

Changes today, better transport tomorrow

We are investing in major road and rail projects near you as part of Victoria's Big Build. These projects will reduce congestion, cut travel times and provide more trains more often on every local train line.

The West Gate Tunnel, Metro Tunnel, Melbourne Airport Rail and local road upgrades will help make getting to work, school and health services quicker, safer and easier.



A new premium station at Melbourne Airport (concept image)

Melbourne Airport Rail to create new line for west with Keilor East station

More than 150,000 residents in the west will have direct access to the rail network for the first time, with the addition of a new station as part of Melbourne Airport Rail.

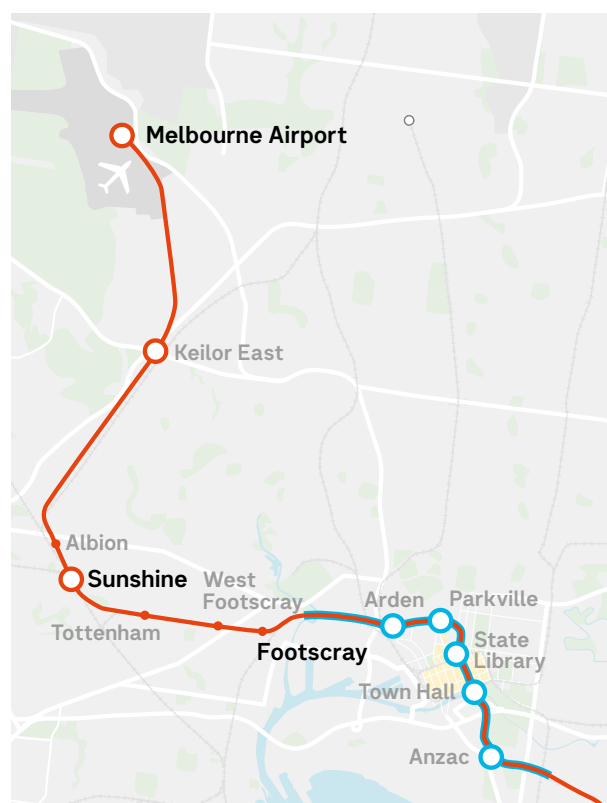
Our business case recommends a new elevated station for Melbourne Airport, to better integrate with the airport precinct and allow us to deliver it faster.

When it opens in 2029, the new rail line will take passengers from an elevated Melbourne Airport station to the CBD in around 30 minutes, via Keilor East, an upgraded Sunshine Station and Metro Tunnel.

This means even more commuters will benefit from the Metro Tunnel and its five underground stations with seamless connection to the existing metropolitan and regional rail networks.

Construction is already underway on Melbourne Airport Rail with six electricity towers between the Western Ring Road (M80) and the existing freight rail corridor being relocated. This will create room for new tracks and a rail bridge that will take trains to and from the airport.

Major construction will start on Melbourne Airport Rail next year and is due to be complete by 2029.



Find out more details about projects in your area by scanning the QR code or visiting bigbuild.vic.gov.au/west



Check out upcoming disruptions on the back



See how the West Gate Tunnel will improve your journey by scanning the QR code or visiting bigbuild.vic.gov.au/explorewgtp

Tunnelling reaches the halfway mark

Our crews are powering ahead on the West Gate Tunnel, with significant progress happening under Melbourne's west.

Two tunnel boring machines (TBMs) are making their way across the inner west between the Maribyrnong River and the West Gate Freeway, building a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge. TBM 'Bella' has excavated half of the four kilometre outbound tunnel, while TBM 'Vida' has dug out half of the 2.8 kilometre inbound tunnel.

We're making strong progress on widening the West Gate Freeway from eight to 12 lanes. Once the project is complete travel on the widened freeway be smoother and safer with reduced weaving and merging.

When the project is complete in 2025, you'll be able to travel from the West Gate Freeway, through the tunnel, over the Maribyrnong River and above Footscray Road to reach the CBD or CityLink.



4km outbound tunnel and 2.8km inbound tunnel



Widening the West Gate Fwy to 12 lanes



A new river crossing over the Maribyrnong



Save up to 20 minutes travel time

Melbourne Airport Rail connects you straight to the airport

Trains on the new Melbourne Airport Rail line will provide a 'turn up and go' service, with trains every 10 minutes when the service begins in 2029.

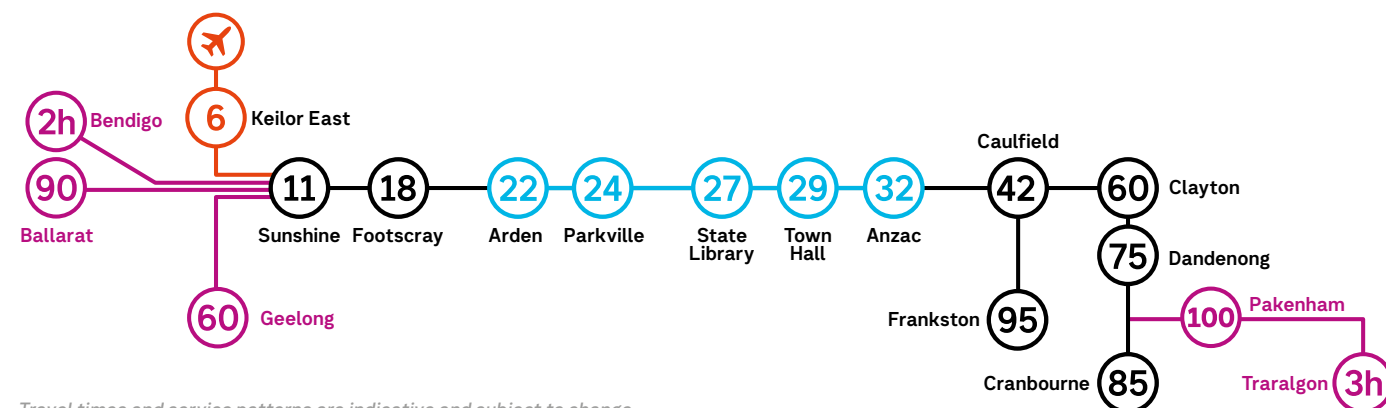
Passengers at more than 30 stations in the city and along the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines will have direct access to Melbourne Airport without needing to change trains. Most other passengers across Victoria will only have to change lines once.

Passengers in the west will be able to change trains at Sunshine and Footscray stations for direct services to Melbourne Airport for the first time.



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Airport journey time in minutes



Travel times and service patterns are indicative and subject to change.



The rebuilt train station at Albion (concept image)

Metro Tunnel connects the west

With the nine-kilometre twin tunnels now dug beneath the ground, our focus has moved to building five new underground stations. We are also testing the signalling systems needed to deliver a turn-up-and-go train service on the Metro Tunnel line.

Once complete in 2025, Sunbury Line passengers will travel directly through Metro Tunnel and connect to the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines.

Passengers on the Werribee and Williamstown lines will be able to change to Metro Tunnel trains at Footscray.

Metro Tunnel will save up to 40 minutes a day on a return journey to Parkville for Sunbury Line passengers, with more trains travelling more often

As we continue to upgrade the Sunbury Line to prepare for bigger, more modern trains, we're rebuilding the train station at Albion.

The station will be transformed to provide better facilities for passengers travelling through Metro Tunnel in 2025 and give an important boost to the growing Sunshine precinct.

Suburban Rail Loop

While SRL East (Cheltenham to Box Hill) is the current focus of the Suburban Rail Loop team, early planning and development is underway for sections of the 90 kilometre rail loop in the west and north.

SRL North will connect to Melbourne Airport Rail, with airport trains travelling through the Metro Tunnel to the end of the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines in Melbourne's south east.

Suburban Rail Loop will better connect you to education, health and employment opportunities

SRL West will connect Melbourne Airport to Werribee via the Sunshine transport super hub, which will be created as part of Melbourne Airport Rail.

We're building big in Melbourne's west

Sunbury Line Upgrade

The Metro Tunnel will save up to 40 minutes a day on a return journey to Parkville for Sunbury Line passengers

Sunbury Road Upgrade

New premium station at Melbourne Airport

Trains will depart Melbourne Airport every 10 minutes when the new train line opens in 2029

Level Crossing Removal Project

21 level crossings are being removed across the west and north west

- ◆ complete
- ◇ in progress

Melton Station (rebuild)

Coburns Rd
Exford Rd
Ferris Rd

Melbourne Airport

Keilor East (new station)

Western Roads Upgrade

A 20-year maintenance contract guarantees the care of 260km of road from Footscray to Werribee

Albion (rebuild)

Metro Tunnel

Construction underway on five new stations due to open in 2025

Tarneit West (new station)

Truganina Station (in planning)

Suburban Rail Loop

SRL West will connect Melbourne Airport to Werribee via the Sunshine Station super hub

West Gate Tunnel

The West Gate Tunnel will deliver a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge and reduce the number of trucks on local streets

Faster and more frequent trips on Geelong Fast Rail



New express track between Werribee and Laverton



Upgraded bridges over main roads



Around 50 minute average travel time between Geelong and Southern Cross Station



Easy connections to Melbourne's west and regional Victoria



Wondering what the future of Victoria's Big Build means for you in the west? We can show you with Big Build's Big Picture! Scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/bigpicture



Werribee Zoo



The new Deer Park Station (concept image)

New and upgraded train stations for Melbourne's west

As the western suburbs continue to grow, we're putting changes in place to give you better access to public transport.

We're building a new train station at Davis Road in Tarneit West. It'll include a grade separated pedestrian crossing, bus interchange and car parking, and is due to be complete in 2026.

Planning is also underway for a new train station at Dohertys Road in Truganina, which will provide better access to trains on the Wyndham Vale Line.

Commuters using Tarneit Station will soon benefit from 500 new and upgraded car spaces due to open this month, while construction will start this year on a new bus interchange.

Upgraded section of M80 Ring Road finished a year early

The M80 Upgrade between Sydney and Edgars roads has transformed one of Melbourne's busiest freeways, providing additional capacity and improving safety for more than 165,000 drivers each day.

We've installed a new smart freeway management system and ramp metering technology on this section of the M80. This innovative new system helps make travel times more reliable by controlling the flow of traffic on and entering the freeway. The system will also enable faster and more efficient response times to traffic incidents.

The new lanes and ramps were opened in stages between November 2021 and March 2022, allowing thousands of drivers to take advantage of the additional capacity, more than a year ahead of schedule.

In May, the speed limit on the M80 was returned to 100km/h after major works were completed between Sydney and Edgars roads.

Four more level crossings to go in the west by 2028

Melton will be level-crossing free by 2028, with four more dangerous and congested level crossings set to go.

We'll improve safety and reduce congestion by removing level crossings at Coburns Road, Exford Road and Ferris Road in Melton, and Hopkins Road in Truganina.

We are also building a new Melton Station to provide better facilities and support the growing community.

Making Melton level crossing-free paves the way for more trains and future improvements to the rail line to Melton

Robinsons Road in Deer Park was removed earlier than planned, with Fitzgerald Road in Ardeer also gone after it was removed six months ahead of schedule.

Major construction has started on the new Deer Park Station and the removal of the Mt Derrimut Road level crossing, where we're building a new 1.2 kilometre elevated rail bridge.

The new transport hub will feature a bus interchange, landscaped forecourts, rooftop gardens, secure bike storage, and 150 new or upgraded car parking spaces.

On the Sunbury Line, the level crossing at Gap Road recently became the 67th level crossing removed

across metropolitan Melbourne, and by 2025 Calder Park Drive will join it after being replaced by a road bridge. With traffic flow improved, the level crossing at Holden Road will close, making train journeys faster and local roads safer.



21 level crossings to go in the west and north west

- 2022 Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer
Robinsons Road, Deer Park
Gap Road, Sunbury
- 2024 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park
- 2025 Calder Park Drive, Calder Park
Holden Road, Calder Park
- 2028 Coburns Road, Melton
Exford Road, Melton
Ferris Road, Melton
Hopkins Road, Truganina



Work on the M80 is complete between Sydney and Edgars roads.



More than 165,000 cars and trucks use the M80 Ring Road every day



51,000 tonnes of recycled pavement used in the upgrade



Equivalent of more than 35 million plastic bags used in asphalt instead of going to landfill



Upgrade finished a year early



Upcoming disruptions

We're working hard to build a better transport network over the coming months. While we work, road and public transport disruptions could affect your travel.

Sunbury Road Upgrade

Lane closures and speed reductions are in place as required on Sunbury Road between Powlett Street and Bulla-Diggers Rest Road while crews work to add extra lanes.

West Gate Tunnel Project

In the coming months there will be disruptions at times along the West Gate Freeway and on Footscray Road.



There will be disruptions as we build the West Gate Tunnel (concept only)



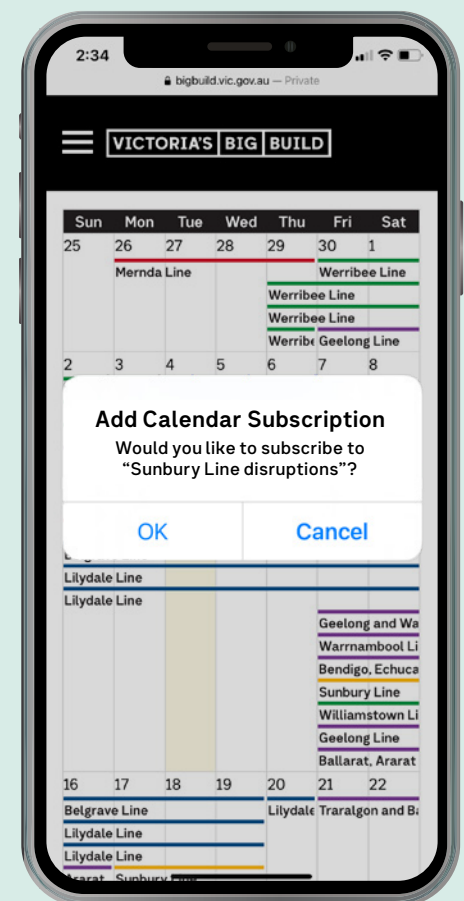
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