



NEERIM ROAD AND
GLEN HUNTLY ROAD, GLEN HUNTLY

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Victorian Government is removing 18 level crossings and building 12 new stations as part of a \$3 billion upgrade of the Frankston line that will improve safety, reduce congestion, and allow more trains to run more often.

The Victorian Government has fast-tracked the removal of the two dangerous and congested level crossings at Neerim Road and Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly. We'll finish this project in 2024, one year ahead of schedule.

We will lower the rail line into a trench, build two road bridges over the rail line at the existing crossings to keep traffic moving, and build a new Glenhuntly Station that will include a public forecourt and landscaping.

The project will also create better train and tram connections for the local community and include a new walking and cycling path connecting Ormond and Caulfield East.

Early work will start later this year with major works commencing in 2022. We will remove the boom gates in 2023 and complete the project in 2024, one year ahead of schedule.

Why these level crossings need to go



Improve traffic flow

20,000 vehicles travel through these level crossings each weekday



Reduce travel times

The boom gates at Neerim and Glen Huntly roads can be down for almost 60 minutes in the weekday peak



Improve safety

Removing the level crossings will significantly improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, tram users and motorists



Better connections

The project will revitalise the Glenhuntly Station precinct, improving connections between the station, shops, homes and community facilities



Improve facilities

The new Glenhuntly Station will provide modern and safe facilities for over 3000 people who use the station each day

CONSULTATION SO FAR

In late 2020, we started consulting with the Glen Huntly community. We focused on what improvements the community would like to see as part of the project and what is important about their local area. The key themes to emerge were:

96.5%

of people said they wanted **practical station design**, such as **weather protected areas**



95%

of people said they wanted **pathways for pedestrians** in and around the station precinct



89%

of people said they wanted **landscaped areas and seating** around the precinct



88%

of people said they wanted **better connections** between the station, local streets and the Glen Huntly shopping strip



Your responses helped us understand local impacts, your priorities for the area and informed our planning approval process. You can [read the consultation report](#) on this round of engagement on our website.

Our design response

Your feedback from our first round of community consultation is being used to shape our design. We will:



Improve pedestrian access and connections between the station, trams, and local shops. This includes safer crossing points on Neerim Road and Glen Huntly Road for pedestrians, cyclists, and tram passengers.



Improve connections by relocating the Glen Huntly Road tram stop to the front of the station.



Provide station canopies to provide shelter from the weather, including over stairs and platforms.



Create a vibrant station forecourt with landscaping and seating.

WHAT WE ASKED

This report focuses on our community consultation that was open between 22 March and 18 April 2021. We asked for your feedback on five key themes:



**Overall look and feel
of the station precinct**



Materials and finishes



Plants and landscaping



Public artwork



**A 'pocket' park next
to the rail corridor**

Your responses, as well as our discussions with stakeholders including Metro Trains Melbourne, VicTrack, the Department of Transport and Glen Eira City Council, will help us refine the station precinct designs.



WHAT WE'VE HEARD

With coronavirus restrictions easing between our late 2020 and March 2021 community consultations, we were able to start some engagement with you in person, as well as online.

We held five pop-ups at Glenhuntly Station, four pop-ups at Woolworths Glen Huntly with our project experts, and completed a trader walk along Neerim and Glen Huntly roads.

We delivered the [March community update](#) to 8,600 homes and businesses and sent two email updates to 861 subscribers.

We had 543 surveys submitted through our online engagement hub Engage Victoria. The community could also speak with us through our social media channels and our 24/7 contact centre.

We made sure that everyone had a chance to provide feedback. Hard copy surveys were provided to community members who were unable to complete a survey online.

543
survey
contributions



26
queries
answered in the
Ask Us section



2139
visits to our online
engagement hub

3682
page views
of our online
engagement hub



THE RESULTS ARE IN

Here's what you told us you'd like to see in the new Glenhuntly Station design.

Feedback on the design



- Vibrant feel
- Local character feel which reflects local architecture
- Contemporary and bold design
- Traditional design

Preferred materials for the station building



- Exposed concrete
- Brick
- Aluminium cladding/Colorbond screening
- Perforated metal screening

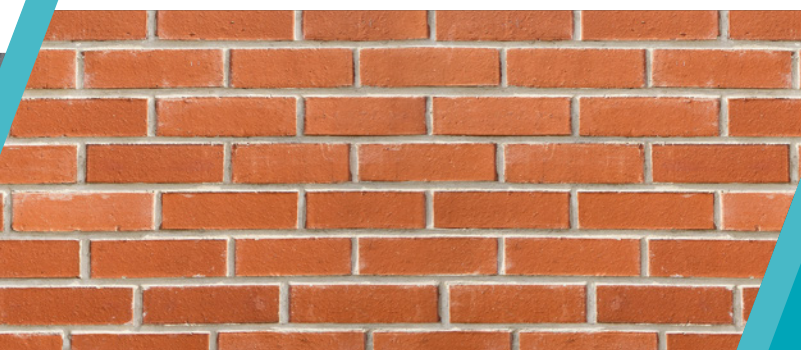
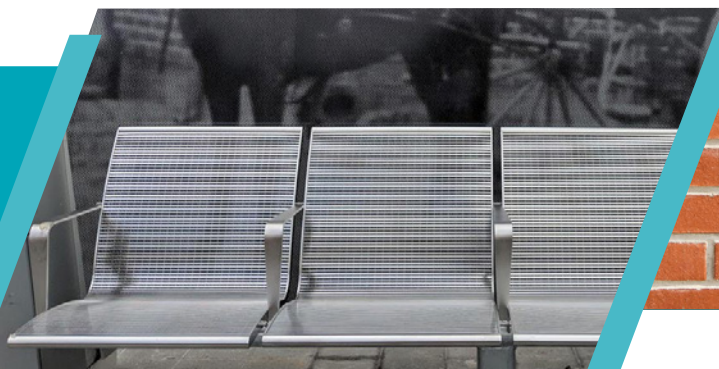
Preferred paving in and around the station forecourt



- Warm toned and lighter coloured granite
- Bluestone
- Warm colour concrete
- Exposed aggregate concrete

More than 45% of you said you would like brick to be a key feature of the new station.

Warm toned and lighter coloured granite (41%) and bluestone (33%) were the most popular selections for paving.



Preferred seating in and around the station precinct



- Raised planter boxes, which are also seating
- Stand-alone seating
- Featured landscape areas
- A combination of all these elements

You would like to see a blend of raised planter boxes, which are also seating, stand-alone seating and featured landscape areas.

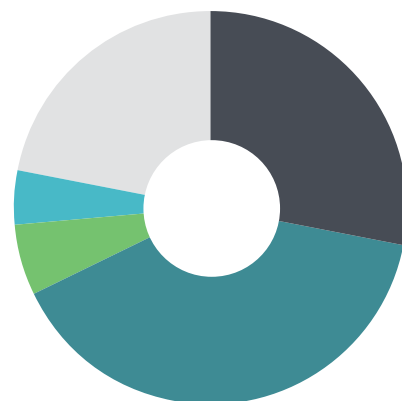
Preferred vegetation



- Shady native trees
- Native bush and flowering plants
- Existing mature exotics (e.g. palm and plane trees)
- A mix of native and exotic trees for local character

You overwhelmingly told us that you would like to see a mix of native and exotic trees (49%).

Key themes you would like to see represented in public art



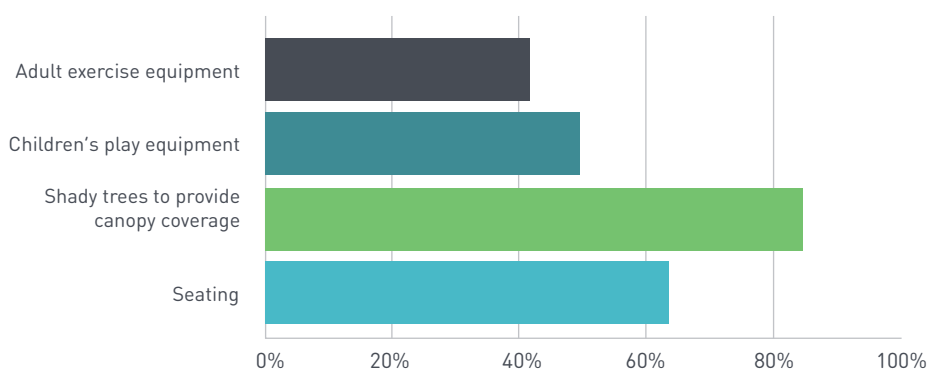
- Cultural and Indigenous heritage
- Historical references to reflect the history of Glen Huntly community and education themes
- Horses and horse racing, to reflect the nearby Caulfield Racecourse
- Community and education themes
- A combination of different themes

Historical, cultural and indigenous themes were your most popular choices for public art.

Pocket park

We will create a small park on a 700 square metre section of rail land next to the rail line on Neerim Road.

You overwhelmingly want to see shady trees and seating in this new park.



URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

In addition to your feedback, we are guided by a set of urban design principles to help us design the station

 Enhancing	1. Identity A well-defined identity and sense of place is key to creating strong and vibrant communities.
 Diverse	2. Urban integration A well-integrated environment is a fundamental framework for the successful development of a great place.
 Connected	3. Connectivity and wayfinding A well-connected and legible environment contributes significantly to a strong economy, the use of public and active transport, and an integrated community.
 Walkable	4. Accessibility A highly accessible and inclusive environment provides a positive user experience and contributes to the health and wellbeing of the community.
 Safe	5. Safety A safe environment is essential for a strong and connected community.
 Comfortable	6. Amenity High quality urban amenity is associated with the experience of a great public place and contributes to a successful, equitable and prosperous community.
 Vibrant	7. Vibrancy Activation and diversity in the experience of urban places supports a prosperous and healthy community.
 Enduring	8. Resilience and environmental sustainability Places and corridors must be sustainable, enduring and resilient to support and nurture current and future generations.

What's next

Your survey feedback is helping our project team refine the designs for the new Glenhuntly Station precinct.

We are aiming to release the final station designs in mid-2021, showing how community feedback has been incorporated along with technical requirements.

We thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback to help shape the look and feel of the new station precinct.

The construction contract for the Glen Huntly Level Crossing Removal Project was awarded in April 2021.

Early works will get underway in late 2021, major construction will start in 2022 and works will be completed in 2024, one year ahead of schedule.

Keeping in touch

The best way to stay up to date on the project and any developments is by subscribing to our e-updates.

Subscribe to e-updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe

Send us a private message on our **Facebook** page.

Contact our call centre on **1800 105 105** or contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

You can also go to the Glen Huntly project page on engage.vic.gov.au for more information and to read responses to questions that other community members have asked about our project.

Project timeline



**Timeline above subject to change*



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