



Project Update

June 2021



Western Ring Road (M80), Tullamarine — concept image only, subject to planning approvals and stakeholder engagement.

Melbourne Airport Rail is a transformational public transport project giving Victorians the choice to travel to and from Melbourne Airport by train for the first time.

The Australian and Victorian governments are delivering Melbourne Airport Rail, which will connect Victoria's entire regional and metropolitan rail network to the airport via Sunshine and the Metro Tunnel and support up to 8,000 jobs during construction.

Airport trains will provide passengers with a 10-minute

turn-up-and-go service from Melbourne Airport and a continuous journey into the CBD through the Metro Tunnel which will take around 30 minutes.

Thirty stations will have direct access to Melbourne Airport without changing trains, with passengers from all other metropolitan stations only needing to change once.

Have your say

Concept designs for Melbourne Airport Rail have now been released, and we are seeking community and stakeholder feedback on key scope elements.

Visit the project website at airportrail.vic.gov.au and then have your say by completing the online surveys at engage.bigbuild.vic.gov.au

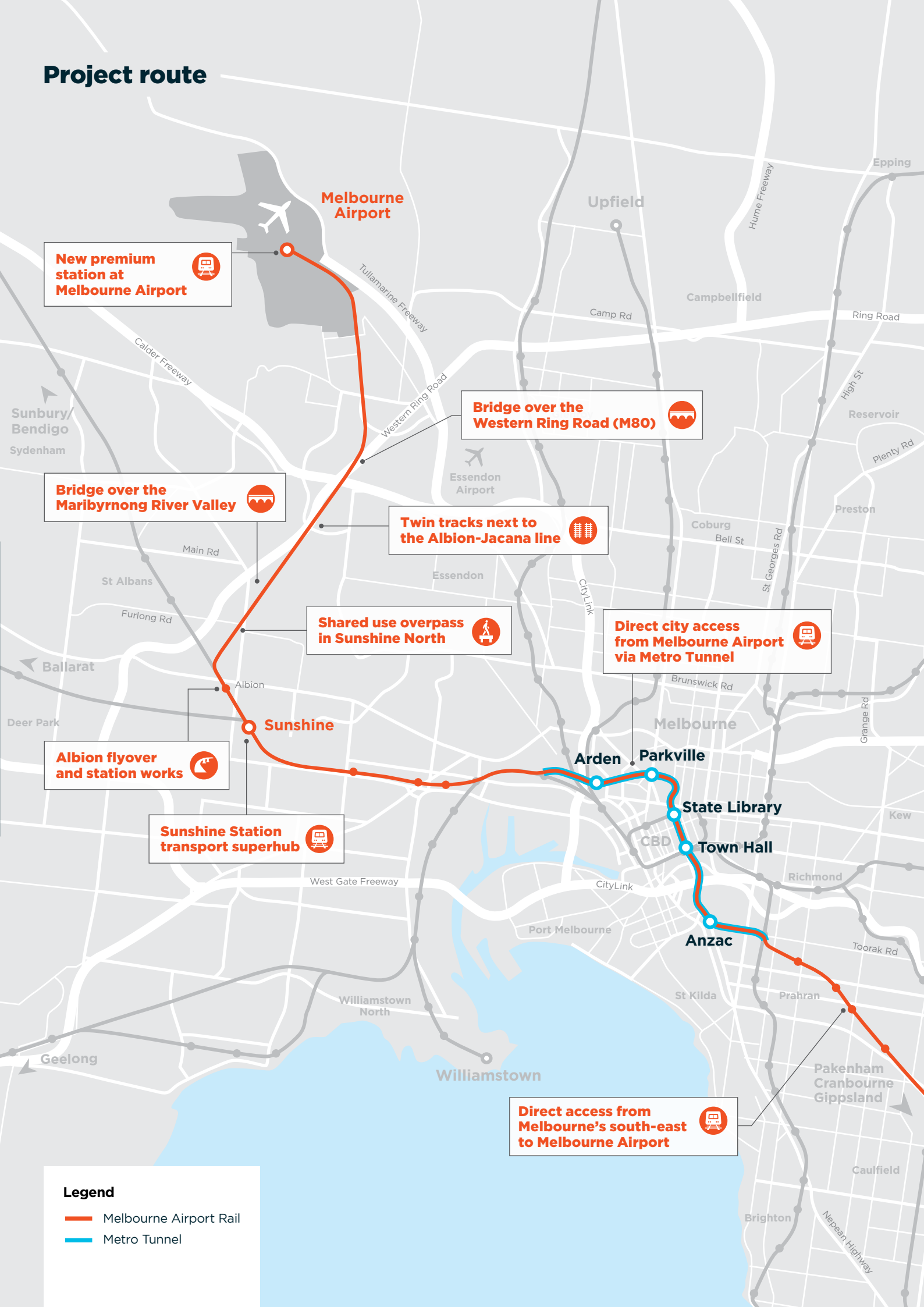


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Project route



Bridge over the Maribyrnong River Valley

A second rail bridge will be built over the Maribyrnong River Valley to stand alongside the existing heritage bridge which was built in 1929.

The new bridge will be around the same length and height as the existing bridge, which is over 550 metres long and around 50 metres high. Its design and position will seek to complement the existing heritage rail bridge and minimise impacts to the landscape.

The new rail bridge will provide Melbourne Airport Rail passengers with spectacular views across the Maribyrnong River Valley.



Maribyrnong River Valley Bridge, Keilor East — concept image only, subject to planning approvals and stakeholder engagement.

Albion flyover and station works

A section of elevated rail—a flyover—will be built between Sunshine and the Albion rail junction, less than two kilometres in distance. This part of the rail corridor is highly active, complex and constrained with several tracks, major roads and a critical jet fuel pipeline to consider.

Building the flyover is the best outcome for this section of the rail network to minimise impacts to existing infrastructure, reduce disruption to road and rail users during construction, and provide more reliable travel times for Melbourne Airport rail services.

Heritage will continue to be an important consideration as the design progresses.

At Albion Station, there will be a new forecourt area, extra bike cages and some minor modifications to car parking.

Airport services will not stop at Albion, however this design will not preclude future opportunities to revitalise the area and upgrade existing infrastructure including Albion Station and Ballarat Road.



Albion flyover and Albion Station, Albion — concept image only, subject to planning approvals and stakeholder engagement.

Other elements of scope being considered

As part of the current planning and design process, additional elements may be considered, such as a new station between Sunshine and the airport. Information will be provided to the community should further scope be added to the project.

We are also investigating power requirements along the new rail corridor to run trains to and from Melbourne Airport. An assessment is underway to identify the number and location of potential electrical substations.

Sunshine Station Superhub

The transport superhub at Sunshine Station will provide Melbourne Airport Rail passengers with easy connections to Victoria's regions and metropolitan areas.

Sunshine Station will nearly double in size with:

- A new, accessible second concourse with escalators and lifts for better passenger connections between regional, metropolitan and Melbourne Airport trains
- Platform extensions and better access to existing platforms including more weather protection
- Extra ticketing gates at the main entrance to improve accessibility for people, including those with luggage
- Double the number of lifts, making it easier for travellers with luggage to move around the station.

These improvements to Sunshine Station will complement future investments being considered by government to transform Sunshine into a key transport precinct and jobs centre for western Melbourne.

Upgrades that will nearly double the size of the existing Sunshine Station — concept image only, subject to planning approvals and stakeholder engagement.



Bridge over the Western Ring Road (M80)

A new rail bridge will be built over the top of the Western Ring Road (also known as the M80 Ring Road) and Steele Creek, connecting with the new rail tracks being built towards Melbourne Airport.

Melbourne Airport Rail trains will travel under the Calder Freeway next to the existing rail line before branching off onto the new rail bridge over the top of the Western Ring Road.

The new rail bridge will be over 80 metres long and over 13 metres high, with the bridge to be built in a way that minimises the number, duration and severity of closures to the busy freeway during construction.



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Constructing Melbourne Airport Rail

Building Melbourne Airport Rail will be a massive job working in a complex rail environment. As with any major infrastructure project, surrounding communities may experience impacts during construction.

Major construction will take place between Sunshine and Melbourne Airport including along the existing Albion-Jacana rail corridor including:

- laying new tracks and ballast (crushed rock)
- realigning existing tracks
- changes to stations

- signalling upgrades
- building bridges and elevated structures in some areas
- utility relocations
- construction access roads, fencing and vegetation clearing.

Further information on potential construction impacts will be communicated as planning and design for the project progresses.

We are committed to working together to minimise disruption for local residents, businesses and rail passengers as much as possible.

Melbourne Airport Rail services mainly travel at ground level and within existing rail corridors, with rail bridges or elevated rail only required in sections over the Maribyrnong River, the Western Ring Road and Albion.

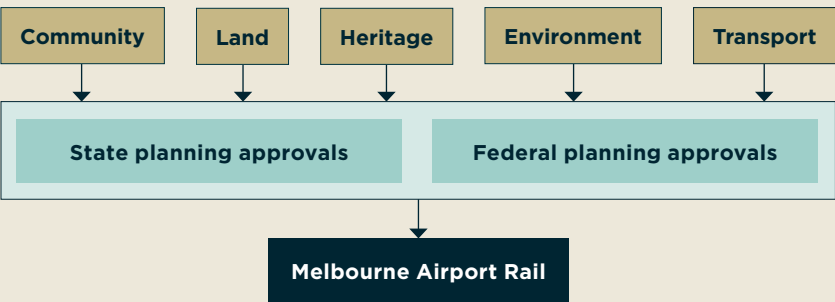
Planning approvals and environmental matters

Before construction begins on Melbourne Airport Rail a range of planning and environmental approvals are required from state and federal authorities.

Our team of planning, environmental and heritage experts assess the project areas to identify and minimise any potential impacts before, during and after construction.

As part of this process, extensive community and stakeholder consultation is being undertaken, along with site investigations throughout the wider project area.

This information will help us shape the design and construction of Melbourne Airport Rail.



Walking and cycling

Along with delivering a new rail service connecting Victorians to the airport, Melbourne Airport Rail will also deliver safer connections for pedestrians and cyclists.

Upgrades to the shared use path along Fullarton Road in Airport West and upgrades to the existing path near Albion Station, will provide connections

to the broader walking and cycling network.

A safe and accessible shared use overpass will also be built over the rail line in Sunshine North.

The new overpass will replace the existing pedestrian crossings at Barwon Avenue and Drake Street, providing pedestrians and cyclists with a safe way to cross the rail corridor.

This area of the rail line will also be fenced to keep the community safe.

Additionally, we are working with stakeholders including VicRoads, Bicycle Network Victoria and local councils to explore opportunities for future shared use network connections.



We want to hear from you

We are seeking community feedback on the scope elements that will be delivered as part of the project.

A virtual information room has been established highlighting the project's concept designs and providing an opportunity to capture valuable feedback on each part of the project.

Visit this virtual room at airportrail.vic.gov.au. You can then have your say by completing the online surveys at engage.bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Project timeline

- 2018**
 - Sunshine route announced for Melbourne Airport Rail
- 2019**
 - Site investigations commenced
 - Community and stakeholder engagement commenced
- 2020–2021**
 - Business case and design development
 - Melbourne Airport Rail route via the Metro Tunnel announced
 - Statutory planning approval process
 - Community and stakeholder engagement
 - Market engagement
 - Procurement process
- 2022**
 - Construction starts*
- 2029**
 - Target opening*

**Subject to relevant planning, environmental and other government approvals.*

Community feedback

From December 2020 to March 2021, we gathered feedback from the community about what they loved about their areas and what concerns they had about Melbourne Airport Rail both during construction and after it's completed. More information on what we heard is available on the project website.

Feedback stats



1,045
surveys completed

214

pins on the interactive map



+1,800
virtual information session visitors



3,000+
comments received

What you love most about your areas



Sunshine Station

- Transport connections
- Vibrant shops and cafes



Sunshine North

- Central location
- Great community



Albion Station

- Heritage silos
- Station location



Keilor East

- Great community
- Central location



Airport West

- Local shops
- Central location




Tullamarine

- Close to airport
- Great community

More information

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