



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

Capping beam works at Beresford Street

COUNTING DOWN TO BOOM GATES GONE

UNION ROAD, SURREY HILLS
AND MONT ALBERT ROAD,
MONT ALBERT
OCTOBER 2022

In less than a year, the two dangerous and congested level crossings at Union Road and Mont Albert Road will be consigned to history.

These level crossings are two of Melbourne's worst: the level crossing at Union Road was the site of a tragic incident in 2016 that resulted in two fatalities, and there have been at least eight near misses at these crossings since 2005.

Major works ramped up at the start of this year and we're on track to remove these dangerous level crossings in 2023.

We've moved a huge number of critical utilities out of the way of the trench excavation and upgraded them at the same time. Replacing the old sewers, water mains and drains in the local streets around the project means these critical services will need less maintenance in the future.

We've also started installing the first sections of the new Union Station. Foundations are done for the first of the buildings, and we'll start craning the prebuilt station modules into position in October.

Over the next few months, our construction crews will continue building the trench walls and relocating utilities.

Our final major construction blitz will start early next year and by mid 2023, the two dangerous and congested level crossings will be gone for good and the new Union Station will be open.

Why these level crossings need to go

- 22,000 vehicles use these 2 level crossings each day
- Boom gates down for 40% of the morning peak
- 61 trains travel through these crossings during the morning peak
- No level crossings between Ringwood and the city will mean less train delays
- 2 fatalities and at least 8 near-misses at these crossings since 2005



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TRADERS

The Stamp Me loyalty program is picking up speed as part of our ongoing trader support program.

With over 3000 registrations, residents and visitors have collected more than 13,000 stamps and redeemed over \$35,000 shopping at Mont Albert Village and Union Road traders.

Users are able to collect stamps and use vouchers with the 47 participating local businesses at Mont Albert Village and Union Road – including professional services, cafés, chemists, grocery stores, and more.

Signing up is easy, download the Stamp Me app and click the '+' icon to search for Mont Albert Village Traders and Union Road Surrey Hills.

Progress in numbers

25%

of all piling complete



78

water tank units installed



520

metres of drainage installed



New station buildings are on their way

The pieces are coming together at Surrey Hills and Mont Albert.

To reduce construction time, we're constructing the station buildings off-site so they can be delivered to site and craned into place.

The first buildings are arriving on site this month and will be installed in Lorne Parade Reserve before Christmas.



Affixing external cladding to station buildings.

Progress in pictures



Preparing the steel reinforcing for piles.



Piling works along the rail corridor.



Construction of station building frame.



Installing the capping beam that forms the top of the trench wall.



Night works to install beams under Union Road.



Montrose Street pocket park and new station entrance.
Artist's impression. Subject to change.

Your sustainable Union Station

We're implementing green initiatives at the new Union Station. Solar power, rainwater collection, new planting and landscaping, and sensor technology will ensure an eco-friendly station for years to come.

Key features:



70 kilowatts of solar panels, one of the largest arrays of solar panels in the Melbourne metropolitan rail network



15,000 litres of rainwater storage



52,000 new trees, shrubs, plants, and grasses



Sensors throughout the station to control lighting and temperature



Sustainable, non-toxic and recycled materials

The station design aims to reduce carbon emissions by 141 tonnes per year. This is equivalent to 47 cars off the road every year and approximately 68 per cent more efficient than a building of the same size and shape.

What's happening in 2023

Our final major construction blitz will start early next year and by mid 2023 two of the most dangerous and congested level crossings will be gone for good and the new Union Station will be open.

As part of the construction blitz, buses will replace trains on sections of the Lilydale and Belgrave lines from 17 February until late May 2023.

There will also be various road closures during this time. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

From mid 2023, we will finish off the station car parks and landscaping.

To stay up to date with upcoming works scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions/mont-albert-disruptions





Works in Beresford Street.

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Project timeline



Early 2021

- First phase of community consultation completed



Mid 2021

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



Early 2022

- Major construction begins
- Final designs released



Mid 2022

- Major construction continues



Early 2023

- Excavation of the trench begins



Mid 2023

- Level crossings gone for good
- New Union Station open
- Landscaping works

The timeline above is subject to change.

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