed with the future in mind. We heard interest in how the upgrades will support future transport improvements, development and growth across Melbourne's west, including a future rail line to the airport and an electrified line to Melton.



Road improvements

You told us road access and local traffic movements are important considerations for the project. Feedback highlighted the need for upgraded intersections to support safer and easier travel through the precinct.



Shelter

You told us shelter is an important part of a comfortable station experience. We heard support for covered walkways, platforms and waiting areas that provide protection from rain, wind and sun.



Making Sunshine a destination

You told us Sunshine Station should be more than a place to pass through. Many respondents wanted the upgraded precinct to feel welcoming, connected and like a destination that encourages people to visit and spend time in Sunshine.

“This project presents an excellent opportunity to provide a new hub of connectivity for the western suburbs”

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback or came and spoke to the project team.

Your feedback, along with technical and engineering requirements, helped shape final designs.

Keep in touch

The best way to stay up to date with the project is to:

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Project timeline



2025

- Project announced
- Site investigations



2026

- Early designs for Sunshine Superhub released
- Major construction begins
- Early designs released for the new Albion and Tottenham stations



2027

- Updated designs for Sunshine Superhub released
- Final designs for Albion Station released
- Final designs for Tottenham Station released



2030

- West Footscray to Albion Rail Upgrade complete



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