



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

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GAP ROAD
SUNBURY

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The dangerous and congested level crossing at Gap Road, Sunbury, will be the fourth to be removed on the Sunbury Line and will be gone for good by the end of 2025.

This level crossing is located in the heart of Sunbury and is a major source of congestion in the busy town centre.

Planning work for the removal of this level crossing is now underway, with the crossing set to be removed by the end of 2025.

Early investigations suggest that the most likely design to remove the crossing would be to lower the road under the rail line, subject to further technical assessments and community consultation.

To help us understand more about this site, we will be carrying out site investigations between July and September. This will provide important information about underground services, traffic movements, and soil and groundwater conditions.

We will be out and about talking with the local community later this year to help us understand more about the area.

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Why the Gap Road level crossing has to go



19,000 cars each day, forecast to rise to 27,000 by 2026



Boom gates are down for 26% of the morning peak



More than 24 trains run through here in the morning peak



The Sunbury Line will have capacity to carry an extra 113,000 passengers per week during peak periods when the Metro Tunnel is complete.



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Upcoming site investigations

Workers and a small number of vehicles will be carrying out investigations at various locations along Gap Road/Station Street and surrounding streets between July and September.

These works will involve local surveys, traffic counts, locating underground services and assessing soil and groundwater conditions.

What to expect

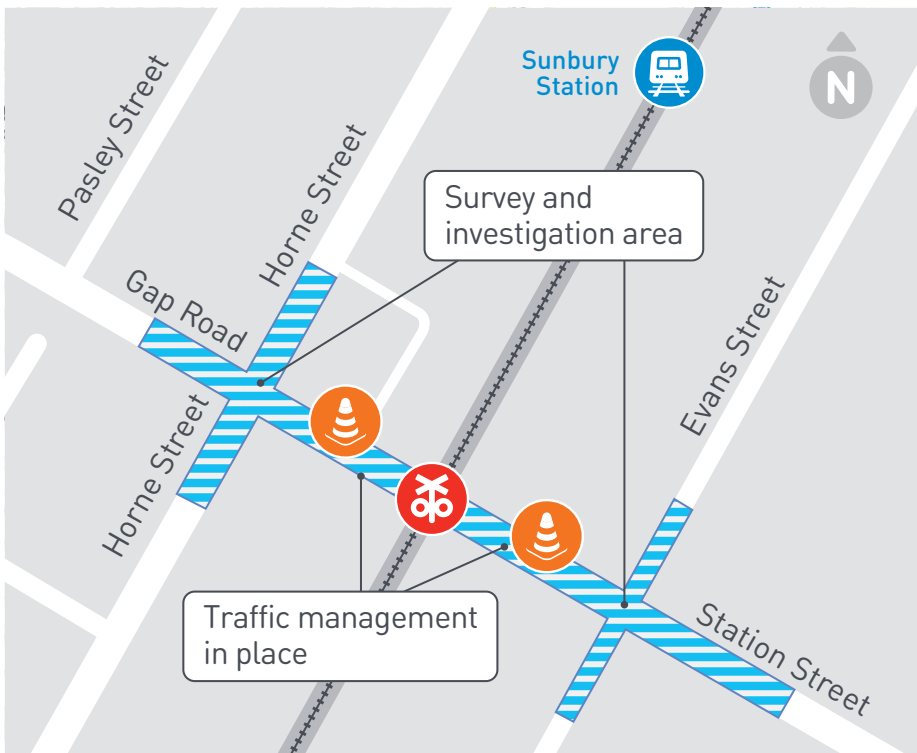
- We will conduct preliminary site investigations such as traffic monitoring, ground condition inspections and flora, fauna and cultural heritage studies.
- We will also undertake works to understand the geotechnical conditions and locate underground services near the level crossing. We will use a small drilling rig and truck for these works.
- We will be working between regular construction hours of 7.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, however some investigations will need to occur on weekends and at night for safety reasons.

How this will affect you

Traffic and pedestrian management will be in place to help people and vehicles move through the area safely.

At various times, there may be some disruptions to local traffic and some machinery noise may be noticeable.

Access to properties, shops and businesses will be maintained at all times.



What we'll be doing:

Traffic monitoring and analysis



So we can understand current traffic issues and opportunities to reduce congestion.

Flora and fauna identification



It's important that we understand local flora and fauna, particularly sensitive species, so we can plan for and minimise impacts.

Ground conditions



Preliminary assessments to look at existing surface water flows and potential impacts on drainage, as well as the distribution and movement of groundwater in the soil.

Utilities



Identifying services located around the level crossing removal site, such as electricity, gas, water and telecommunications.

Cultural heritage



Assessments to determine the possible impacts of proposed construction activities on the local Indigenous and European cultural heritage.

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