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LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

HALLAM ROAD HALLAM

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Works starting at Hallam

The Victorian Government is removing 17 dangerous level crossings, including the Hallam Road level crossing, as part of a \$15 billion investment to upgrade the Pakenham line that will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often.

We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossing at Hallam Road, Hallam, with a new rail bridge and dual-entrance station for better traffic flow, reduced travel times, improved safety and connections, and to support the local economy and jobs.

More than 20,000 cars and trucks use the Hallam Road level crossing every day, with boom gates down for more than a third of the morning peak.

Early works have started at Hallam Road. Since our last update, we've completed geotechnical investigations, started setting up temporary site offices, installed fencing and begun earthworks.

Over the next few months, we'll relocate utilities and conduct soil testing in preparation for major works to start later this year.

The level crossing will be gone for good in 2022.



Improves safety for pedestrians and drivers



More reliable road networks



No more delays at the boom gates



New station with better facilities



Hundreds of jobs during construction



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Changes to car parking at Hallam Station

In October and November we'll start fencing off work areas and setting up site facilities to prepare for major works. Approximately 50 car spaces will be closed in the southern station car park while we establish our site offices.

We'll soon start constructing a temporary rail commuter car park to the east of the existing Hallam Station car park to open early 2021.

Below is a map outlining the changes. You can visit our website for more details.

Did you know

We'll use 9600 tonnes of concrete to build the rail bridge, elevated station and beams to support the structure.

That's equivalent to about 48 blue whales.





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The results are in. Here's your new Hallam Station colour scheme

In July we released updated designs for the brand-new Hallam Station.

In direct response to community feedback, we added a second entrance so pedestrians and passengers can access the station platforms from either side of Hallam Road.

We also asked you to rate your preference for the station colour scheme to appear on features such as walls and doors, columns and the Parkiteer. With over 230 responses, we heard that warm, bold and fresh colours are what you'd like to see.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. The team is now working on adding touches of yellow, green and orange to your new station.

Hallam Station colour scheme

Vegetation at Hallam

As part of the project, we'll plant more than 160 trees and about 30,000 shrubs, plants and grasses, making Hallam greener than ever.

Join our Construction Liaison Group

Nominations for the Hallam Construction Liaison Group are now open.

The group will meet every 8-12 weeks to hear about the latest news from the project and will assist the construction team by providing local knowledge and perspective.

If you'd like to get involved, visit engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-hallam to apply.

Nominations close 5pm 8 November.





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Improving the Pakenham line

The Pakenham line is one of Victoria's longest and busiest rail lines, with Metro, V/Line trains and freight trains all using the corridor.

The Victorian Government is investing more than \$15 billion on projects to run more trains on the Pakenham line.

These projects include:

- Metro Tunnel Project more trains, more often on the Pakenham line
- removing 17 level crossings, with nine already gone
- 65 new high capacity trains, which will first run on the Pakenham and Cranbourne lines
- a brand-new Pakenham Super Station, with more car parks and bus connections
- increased power and signalling to run more trains.

These projects will create room for 121,000 extra peak passengers every week on the Pakenham line.

Travel times will be reduced by up to 50 minutes a day with the removal of these level crossings and the introduction of the Metro Tunnel.

Health and safety

The health and safety of our workers and community is our key priority as we begin early works on the Hallam Road Level Crossing Removal Project.

To find out more about the measures in place on our projects, visit our website.

For information about coronavirus, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Project timeline



Late 2019

- Announcement of rail bridge design with new station
- Community engagement and project planning



Mid 2020

- Station design updated to include second entrance
- Consultation on station colour palette
- · Early works begin



Late 2020

Major works start



2022

- · Level crossing removed
- New Hallam Station opens

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