Dear Resident/Business,

**Toorak Road level crossing removal project – April construction blitz**

The dangerous and congested Toorak Road level crossing will be gone for good more than six months ahead of schedule, with traffic set to flow freely and trains travelling over the new rail bridge in April.

This works alert provides an overview of the remaining works and planned changes to the way you will travel during the 3 – 14 April construction blitz and the construction activities that you may notice in the week commencing **Monday 13 April 2020**.

**Planned construction blitz (3 – 14 April)**

We are halfway through our construction blitz on the Toorak Road level crossing removal project, with the new rail bridge set to be operational and Toorak Road due to open to traffic next week.

With the bridge approach ramps and new track installed on the realigned Glen Waverley rail corridor, we will continue to work on site until Tuesday 14 April 2020 to install new overhead wiring, complete asphalt pavement, kerb, signal and street lighting improvements on Toorak Road and construct new maintenance paths for Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM). During this time, trucks, excavators, light towers and other large construction machinery will be in operation around the clock in Ferrie Oval, Talbot Crescent rail reserve, Toorak Road and Tooronga Park.

**Changes to the way you travel (3 – 14 April)**

To make the new rail bridge over Toorak Road operational, we will continue to implement planned changes to the way you travel until Tuesday 14 April.

- **Glen Waverley line closure**: Buses replace trains on the Glen Waverley line between Burnley and East Malvern stations until last train Sunday 12 April.
- **Toorak Road extended Easter weekend closure**: Toorak Road will close in both directions between the Monash Freeway intersection and Elizabeth Street from 8.30pm Thursday 9 April until 5am Tuesday 14 April.
- **Temporary traffic changes on local roads**: We will continue to implement temporary traffic management and minor road changes on Talbot Crescent, Elizabeth Street and Milton Parade.

**Works following the April construction blitz**

From Tuesday 14 April 2020, we will begin to progressively remove machinery and large equipment from the Ferrie Oval site compound, Talbot Crescent and Tooronga Park and make changes to our site boundaries. Traffic management will be in place on Talbot Crescent, Weir Street and Milton Parade to safely guide large vehicles out of the construction site.

These works will be completed during standard construction hours (Monday to Friday, 7am – 6pm and Saturday, 7am – 1pm).
What to expect?

- 24/7 works and road, rail and pedestrian disruptions until 5am Tuesday 14 April 2020 to make the new rail bridge at Toorak Road operational.
- Significant increase in construction activity, with cranes, excavators, large trucks and other equipment operating in the rail corridor between Kooyong and Tooronga stations, Talbot Crescent rail reserve, Toorak Road, Tooronga Park and Ferrie Oval.
- Traffic management on local streets, including Talbot Crescent and Milton Parade, to safely deliver and remove construction materials.
- Works during standard construction hours from Tuesday 14 April 2020 (Monday to Friday, 7am – 6pm and Saturday 7am – 1pm).

How this will affect you

- Increase in construction noise, dust and lighting, with large machinery, vehicles, light towers and other equipment operating in the rail corridor between Kooyong and Tooronga stations, Ferrie Oval, Talbot Crescent, Toorak Road and Tooronga Park until Tuesday 14 April 2020.
- Increase in travel times, with road detours in place around Toorak Road until Tuesday 14 April 2020 and buses replacing trains between Burnley and East Malvern until last train Sunday 12 April 2020.
- Increase in construction vehicles along Talbot Crescent and Milton Parade, with traffic management in place.

Health and safety

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority as we deliver the Toorak Road level crossing removal project, as is supporting social distancing measures in line with current health advice.

We have strict protocols in place to protect the safety of our construction workforce, including enhanced industrial cleaning arrangements, provision of personal protective equipment and measures to reduce staff contact, including staggered shifts. For more information and advice about the outbreak of Coronavirus, please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact the Level Crossing Removal Project on 1800 105 105 or via email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au.

Kind regards,

The Toorak Road Level Crossing Removal Project Team