



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL

PROJECT

BURKE - NORTH - MCKINNON - CENTRE

NORTH MCKINNON CENTRE COMMUNITY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2015



'Artist impression of proposed station precincts at McKinnon and Bentleigh'.

MAJOR WORKS NOW UNDERWAY AT ORMOND.

Major construction has started on the level crossing removal at North Road in Ormond, with the construction of retaining walls along the rail corridor. Over the coming months, work on the retaining walls will continue and new bridges will be built at ground level at North, McKinnon and Centre roads. The bridges will be built during temporary road closures at the level crossing locations.

WE'RE GETTING STARTED EARLIER - AND FINISHING SOONER!

Thanks to careful project planning, we are now able to reduce the length of the construction schedule, with the overall project now scheduled for completion in late 2016, six months ahead of the planned mid-2017 date.

Last month, we let you know we will bring the major road closures forward, to build the new bridges at North, McKinnon and Centre roads prior to the major rail line closure. This will minimise disruption on the roads when the train line is not running, because all of the roads will be open for people to use.

We would now like to let you know, the 34-day Frankston Line rail closure (when 24/7 works will take place), originally scheduled for December 2016/January 2017, will be brought forward to June/July 2016. Part of the closure will be over the school holiday period.

The Benefits of Shortening the Construction Schedule

The earlier completion date and shorter construction period will reduce the impact on local residents and traders living through the project's delivery. In particular, local business will return to normal earlier, ahead of the summer trade season in 2016.

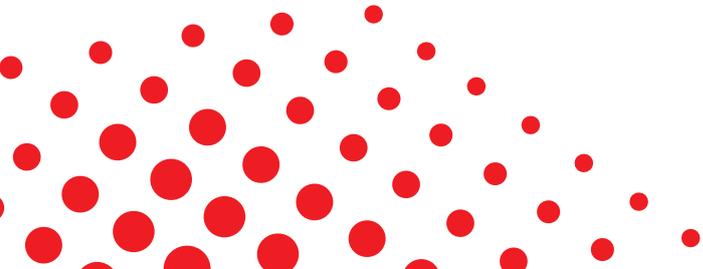
Removing the level crossings ahead of time will also bring the benefits of improved safety and reduced congestion to the community sooner.

New Construction Schedule

To be ready for the major 34-day rail line shut down in June/July 2016, the same series of smaller weekend and other rail line shut downs need to take place in the lead up, and following the major works period.

As part of the new schedule, some of the major works will occur during school holidays and in peak commuter periods, but the overall disruption to the road and rail network will be minimised as the shortened program delivers the project's key benefits earlier.

The list overleaf highlights the key dates for major road closures, rail service disruptions, and station and station car park closures.



**REMOVING LEVEL CROSSINGS
IMPROVES LOCAL SAFETY
AND REDUCES CONGESTION.**



Proposed Major Road Closures at the Site of the Level Crossings (3 days or more)

Where	November 2015	January 2016	March 2016	March/April 2016
North Road	Friday, 13 November to Monday, 16 November 2015. Friday, 20 November to Monday, 23 November 2015. Friday, 27 November to Monday, 30 November 2015.	Friday, 22 January to Monday, 1 February 2016.		
McKinnon Road		Friday, 22 January to Monday, 1 February 2016.	Thursday, 3 March to Monday, 7 March 2016.	Thursday, 24 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 (Easter).
Centre Road			Thursday, 3 March to Monday, 7 March 2016.	Thursday, 24 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 (Easter)

Rail Service Disruptions

Line	Number of Days Closed	Start Date Finish Date	Occupation Details
Frankston Line	9 Day Shut	Late January 2016.	Buses replace trains between Caulfield and Moorabbin.
Frankston Line	3 Day Shut	Early March 2016.	Buses replace trains between Caulfield and Moorabbin.
Frankston Line	8 Day Shut	Late March / April 2016.	Buses replace trains between Caulfield and Moorabbin.
Frankston Line	34 Day Shut	June / July 2016.	Buses replace trains between Caulfield and Moorabbin.

Note: There will be a number of smaller 2 day (weekend) disruptions to rail services to support the construction program and these will be communicated prior to each disruption.



Station Closures

Ormond, McKinnon and Bentleigh stations will be closed for a period in 2016 to construct the new stations.

Location	Details	Type of Closure	Start	Finish
McKinnon Station	Station Closure	Full Closure	Early 2016	Mid to late 2016
Ormond Station	Station Closure	Full Closure	Mid 2016	Late 2016
Bentleigh Station	Station Closure	Full Closure	Mid 2016	Late 2016

During these closures, buses will operate between connecting train stations on the Frankston Line.

Station Car Park Closures

Long-term closures of station car parks at Ormond, McKinnon and Bentleigh are required as part of the works to remove the level crossings.

Location	Details	Type of Closure	Start	Finish
McKinnon Station	East car park - Station Avenue	Full Closure	Late 2015.	Mid to late 2016.
	West car park.	Full Closure	Early 2016.	Mid to late 2016.
Ormond Station	East car park - Katandra Road.	Full Closure	Late 2015.	Mid to late 2016.
	West car park - North of gym on Newham Grove.	Full Closure	Already Closed.	Mid to late 2016.
	West car park - South of gym on Newham Grove.	Full Closure	Early 2016.	Mid to late 2016.
Bentleigh Station	East car park - Bent Street	Partial Closure	Late 2015.	Mid to late 2016.
	West car park - Nicholson Street	Full Closure	Early 2016.	Mid to late 2016.

Frankston Line Timetable Changes

As part of major works to remove the level crossings, Frankston line express trains will operate as stopping all stations to/from Flinders Street in the AM and PM peak on weekdays. This change will be effective from 16 November 2015 until mid-2016. There are no changes to off-peak or weekend services.

Customers should plan ahead and allow an extra 10 minutes travel time. In addition, the following services will be temporarily cancelled on weekdays:

8.25 am	To City	Moorabbin Station to Flinders Street Station
9.09 am	From City	Flinders Street Station to Mordialloc Station
5.21 pm	To City	Frankston Station to Flinders Street Station
6.25 pm	From City	Flinders Street Station to Mordialloc Station

To find out the new timing of services on the Frankston line and connections with Stony Point services, visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** (6am – midnight daily) before you travel.

DOROTHY AVENUE TO STAY

Following detailed design, and extensive community consultation, we can now happily confirm that the Dorothy Avenue underpass in Ormond will remain open to pedestrians, cyclists and cars following completion of the level crossing removal works.

Through the detailed design process, the rail gradient has been improved to allow the necessary clearance for pedestrians, cyclists and cars.

HOW WILL I FIND OUT MORE?

Over the next couple of weeks, we will contact key stakeholders, traders and residents directly affected by the works to discuss potential impacts of the shortened program.

A community information session will also be held two months prior to the major rail closure in June/July 2016, where more information will be provided regarding traffic management and train replacement buses.

We will also continue to update the community on our works via these regular update newsletters. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly (see details below).

NORTH, MCKINNON, CENTRE LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES



More Information

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Please contact us via these details to register for SMS or email updates.

These removals are being done along with the removal of the level crossing at Burke Road in Glen Iris. The \$524 million project will create more than 350 jobs. Planning is also continuing for the removal of all 50 level crossings, with geotechnical investigations now underway.