Piling and trenching activities continue at Park Road to build the third track at Cheltenham.

LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

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.

Major construction begins on Sunday 24 May in Cheltenham and Mentone, when we will remove three level crossings, dig the rail trenches, lower the rail line under Park, Charman and Balcombe roads and build two new stations.

Frankston line trains will run express through Cheltenham and Mentone with shuttle buses between Southland and Parkdale stations until the stations open.

Trains will be back up and running on Monday 27 July. Your brand new Mentone Station will open on Monday 3 August, with Cheltenham Station opening on Monday 17 August.

Finishing touches on the stations, car parking, landscaping and works on the new walking and cycling path will continue until the end of the year.

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

Did you know?

- Biggest level crossing construction blitz ever undertaken, with up to 1700 people working around the clock for 64 days
- We will dig up 200,000 cubic metres of soil in Cheltenham and Mentone - enough dirt to fill 73 Olympic sized swimming pools
- Our rail trenches are a combined 2.5 kilometres long, with more than 2000 piles in the trench walls
- We’ve installed new solar PV systems at Cheltenham and Mentone that will reduce electricity usage by 40%

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

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**Changes to the way you travel**

**Rail**
Buses replace trains between Moorabbin and Mordialloc, and between Frankston and Stony Point from 10pm Saturday 23 May to Sunday 26 July.
Buses will also replace trains between:
- Moorabbin and Frankston from 10pm Saturday 23 May to 1.15am Sunday 24 May
- Parliament and Mordialloc from 8pm on Sunday 24 May
- Moorabbin and Frankston on Sunday 7 June
- Caulfield and Mordialloc from 1am Saturday 20 June to Sunday 22 June.

**Parking**
Alternative all-day parking for rail passengers will remain available until mid 2021, with 284 car spaces at two locations at Westfield Southland and 136 car spaces near Parkdale Station.

Como Parade East in Mentone is one way towards Warrigal Road until late July, with street parking temporarily removed.

There will be temporary parking changes on local streets in Cheltenham and Mentone to keep traffic flowing and ease congestion.

**Bus**
**Mentone and Cheltenham**
During the planned road closures, there will be changes to bus routes 600, 708, 811, 812, 822, 825, 903, 922 and 923.

If you need further assistance to travel or for more information on these changes, contact PTV on 1800 800 007 or visit ptv.vic.gov.au

**Pedestrian**
You’ll still be able to get around your local area while the roads are closed. There will be a free pedestrian shuttle bus in Cheltenham, with stops near Olympic Avenue and Westfield Southland bus interchange (until Monday 8 June), and stops near Hall Lane and Glebe Avenue (until Thursday 11 June).

The stops for the free shuttle bus in Mentone will be on Balcombe Road near Swanston Street and on Mentone Parade near Brindisi Street. There will be pedestrian access over the rail line at Mentone from Thursday 28 May.

See the maps for shuttle bus locations. For full operating hours and routes, visit our website.

**Road**
**Mentone and Cheltenham**
We will close Park and Charman roads in Cheltenham and Balcombe Road in Mentone to build the new roads over the rail trench.
- Balcombe Road closed from 1am Thursday 14 May to Tuesday 23 June
- Park Road closed from 11.30pm Saturday 23 May to Monday 8 June
- Charman Road closed from 11.30pm Saturday 23 May to Thursday 11 June

**How we are managing impacts**
We need to work around the clock to get these works done. Here’s how we reduce the impact on the local community:
- **Noise and vibration** – we limit out-of-hours works and use noise blankets wherever possible, while actively monitoring noise and ground vibration levels.
- **Dust** – we spray exposed areas with water, cover truck loads and stockpiles, use street sweepers regularly and actively monitor air quality to comply with Victorian guidelines.
- **Lighting spill** – while temporary lighting is needed at times for safety, we keep lighting to a minimum and direct light towers away from homes and businesses wherever possible.
- **Traffic changes** – our traffic management plans consider existing conditions, speed limits, traffic volumes and public transport.

**Truck movements**
To dig out the rail trenches in Cheltenham and Mentone we will move more than 200,000 cubic metres of earth from the construction site in trucks.

We expect an average of 50 truck movements every hour, day and night, while we dig the trenches. We have contacted residents on affected streets about how we will minimise impacts and about temporary changes to parking on local roads.

*Dates subject to change.*
Health and safety

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority as we continue to deliver level crossing removal works on the Frankston line, as is supporting physical 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.

There is also increased cleaning across the public transport network as part of efforts to stop the spread of coronavirus.

This includes nightly sanitation of all trains, trams, and buses, including wiping down all surfaces and entirely spraying with disinfectant. There will also be enhanced cleaning during bus layovers at major interchanges.

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

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

We’re keeping major works on track and planning for the future.

We are planning for all conditions to make sure major construction stays on track, while helping you get around your area during any upcoming ‘back-to-work’ transitions.

Our contingency planning includes:

- Having more train replacement buses on stand-by for any increase in demand on public transport. This means we can maintain social distance requirements while still getting you where you need to go.
- Monitoring live traffic conditions and working closely with VicRoads to manage any hot spots to keep you moving.
- Working closely with local schools on practical strategies for student safety in preparation for schools reopening during major works. This includes dedicated ‘school special’ train replacement buses.
- We are continuing to support local traders, buying a range of pre-packaged goods for our workforce. We encourage you to keep shopping locally too!

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