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LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT



Main station concourse, southern entrance with new kiosk.

MAJOR WORKS RAMPING UP

UNION ROAD, SURREY HILLS
AND MONT ALBERT ROAD,
MONT ALBERT

MAY 2022

Major works are well underway to remove the dangerous and congested level crossings at Union Road, Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert and build the new Union Station. The boom gates will be gone and Union Station open in 2023.

Works have started on building the trench walls as we prepare to excavate the rail trench and remove the level crossings.

We have now finalised the designs for the new Union Station and the station precinct using the thousands of pieces of feedback we've received since starting community consultation in December 2020.

Locals are invited to help us determine what plants should go where, as we fine-tune the new open spaces and put the finishing touches on landscaping plans.

From July, works will ramp up again with an intense construction period that will involve lane and road closures on both Mont Albert Road and Union Road, as well as a two-week closure of the rail line.

More information is available in this newsletter and for the full details, head to bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Upcoming disruptions

We've carefully scheduled our work to ensure one of either Union or Mont Albert roads is open most of the time. We're also keeping the stations open as long as possible to keep rail passengers moving and to maintain pedestrian access across the tracks.

Upcoming disruptions include the following road and rail closures:

Roads:

- Union Road will be closed from Friday 1 July, reopening Monday 15 August
- Mont Albert Road will be closed from Friday 8 July, reopening Monday 25 July and then closed again for one week in August
- There will be lane closures on both roads outside of these times

Rail:

- Buses will replace trains on sections of the Belgrave and Lilydale lines from 8 July to 24 July

Please allow extra time and plan ahead.
For full details, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au



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Congestion at Union Road, Surrey Hills.

SAFER, FASTER JOURNEYS

Removing the Union Road and Mont Albert Road level crossings will improve traffic flow for the 22,000 vehicles which travel through the two level crossings each day, with benefits for the whole area.

The boom gates at these sites can be down for up to 40% of the morning peak, when up to 61 trains run through the crossings.

In 2016 two people were killed at the dangerous Union Road level crossing, which is why the project has been fast-tracked for removal and will be completed 2 years earlier than originally planned.

The Mont Albert and Surrey Hills communities can look forward to:

- less congestion and faster journeys, shorter travel times on Union Road and Mont Albert Road
- shorter traffic queues on Union Road, Mont Albert Road, Canterbury Road and connecting side streets
- less wait time when turning onto Mont Albert Road and Union Road from local streets during peak hours
- more trains stopping at Union Station in the future without impacting road users
- a safer transport network for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

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Boom gates gone at Mont Albert Road. Trees and plants depicted at 3-5 years from planting.

MORE OPEN SPACE

Surrey Hills

Montrose Street pocket park

The new station entrance and pocket park on Montrose Street provides better access to the station and Lorne Parade Reserve for residents north of the rail line, as well as new open space with lawn, trees and gardens.

Union Road open space

At Union Road, we've created new open spaces on the north and south of the rail line and widened the bridge to create a total area of more than 2000 square metres with new pedestrian paths, lighting, and a multi-use space with integrated seating for public events and community celebrations.



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Montrose Street pocket park and entrance to Union Station with gentle ramps and stairs. Trees and plants depicted at 3-5 years from planting.



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The new Mont Albert heritage plaza featuring the old Mont Albert Station building. View from Hamilton Street. Trees and plants depicted at 3-5 years from planting.

Mont Albert

Mont Albert drop-off area

The drop-off area at Mont Albert Road has been designed to provide a welcoming green space and a convenient, accessible drop-off point. In response to community feedback, we've made the area more convenient for commuters and added a dedicated drop-off space for people with a disability, with more space to manoeuvre wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

Mont Albert heritage plaza

The historic Mont Albert station building will be re-homed close to its original position on a new heritage plaza connecting Beresford Street and High Street to the Hamilton Street shopping village.

The heritage plaza features a centralised turf area in front of the station to create an open area at the top of the Hamilton Street shopping village.

We'll remove, restore and reassemble the old station building, retaining as much of the original material as we can.

Your new western station entrance
 Convenient connection to Union Road and Lorne Parade Reserve, lifts and stairs to platforms.



New accessible station platforms



Your new eastern station entrance
 Access to lifts and covered stairs to platforms, convenient nearby drop-off zone and safe connection across the rail line.

Closer, more accessible drop-off areas

Safer pedestrian access across Mont Albert Road

Mont Albert heritage plaza



More open space at Union Road

Your upgraded car park
 Better layout, new lighting and CCTV, more parking for people with a disability.



Nature play and open space in Lorne Parade Reserve

More landscaping in local streets



Boom gates gone at Mont Albert Road in 2023
 No more delays at boom gates and a safer transport network for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.



Boom gates gone at Union Road in 2023
 No more delays at boom gates and a safer transport network for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Drop-off zone	Station canopy
Pedestrian access	Platform shelter
Two-way off-road bike path	Station platform
Pedestrian and cyclist path	Station area
Parkiteer and bike parking	Sheltered seating
Accessible parking	Gravel surface
Bus stop	Landscaping/open space
Station building	Existing infrastructure and buildings

Find out more
 Join us for a webinar to hear from the project team on the finalised station precinct designs and the plans for the open spaces.

Community webinar
 Thursday 2 June, 6-7pm
 For more information or to register for the webinar scan the QR code or give us a call on 1800 105 105.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Since announcing our concept designs, we've made a number of changes in response to your feedback including:



three new open spaces



two decks to create new open spaces



a station entrance and pocket park on Montrose Street



improved disability access with a dedicated drop-off area at the Mont Albert Road drop-off



better, more durable station materials that reflect the heritage of the local area and will look good for longer



maximised mature tree plantings as part of our plans to deliver 52,000 new trees, shrubs and plants.

Project timeline



Early 2021

- First phase of community consultation completed



Mid 2021

- Updated designs released
- Further community engagement
- Design enhancements released
- Contract award announced
- Early works begin



Early 2022

- Major construction begins
- Final designs released



2023

- Level crossings gone for good
- New station open

The timeline above is subject to change.



2574

feedback submissions received during consultations

More than

7000

pieces of feedback received



598

face-to-face conversations with residents, traders and stakeholders

Regular community updates sent out to about

40,000

households



658

attendees at 14 community information sessions since December 2020

Have your say

We'd like to hear from you on some of the landscaping options and proposed elements of the open spaces. Complete the survey at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-surrey-hills-and-mont-albert or you can request a hard copy by calling us on 1800 105 105.

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