



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

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The dangerous and congested Toorak Road level crossing will be gone for good more than six months ahead of schedule, with traffic set to flow freely and trains travelling over the new rail bridge in April.

The structural works for new rail bridge over Toorak Road are complete, with the 270 metre 'u-trough' bridge now extending from Talbot Crescent to Tooronga Park. The new rail bridge is comprised of 40 bridge segments (known as L-beams), which weigh up to 128 tonnes and span up to 31 metres in length.

With the bridge structure now installed, the project team is finalising works for the remainder of the 550 metre elevated rail structure. This includes the installation of 3000 metres of new continuous rail track, new overhead power structures and the installation of earth material and reinforcement behind the retaining walls in Talbot Crescent and Tooronga Park.

The new rail bridge is expected to be operational following a nine-day construction blitz over the April school holidays.

Thanks for your ongoing patience as we work to remove the boom gates, which are currently down for 35 percent of the morning peak, and ease the bottleneck for 37,000 vehicles each day.

What will be delivered?



A new rail bridge

550-metre new elevated structure that will replace the dangerous and congested level crossing at Toorak Road



New pedestrian and cyclist connections

Creating safer, more convenient access points across Toorak Road and between local parklands



A redesigned Talbot Crescent

Redesigning the intersection of Toorak Road and Talbot Crescent to improve pedestrian and driver safety



New open space and landscaping

Creating new public open spaces, with up to 23,000 new trees, plants, shrubs and grasses to be planted



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Upcoming changes to the way you travel

To allow traffic to flow freely and so that trains can travel over the new rail bridge in April, there will be some changes to the way you travel across March and April 2020, including a nine day blitz between 3 – 13 April.

We have planned our works to avoid peak hour closures of Toorak Road as much as possible, minimising the project's impact on road users.

Road users

Toorak Road will be closed between Elizabeth Street and the Monash Freeway intersection across some dates in April.

8.30pm Friday 3 April until 5am Monday 6 April	Full weekend closure
9pm until 5am each morning from Monday 6 April until Thursday 9 April	Overnight closures in both directions
8.30pm Thursday 9 April until 5am Monday 13 April	Full Easter long weekend closure

Rail users

Buses will replace trains between select stations on the Glen Waverley Line across some dates in March and April.

Sunday 22 March to Thursday 26 March, from 11.15pm to last train each night	Burnley to Darling
9pm Friday 3 April to last train Sunday 12 April	Burnley to East Malvern

Additional information about these closures will be available through:

- Weekly works alerts and notifications
- LXRP, PTV and Victorian Big Build websites
- Email updates, which you can sign up to at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we work to remove this dangerous and congested level crossing.

Upcoming activities

March

- Complete joining of bridge segments

April

- Install new continuously welded rail track on the rail bridge
- Install and power new overhead structures
- Connect the rail bridge to the Glen Waverley line
- Complete major construction of the rail bridge

May

- Commence reconnection of Talbot Crescent to Toorak Road

All dates are subject to change



Final L-beam pour out at Kilmore

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