



CAULFIELD TO DANDENONG

Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
and Poath Road, Hughesdale

What we've heard so far

October 2015

From July to August 2015, the Caulfield to Dandenong Level Crossing Removal Project team ran the first round of interactive community feedback sessions, focussing on urban design and understanding what's important to the local communities.

This included pop-up information stands along the project corridor, workshop with councils, interactive community sessions and online engagement via Social Pinpoint (an online tool where people can 'pin' comments on a map).

People in Murrumbeena and Hughesdale showed strong support for the removal of the level crossings.

The project team had a great response, with more than 1,500 pieces of feedback across the area.

AREAS LOVED IN MURRUMBEENA AND HUGHESDALE

The Murrumbeena community has a tremendous connection to the history of the area. The community made it clear that they want to retain the historic character of the area. In particular, people strongly want the footbridge protected and the historic station retained or repurposed. The bicycle and pedestrian crossing near the Rosstown Rail Trail near Poath Road is also strongly valued.

There is a strong sense of identity and connection with the village feel as well as the natural environment, with particular mention of the River Red Gum trees – many locals have indicated that they would like the trees to be retained.



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Comments from Murrumbeena and Hughesdale



Could provide opportunity for more active uses adjoining station and platforms e.g cafes to provide **vibrancy, amenity** and passive surveillance

Pedestrian permeability and connect roads

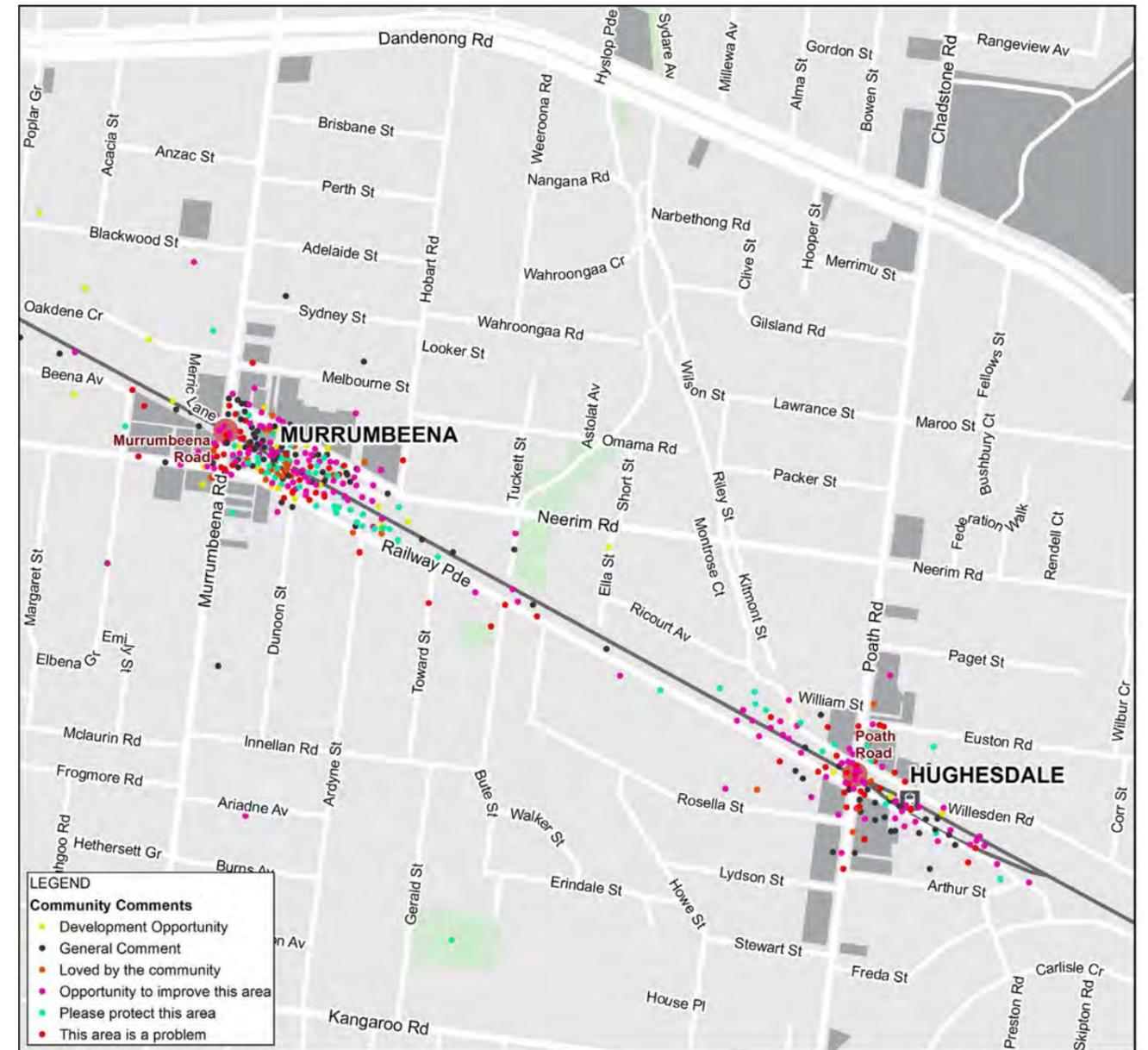
Provide **quality** off-road shared pathway link with safe crossing across Poath Rd

Would like to keep Murrumbeena station and **trees**

If we can't retain Murrumbeena station building please **repurpose** it

Please retain the **station infrastructure** at Murrumbeena, it is important to keep them even if they is not heritage listed

There needs to be an increase in parking along the corridor as **public transport users** will travel from other lines to park and use the Cranbourne Pakenham line



Data source: DELWP, Vicmap, 2015; LXRA, Site Locations, 2015.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS

The main issues for people in Murrumbeena and Hughesdale included access to shops, parking, traffic and safety issues for bicycles and pedestrians.

At Poath Road, people were delighted about replacing the Hughesdale Railway Station, which they felt was unsafe and outdated. Others said that Murrumbeena does not have enough activity on Friday nights and on the weekend, and that restaurants on Murrumbeena Road struggle because of the lack of parking. There were also suggestions for better lighting to improve safety.

Cyclists and pedestrians would like better connections north and south of Murrumbeena, as well as safety improvements for intersections such as Railway Parade and Murrumbeena Road as well as Neerim Road and Murrumbeena Road.

There are a lot of traffic bottlenecks and issues with merging and weaving, and fears that there may be rat-running during construction. Many people complained that there are apartments without sufficient parking, which leads to people parking on residential streets and blocking driveways. While some people would like car parks to be turned into parkland, they hope that there are still enough carparks provided to alleviate this problem.

People suggested development opportunities to bring more residential activity, while improving lighting and opening the area up for passive surveillance.



WE WANT YOU TO BE INVOLVED

Community engagement will help to shape this project and the project team is working with stakeholders to achieve the best possible solution at each site.

You can sign up for email updates to stay involved, or connect with us on social media to keep up to date with what's happening. We'll continue to let you know how you can have your say at each stage.

Look out for us at your local station, and we'll be hosting more information sessions and community forums soon.

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URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Urban design takes into consideration not only the buildings, but the way the community uses and moves around the area, whether it be by foot, by car, or by accessing public transport. The project team has worked with local councils to develop Urban Design Principles. These principles will be an assessment tool for the Government to assess each of the proposed designs.

Information about the Urban Design Principles was also presented at the interactive community sessions, with each area commenting on each principle.

Community members provided comments on each of the principles, with the most interest in Murrumbidgee and Hughesdale's urban integration.



URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES

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|  Accessibility |  Resilience and Sustainability |  Connectivity and Wayfinding |  Urban Integration |
|  Amenity |  Safety |  Identity |  Vibrancy |

“The Level Crossing Removal Project: Caulfield to Dandenong will not only transform the Cranbourne-Pakenham rail line and improve safety, it will reconnect local communities divided by level crossings.”

Brett Summers - Project Director

WHAT'S NEXT?

Using the community feedback received, bidders will continue developing designs for the nine level crossing removals and four station rebuilds over the coming months. In late 2015/early 2016 we will be showing communities the preferred bidder's designs and gaining your feedback on these before awarding a contract. Stay tuned!

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