Transforming road and rail travel

We are investing in major road and rail projects in Melbourne's east as part of Victoria's Big Build.

These projects will reduce congestion, cut travel time and provide more trains more often on every train line near you.

Suburban Rail Loop, North East Link, Melbourne Airport Rail and the Metro Tunnel will transform travel, making getting to work, school and health services quicker and easier.

SRL Glen Waverley station (concept image)

Suburban Rail Loop East to better connect our suburbs

Construction starts on Suburban Rail Loop from Cheltenham to Box Hill (SRL East) this year, bringing huge benefits to communities and commuters across the eastern suburbs.

We're not wasting any time getting started, with Laing O'Rourke chosen as our contractor for initial and early works.

SRL East will connect major hospitals, universities and employment hubs in Melbourne's east, and create up to 8000 local jobs during construction.

The turn-up-and-go train service will connect existing train lines and save about 40 minutes on a one-way trip at the busiest times.

It's good news for our roads too as transport modelling shows Suburban Rail Loop will ease congestion. Daily car trips will reduce by more than 600,000 once the loop reaches Melbourne Airport.

Suburban Rail Loop will be built in stages, with SRL East complete by 2035. Planning is underway for SRL North from Box Hill to Melbourne Airport and SRL West from the airport to Werribee.

- 32,500 drivers expected to switch to SRL East trains each day
- **22 mins** — 22 mins travel time from Box Hill to Cheltenham
- **40 mins** — Time saving on a one-way trip on public transport at peak times
- **26 kms** — 26km of rail tunnels between Box Hill and Cheltenham
- **6 mins** — Trains every six mins at peak times, increasing to every two mins over time
- 70,000 passengers expected to use SRL East each day
- Construction of SRL East will create up to 8000 jobs

Check out upcoming disruptions on the back

Eastern Freeway express lanes, noise walls and Estelle Street bridge, Balwyn North (concept image)

North East Link combines five major projects in one

North East Link is more than just Victoria's biggest road project, it will change the way people move around Melbourne by bringing our road, bus and bike network together.

As part of the project, we're adding or upgrading more than 45 kilometres of lanes on the Eastern Freeway where they are needed most.

Your trip will be smoother too, with six express lanes between Middleborough Road and Chandler Highway reducing the merging and weaving that causes congestion.

When North East Link is complete a peak-hour trip on the upgraded Eastern Freeway will be up to 11 minutes faster

Trips from the eastern suburbs to Melbourne Airport will be up to 29 minutes faster during peak travel times.

More than 34 kilometres of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths will link the east to Yarra River trails and parklands.

Eastern Freeway improvements

11 mins	Up to 11 mins saved on the Eastern Freeway
	18 traffic lights skipped from the Eastern Freeway to the Ring Road
	Up to 29 mins saved on trips to Melbourne Airport
35 mins	Up to 35 mins saved between Melbourne's north and east

Eastern Express Busway

11 kms	11km of dedicated bus lanes from Doncaster towards the city
	100km/h travel speeds
	New Bulleen Park & Ride and upgraded Doncaster Park & Ride
	On average a bus a minute during the peak

Find out more about urban design and landscaping in your local area by scanning the QR code or visiting **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/neludesign**

New lanes on the Monash Freeway

We're adding 36 kilometres of new lanes as part of the Monash Freeway Upgrade, which is due to be complete this year.

The new bridge connecting the Monash Freeway outbound lanes and Jacksons Road to EastLink will open to drivers in the coming months.

It'll mean merging 400 metres earlier, before the Jacksons Road exit ramp, to enter EastLink from the Monash Freeway.

If you are travelling from Mulgrave, the existing Jacksons Road outbound entry ramp will now connect only to EastLink. If you want to access the Monash Freeway, you'll need to detour via Wellington Road.

We are working to reopen the Police Road outbound entry ramp to the Monash Freeway by the middle of the year.

These changes are designed to reduce cars and trucks weaving in traffic to make trips on the Monash Freeway quicker, easier and safer.

New bridge under construction beside the Monash Freeway

Watch a video of how the Jacksons Road ramp will improve your travel at **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/mframps** or scan the QR code

14 level crossings to go in the east

2023
Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert
Union Road, Surrey Hills

2025
Coolstore Road, Croydon
Bedford Road, Ringwood
Dublin Road, Ringwood East

Lilydale Line free of level crossings by 2025

We're putting the finishing touches on our level crossing removals at Manchester Road in Mooroolbark and Maroondah Highway in Lilydale, but passengers are already enjoying the benefits of two new elevated stations opened at the end of last year.

Before the upgrade, more than 53,000 cars and trucks travelled through these level crossings each day, where boom gates were down for up to a quarter of the morning peak.

Now the rail bridges are built over these roads, cars, trucks, pedestrians and cyclists are moving safely through the area.

We'll be finished with both level crossings by the middle of the year. Major construction has started on removing the Mont Albert Road and Union Road level crossings. They've been fast-tracked for removal and will be gone for good in 2023.

Early planning works have started on our level crossing removals at Coolstore Road, Bedford Road and Dublin Road. By 2025, the Lilydale Line will be free of level crossings and the Belgrave Line will be free of level crossings up to Ferntree Gully Station.

The new Mooroolbark Station opened to passengers at the end of 2021
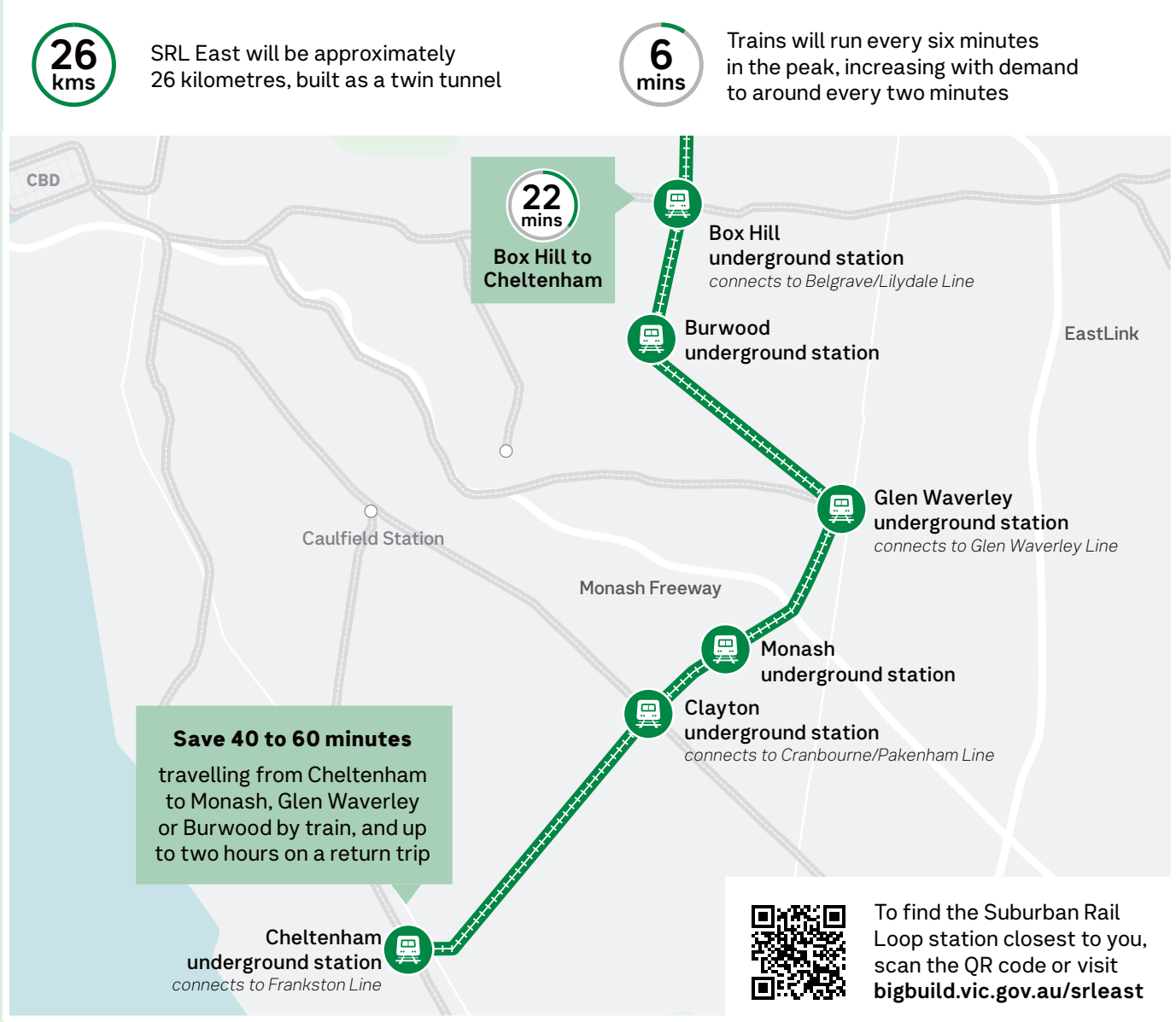
Together we're building big in Melbourne's east

M80 Upgrade

M80 Ring Road

North East Link Program
Connecting the M80 Ring Road at Greensborough with an upgraded Eastern Freeway at Bulleen

Suburban Rail Loop North
(Box Hill to Melbourne Airport)

Dedicated Busway

Hurstbridge Line Duplication
Doubling around 3.5km of track to allow more trains to run

Montsalvat

Fitzsimons Lane

Hurstbridge

Upfield

Bell Street

New Union Station with more trains more often in Surrey Hills and Mont Albert

CBD

Hoddle Street

Eastern Freeway

The Metro Tunnel

Union Rd, Surrey Hills

Box Hill
Mont Albert Rd, Mont Albert

Blackburn Rd, Blackburn

Heatherdale Rd, Mitcham

Toorak Rd, Kooyong

Burke Rd, Glen Iris

Alamein

Burwood

Deakin University

EastLink

Caulfield Station

Melbourne Airport Rail
Catch a train into the CBD and change at either Flinders Street or Melbourne Central to board a train direct to Melbourne Airport via the Metro Tunnel

Sandringham

Monash University

Glen Waverley

Monash

Clayton

Cheltenham

Suburban Rail Loop East
is underway. Cheltenham to Box Hill will take 70,000 cars off the road every day

Lunar Drive In

Monash Freeway

Spotlight on Box Hill Station

- Construction of Suburban Rail Loop will allow you to catch a train in four directions from Box Hill

- **10 mins** The Metro Tunnel will save you up to 10 minutes on trips to the Parkville health precinct and St Kilda Road business precinct

- Passengers boarding at Box Hill Station will only change trains once in the City Loop to access Melbourne Airport Rail trains via the Metro Tunnel

- **22 mins** A trip from Box Hill to Cheltenham will take just 22 minutes on Suburban Rail Loop

Lilydale Line will be free of level crossings by 2025

Lilydale

Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale

Cave Hill Rd, Lilydale

Manchester Rd, Mooroolbark

Coolstore Rd, Croydon

Dublin Rd, Ringwood East

Bedford Rd, Ringwood

Mountain Hwy, Bayswater
Scoresby Rd, Bayswater

Level Crossing Removal Project
We are removing 14 level crossings in the east
- ◆ complete
- ◇ in planning/construction

Belgrave Line will be free of level crossings up to Ferntree Gully Station by 2025

Puffing Billy

Belgrave

Monash Freeway Upgrade
We are adding 36km of new lanes on the Monash and Princes Freeways between Warrigal Road and Cardinia Road as part of Stage 2 of the upgrade

Major Road Projects Victoria
— Complete — Under construction

Cranbourne Pakenham Line will be free of level crossings by 2025

Making travel easier, delivering jobs

Suburban Rail Loop will link every major rail line from the Frankston Line to the Werribee Line, via Melbourne Airport. It will improve access to housing, jobs, schools, universities and hospitals for all Victorians. But what will Suburban Rail Loop mean for how you live and work in your neighbourhood?

26 kms — SRL East will be approximately 26 kilometres, built as a twin tunnel

6 mins — Trains will run every six minutes in the peak, increasing with demand to around every two minutes

22 mins — Box Hill to Cheltenham

Box Hill underground station
connects to Belgrave/Lilydale Line

Burwood underground station

EastLink

Glen Waverley underground station
connects to Glen Waverley Line

Caulfield Station

Monash Freeway

Monash underground station

Clayton underground station
connects to Cranbourne/Pakenham Line

Save 40 to 60 minutes travelling from Cheltenham to Monash, Glen Waverley or Burwood by train, and up to two hours on a return trip

Cheltenham underground station
connects to Frankston Line

To find the Suburban Rail Loop station closest to you, scan the QR code or visit **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/srleast**

CBD

Education

- SRL Box Hill Station will be close to Box Hill Institute, SRL Burwood Station will be adjacent to Deakin University, and SRL Monash Station will be at Monash University
- A trip from Lilydale to Monash University will be 20 to 40 minutes quicker with a seamless interchange at Box Hill
- Students travelling from Cheltenham to Deakin University will save up to an hour on a return journey

Jobs

- Construction of Suburban Rail Loop will support up to 23,900 jobs across the economy, and create up to 8000 direct jobs during construction of SRL East

Health

- SRL Box Hill Station will be close to Box Hill Hospital, SRL Clayton Station will be adjacent to Monash Medical Centre and the Monash Children's Hospital and SRL Monash Station will be next to the new Victorian Heart Hospital
- Travel times between Traralgon and Box Hill Hospital will be about 26 minutes faster – taking about two and a half hours instead of three hours, and making train travel times comparable to a car trip

Melbourne Airport Rail takes off

Did you know that once Melbourne Airport Rail is built, people travelling from the east will have an easy interchange for direct train travel to the airport?

Passengers on the Belgrave, Lilydale, Alamein and Glen Waverley lines will be able to change to airport trains at either Flinders Street Station or Melbourne Central Station, depending on which way you're travelling through the City Loop.
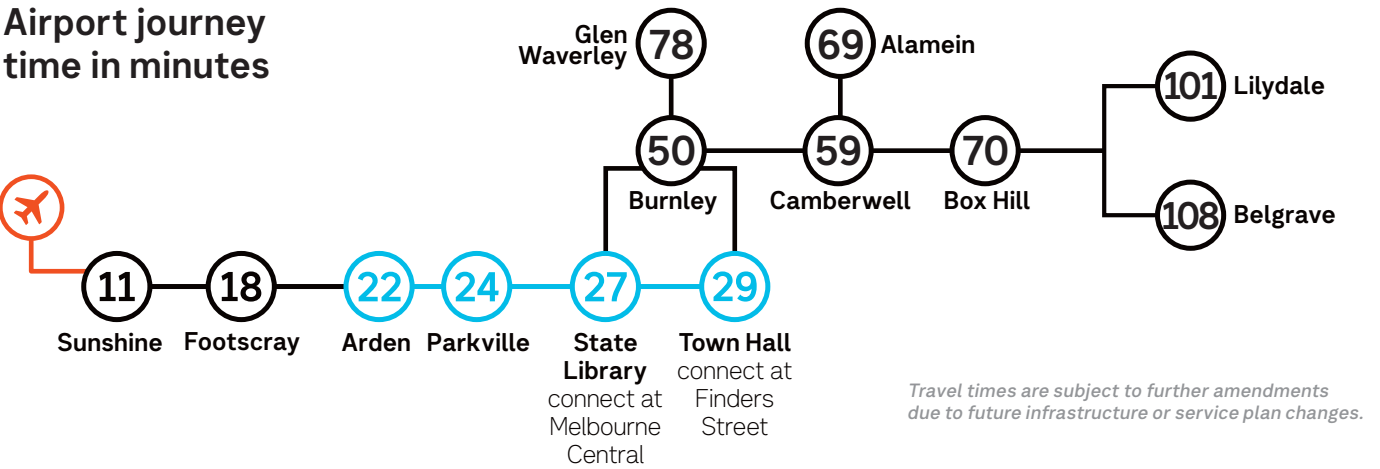
You'll save time and money compared with driving, and you won't need to pay for parking.

Trains will leave the airport every 10 minutes and take around 30 minutes to reach the city

Melbourne Airport Rail (concept image)

Find out how you'll be able to catch a Melbourne Airport Rail train from your closest station by scanning the QR code or visiting **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/airportrail**

Airport journey time in minutes

- Sunshine **11**
- Footscray **18**
- Arden **22**
- Parkville **24**
- State Library **27** — connect at Melbourne Central
- Town Hall **29** — connect at Finders Street
- Glen Waverley **78**
- Burnley **50**
- Alamein **69**
- Camberwell **59**
- Box Hill **70**
- Lilydale **101**
- Belgrave **108**

Travel times are subject to further amendments due to future infrastructure or service plan changes.

SRL Box Hill station (concept image)

Upcoming disruptions

We're working hard to build a better transport network. While we work, road and public transport disruptions could affect your travel.

Removing level crossings on the Lilydale and Belgrave lines

As we finalise works at Manchester and Maroondah stations, buses will replace trains on sections of the Lilydale Line at times in May.

We're also gearing up on Mont Albert and Union Road with buses replacing trains on sections of the Belgrave and Lilydale lines in mid 2022, with information to be provided to passengers closer to the time.

Getting ready for major works on North East Link

There will be lane closures at times on Bulleen Road between Greenaway Street and the Eastern Freeway during autumn as we continue to relocate utility services in preparation for tunnelling.

Monash Freeway Upgrade

Works continue on the Monash Freeway Upgrade with overnight closures of the Monash Freeway and daytime lane and ramp closures between Warrigal Road and EastLink. There'll also be overnight closures of the Princes Freeway as required between Princes Highway and Cardinia Road.

M80 Ring Road between Sydney Road and Edgars Road

Overnight freeway and ramp closures will continue on the M80 Ring Road between Sydney Road and Edgars Road during April as part of the M80 Upgrade.

Major works continue on the Fitzsimons Lane Upgrade

Significant delays are expected at the Porter Street intersection from late-April to mid-June to upgrade the intersection to traffic lights. Lanes will also be closed at the Williamsons Road and Foote Street intersection and as required at Main Road.
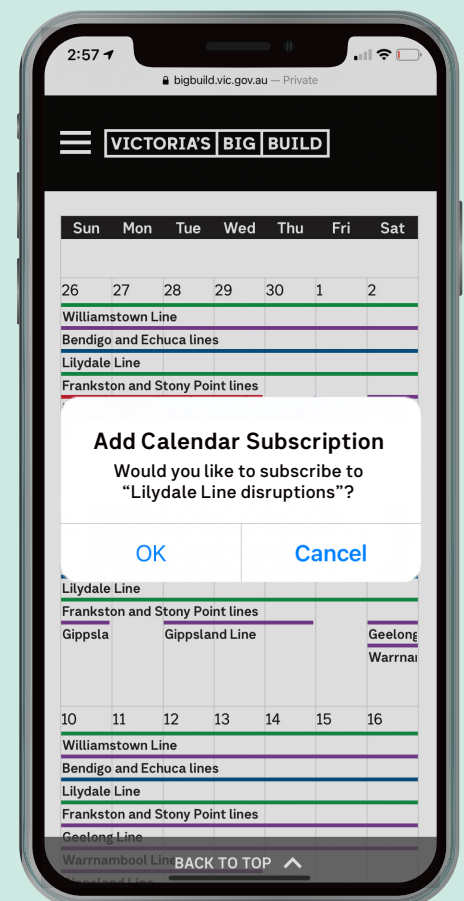
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