

10 MORE LEVEL  
CROSSINGS TO GO 85 GONE  
BY 2025

MENTONE AND PARKDALE  
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## We're removing more dangerous and congested boom gates on the Frankston line

The Victorian Government has committed to removing 75 dangerous and congested level crossings by 2025. With 47 already gone the project is ahead of schedule so another 10 have been added to make it 85 level crossings gone by 2025.

We're removing 20 level crossings on the Frankston line. 11 are already gone, 7 are going and now we have added another 2 including:

- Warrigal Road, Mentone
- Parkers Road, Parkdale

Removing these crossings will **improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains, more often.**

These removals will not only create new jobs but importantly will give locals better access to work, healthcare, schools and services.

### Site analysis

These two level crossings clog local roads and put lives at risk.

Current network plans involve running more trains along the line, which would mean even more boom gate downtime.

Around 40,000 passengers travel on the Frankston line each weekday.

Together with the Metro Tunnel, we'll create room for 36,000 more passengers every week on the Frankston line during peak periods.

Works are now underway to build three new stations and remove five level crossings in Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach.

We're also preparing to remove two level crossings and build a new station in Glen Huntly, with major construction to start in 2022.

Due to the proximity of these new sites to level crossing removal works already underway, it makes sense to get these crossings done now while crews are out on the ground. This will mean we can get rid of the crossings as soon as possible.

### New station



A new station will be built at Parkdale as part of the crossing removal.



We'll create around two MCGs worth of new open space underneath the new elevated rail bridges as part of this project.

### Why these level crossings need to go



Approximately **20,000 vehicles** travel through these crossings each day



Boom gates are down for **up to 44 minutes** of the morning peak (7am to 9am)



**34 trains** during the morning peak (7am to 9am)



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## Who we are

The Level Crossing Removal Project was established in 2015 by the Victorian Government to remove 50 dangerous and congested level crossings across metropolitan Melbourne by 2022.

In 2018, the Victorian Government committed to removing a further 25 level crossings by 2025. Now in 2021, another 10 will go meaning 85 level crossings removed by 2025.

### Removing the 85 level crossings will deliver:

- **More reliable roads and rail** – traffic congestion will be reduced, and more trains will be able to run more often.
- **Improved safety** – crossing the rail line will be safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- **More opportunities** – removing level crossings will enhance and create vibrant areas for the community.

## Project benefits

We're removing 20 level crossings on the Frankston line and building 13 new stations by 2025.



More than **\$3 billion** is being invested in upgrades to the Frankston line



Removing these crossings allows **more trains** to run **more often** and **eases road congestion**



By 2023, the Frankston line will be **crossing-free** between the city and Moorabbin



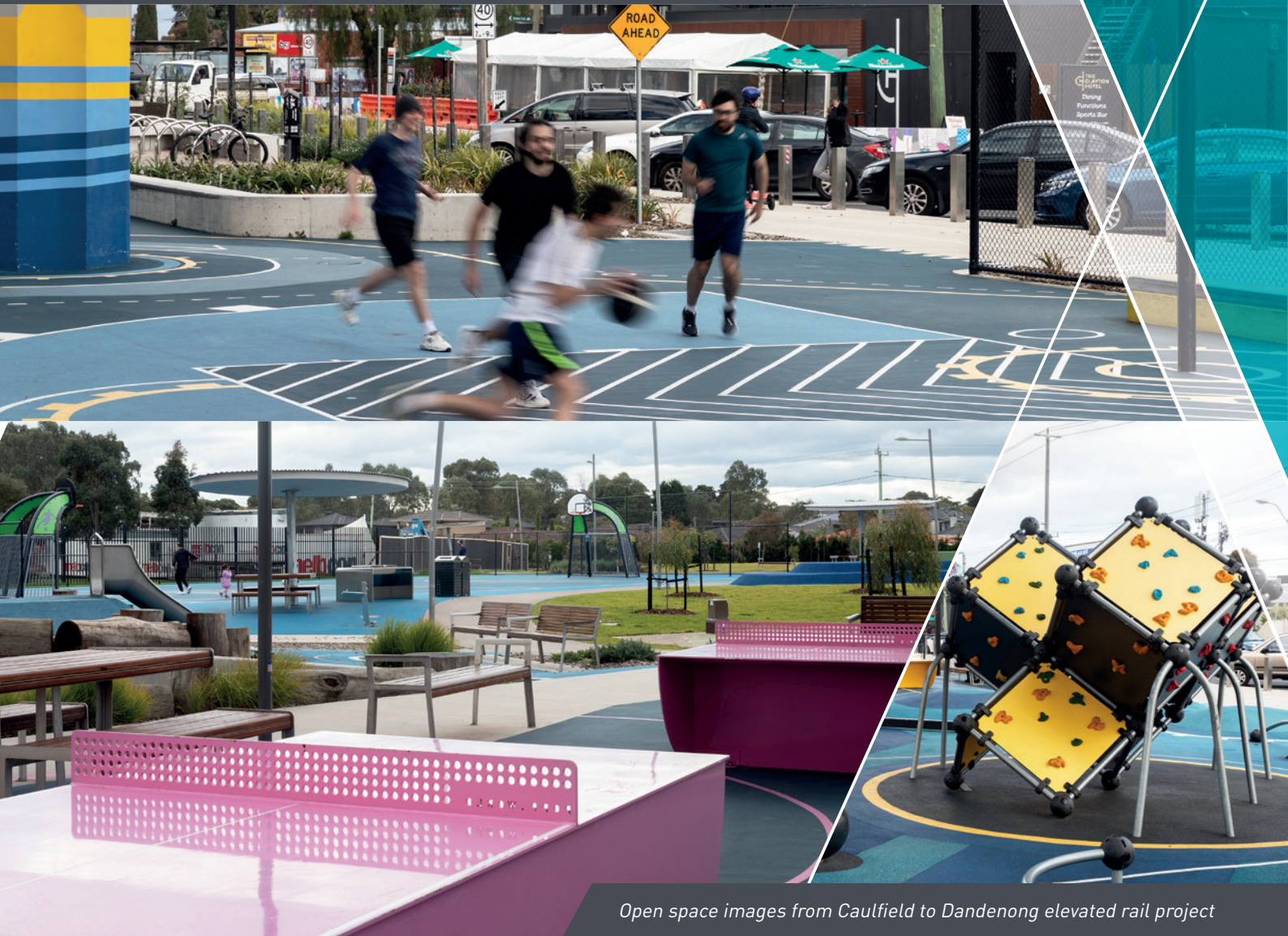
The new Parkdale Station will have **better facilities for passengers** including more lighting and CCTV



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# Open space underneath elevated rail bridges



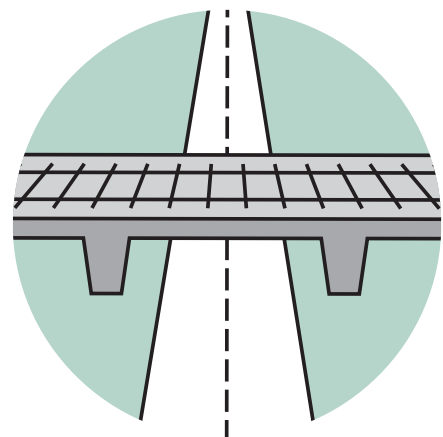
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## Technical design to remove the level crossing

Each level crossing is unique and needs a design that considers environmental, community and technical factors. A design that works well for one area may not necessarily suit another.

Designs for level crossing removals are assessed and developed by teams of technical experts including engineers and construction specialists.

Initial engineering and technical assessments have determined a **rail bridge over the road\*** to be the best solution at **Warrigal Road** and **Parkers Road**. Additional benefits of this design include opportunities for more open space, bike paths, recreational facilities, car parking and local connections across the rail corridor. It also allows for the level crossings to be removed as soon as possible.



Rail bridge over the road

\* Further engineering assessments and community engagement will be undertaken on these projects.





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## Creating more open space

By elevating the rail line, we will create 2 MCGs worth of new open space for the community. This will include new bike paths, playgrounds and recreational facilities.



## Better connections

This design will also create better connections across the rail line. Currently, the community uses several dangerous pedestrian crossings to get around the area and access local shops. Elevating the rail line removes that issue as pedestrians can cross anywhere.



## New car parking

Building an elevated rail also creates space to include more car parks at each location. We'll speak with the community and local businesses on new opportunities to ensure we achieve the right balance of open space and car parking.

## Upcoming site investigations

As we remove a level crossing, it is important that we have a detailed understanding of the conditions at each site.

To do this, we complete lots of site investigations to better understand the ground conditions and work out what designs and construction methods can be used in each location.

Over the coming months, our teams will do further investigations and studies in and around the rail corridor. This includes activities such as soil testing, heritage assessments and ground water monitoring.

You'll see our crew working, but the works are unlikely to cause disruption to the community. We'll notify residents who live nearby before we start these works.



Ecology assessment

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## Keep in touch

We will be out in the community to talk to you about these projects in the coming months. In the meantime, the best way to stay in touch is by subscribing to our email updates at [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe)

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