The Victorian Government is removing 18 level crossings and building 12 new stations as part of a $3 billion upgrade of the Frankston Line that will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often.

We’re getting rid of five dangerous level crossings from Edithvale to Bonbeach and early works to relocate underground power and rail signalling services are progressing well. Site offices will be set up in the coming months to support construction, with one site office already being established at Chelsea Station. Major construction will start later this year and boom gates will be gone in 2022.

Works are continuing on the revitalisation of Carrum’s four new community spaces, with a town square, a station garden and the new village green opening by late July 2020.

At Carrum Station, all station facilities including the main entrance at McLeod Road, the new climate-controlled waiting area, and the first stage of all-day parking for rail passengers will also open by late July.

A new shared use path along Station Street and the new walking and cycling underpass at Eel Race Road will also be complete.

There’s still more to come, with the McLeod Road extension to the beach and foreshore park expected to be complete and open by late 2020.

The new Kananook Train Storage Facility is now operational, with space to store up to six trains and a new signal central control centre, it will help keep Frankston Line trains running on time.

Works to complete Kananook Station are progressing, including upgrades to the station car park and improved connection to local transport.

Sections of the Frankston Line will be closed between Saturday 23 May to Sunday 26 July as part of the biggest level crossing removal construction blitz ever undertaken for works in Cheltenham and Mentone.

Victoria’s Big Build continues over autumn and winter, focusing on level crossing removals in the south east, continuing works on the Mordialloc Freeway and starting works on the Monash Freeway Upgrade.

For more information visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions

Works continue in line with public health guidelines and physical distancing measures.

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In March, Seaford’s new playground and community open space in RF Miles Reserve opened – a major milestone for the $10 million revitalisation of Seaford.

Seaford locals joined the Bunurong Land Council to officially open the new community space with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony to honour the Traditional Owners of the land.

Many little locals enjoyed a morning of fun and festivities with face painting and pancakes from local traders and blues and groove entertainment from local act, the Jackson Four.

The new play space is designed to have something fun for everyone and includes a climbing frame, swings, slide, accessible carousel and nature play elements. It is situated near the Indigenous-inspired artwork that was installed last year on the Seaford Road rail bridge and pedestrian underpass.

Throughout consultation with the local community, we heard Seaford locals wanted to create a natural bush look and feel with lots of native and indigenous vegetation. As part of this, more than 100,000 mostly native trees and plants have been planted in the area. A further 100,000 trees and plants will be planted along the new six kilometres shared use path that is currently being built.

In the new playground, canopy trees have been planted near picnic tables, seating and drinking fountains, which will provide shade as they grow, creating comfortable rest areas to enjoy throughout the year.

RF Miles Reserve has been handed back to Frankston City Council for the oval restoration and new sporting pavilion works to get underway.
Iconic palm tree returns home

Carrum Station’s palm tree has come home after a year-long holiday.

Last year, the palm tree was transported from the station grounds to an open-air park in Keysborough. Over a two-day removal process, the palm was treated to a good prune and then carefully scooped from the ground and whisked away to its holiday destination.

In Keysborough, the palm was given the VIP treatment – with its relocation, storage and maintenance being of the upmost importance.

While away, works to build a temporary track through the Carrum Station car park were able to be carried out. This track helped to minimise disruption to commuters while the new station was built and level crossings were removed.

Now works are wrapping up, the palm has returned to its home happier and healthier. It will soon be joined with 500 new trees and 80,000 other plants, shrubs and grasses as part of the $50 million revitalisation of Carrum Village.

Parking for local shops opens

A new car park has opened in the centre of the Carrum shopping precinct, creating safe and convenient access to local shops.

Located under the new rail bridge north of McLeod Road, the free four-hour car park can be accessed from Station Street.

There’s still more parking to come, with two new car parks being built at the new Carrum Station.

The first of the all-day car parks will open from mid 2020. There’s also new car spaces in the foreshore park that will open in late 2020.
What’s next in Carrum

Final touches on Carrum Station
All station facilities will be ready for use and open by late July 2020. This includes the main station entrance at McLeod Road, the new climate-controlled waiting area, along with the lift tower and kiosk. New all-day station car parks will also open in late July.

Walking and cycling
The shared use path along Station Street from Mascot Avenue, Bonbeach to the Eel Race Road walking and cycling underpass will open in late July, improving connections to public transport, local shops and the beach.

As part of these improvements, new signalised pedestrian connections across Station Street and Nepean Highway will become active in July and August, creating safer east-west connections.

New community spaces
Revitalisation works are well underway on your new community spaces.

By late July 2020, a town square at Carrum Station’s main entrance and a station garden at the southern entrance will open. The new village green next to the parking for local shops will also open, providing new spaces for locals to enjoy.

The McLeod Road extension to the beach and foreshore park is expected to be complete and open by late 2020.

The new foreshore park will include spaces locals can enjoy all year round with a cafe, picnic tables and seating, barbecues, a water play area and a new Changing Place facility and public toilets. Dense planting of mostly native and indigenous trees and plants will create shade during the warmer summer months and provide some protection from strong winds.

More active spaces in Carrum
A new basketball half-court will be built in Carrum, creating an additional new open space for locals of all ages to enjoy year-round.

The design includes bicycle racks, drinking fountains and seating in natural materials to reflect the area’s beachside look and feel.

Fencing will be included in the design to reduce the risk of basket balls rolling onto the new shared use path and Station Street. Surface treatments will be designed to minimise noise. Its location along the new shared use path and additional lighting will ensure clear sight lines across the new active space for the safety of the local community.
**Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach works**

From Edithvale to Bonbeach we’re removing five level crossings, creating a more direct road network, improving walking and cycling connections and building three new stations, making it safer and easier to travel through the local area.

Early works are underway including upgrading and relocating underground power and rail signalling equipment that will improve reliability of train services along the Frankston Line.

Utilities upgrades and relocations, including power, gas and water are also getting underway in preparation to build the rail trenches and lower the Frankston Line.

We’ve also started establishing site offices that will provide essential amenities for construction works, project engineers and support staff.

One site office is in use at the southern end of the Chelsea Station car park, with a further three site offices to be setup in the coming months at Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach.

Car parks at Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach stations will be closed from 1 July 2020. Offset parking for rail passengers is available at Chelsea Library and Seaford North Reserve.

Car parking at the three new stations will open in 2022.
Carrum’s open spaces
Works on the new shared use path and village green in Carrum.

New Kananook Train Storage Facility open
Train storage facilities provide the essential daily services needed to keep Melbourne’s train fleet running reliably.

Carrum Station car park
All day parking for rail passengers will open from late July.

Carrum road and footpath upgrades
New footpath, kerb and on-street parking works in front of Nepean Highway shops, which is now complete. Planting will take place in late 2020.

Upgrade works in Chelsea begin
Fencing has been installed along the rail corridor to enable the safe upgrade of underground power and signalling equipment.
Upcoming disruptions

Rail
Buses will replace trains between Moorabbin and Mordialloc and on the Stony Point Line from 11.30pm on Saturday 23 May to Monday 27 July.

Road
Carrum
Traffic management in place at times on Nepean Highway and Station Street during road surfacing and footpath upgrades and works on new pedestrian connections.

Speed limit remains 40km for the safety of the community and our workers.

Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach
There may be short periods of lane closures at some locations along Station Street in Aspendale, Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach until October 2020 to enable excavation and installation works to be carried out safely.

Pedestrian
Carrum
Old Post Office Lane is closed to vehicles and pedestrians until the McLeod Road extension opens mid year. You can access Carrum foreshore via Stephens Street and Johnson Avenue during this time.

Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach
There may be short periods of footpath closures at some locations along Station Street throughout Aspendale, Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach until October 2020 to enable excavation and installation works to be carried out safely.

Car parking
Kanannook Station
Kanannook Station car park closed until late July as part of works to upgrade the car park and connections to public transport. Alternative all-day parking is available at Seaford North Reserve.

Carrum
New four-hour car park now open for safe and easy access to local shops.

Carrum Station car park will start to open from late July.

Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach
Chelsea Station car park will close from Wednesday 1 July.

Bonbeach Station car park will close from Wednesday 1 July.

Edithvale Station car park will close from Wednesday 1 July.

Alternative all-day parking is available at Chelsea Library or Seaford North Reserve.

Parking at each new station will open in early 2022.

Project timeline

Mid 2020
- Kanannook Train Storage Facility opens
- Carrum station and car park opens at McLeod Road
- New village green and short term car park opens
- New shared use path from Mascot Avenue to Eel Race Road complete
- Eel Race Road walking and cycling underpass opens
- New pedestrian connections installed in Carrum
- Site set up in Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach

Late 2020
- Six kilometres of shared use path in Seaford complete
- Direct connection from McLeod Road to the beach opens
- Foreshore park complete
- Planting more than 80,000 trees and plants in Carrum
- Underground power and rail signalling service works continue in Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach

2021
- Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach stations close
- Major rail closure to dig rail trench and lower rail line at Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach

2022
- Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach level crossings gone and three new stations open

* Please note that the timeline above is subject to change.

If you need further assistance to travel or for more information on rail replacement services, contact PTV on 1800 800 007 or visit ptv.vic.gov.au
Health and safety

The health and safety of our workers and community is our key priority as we continue works on the Frankston Line level crossing removal projects.

For more information about coronavirus, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Works in the rail corridor as we prepare for major construction