

Blackburn Road Blackburn Level Crossing Removal

Information Update
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In May 2014, the State Government announced \$457 million in funding to remove three level crossings, including Blackburn Road Blackburn. The project is part of the Victorian Government's Metro Level Crossing Blitz to complete, commence or plan for the removal of Melbourne's busiest level crossings.

Background

Investigations and community consultation for this project began in 2011, which has shown that replacing this level crossing with a rail under option will greatly improve safety in the vicinity of the crossing and create a more efficient transport network.

What are the features of the project?

- Lowering the rail line below Blackburn Road
- Replacing the existing pedestrian rail crossing at Cottage Street and King Street/Oliver Avenue with new pedestrian overpasses
- Creating a shared user bike path on the south side of the rail corridor
- Improving the access and amenity around the entrances to the existing Blackburn Station.

What does the project involve?

The project will separate the rail line from the road by lowering the rail line below Blackburn Road. This will improve safety by removing the conflict between trains and road users and improve traffic flow through the area.

The new rail line will be constructed in the same location as the existing rail line, within the new rail cutting. We will endeavour to minimise disruptions to train services, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. However, closures will be required at times and these will be communicated well in advance with alternative arrangements put in place.

The community will also benefit from improvements to access and amenity around the station entrances including the construction of a forecourt to the south of the station, and drainage works to reduce the impact of flood events at the underpass.



Artist impression

What happens next?

The next steps include finalising the functional design and undertaking the tendering process for the construction of works. This will be done in consultation with key stakeholders including Department of Transport Planning and Local Infrastructure, VicTrack, Metro Trains Melbourne, Public Transport Victoria and Whitehorse Council.

When will the project start?

The timeline for major construction is still being determined. At this stage, construction work to separate the rail line from the road is expected to start in early to mid 2016 and will take 12 - 18 months to complete.

Over the coming months VicRoads will work with Council on finalising the urban design guidelines.

Project updates

VicRoads will ensure local residents, businesses and other stakeholders are kept up to date with the project and its progress with flyers, the VicRoads website, local newspaper advertising and on-site information boards.

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