The removal of the dangerous and congested level crossing at South Gippsland Highway is one step closer with a contract awarded and early works now underway. Major construction will start in mid-2020.

The level crossing will be removed by building a road bridge over the rail line. This design will provide significant benefits including improved pedestrian connections and access to important services for the local community.

An alliance comprising of Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) and Fulton Hogan will oversee the delivery of these works. These organisations have been recently awarded a contract to remove the level crossings at Evans Road, Lyndhurst and Cardinia Road, Pakenham.

Early works will include site establishment on South Gippsland Highway, underground services relocation, and preliminary road works to prepare for traffic changes on Princes Highway and South Gippsland Highway.

Major works in mid-2020 will involve the construction of the new road bridge and new signalised intersection on South Gippsland Highway.

We will work to minimise any local disruptions or community impacts while these works take place. We will also advise the community of any temporary traffic or access changes in advance.

Why the South Gippsland Highway level crossing has to go?

- 31,000 cars travel through the level crossing each day
- Boom gates down for a third of the two-hour morning peak
- Improve the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and drivers
- Allow more train services to run in the future and improve access to facilities and services either side of the rail line
Site establishment

We’re setting up our site compound

This is the first step of any construction project and will ensure that a safe and efficient work environment is created for the local community and construction workers.

The site will be established on South Gippsland Highway between Princes Highway and the rail line, with site access on South Gippsland Highway. This area will contain site offices, sheds, equipment laydown areas and construction worker parking throughout the duration of the project.

What we’ve done so far

Works to remove the level crossing to date have involved:

- geotechnical investigations (drilling) to learn about the ground conditions
- site surveys, including environmental surveys
- traffic studies
- determining where the existing service utilities, such as gas, water, electricity, telecommunications and sewerage are located
- flora and fauna investigations
- cultural and heritage investigations.

These investigations led to the determination that a road underpass is the best design option for the South Gippsland Highway level crossing removal.

Creation of service road and turnaround to maintain existing access requirements

Extended shared pedestrian and cycling path to Dandenong Bypass

Melbourne’s south-east is one of Australia’s busiest manufacturing regions, which means that good freight connections are critical.

Removing the South Gippsland Highway level crossing will improve freight connections in the area, supporting the local economy and jobs.

A fresh look for the South Gippsland Highway
Upcoming works

Before major construction begins later this year, we’ll continue to prepare the area for upcoming major works.

We’ll work Monday to Saturday between 7.00am – 6.00pm, with occasional night works to establish our site office, commence underground service relocation and the construction of a temporary access road for the community to use while we build the road bridge.

As with any major construction project, some noise and vibration are unavoidable. However, we have a wide range of ways to reduce noise and vibration impacts, and we’ll inform you well in advance of any disruptive or out-of-hours work.

You can find out more about how we manage construction impacts by visiting levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Share your ideas online

We’re seeking community feedback on the local area and the open space and landscaping.

This input will help us refine the project design.

Feedback closes 5pm Monday 25 May. View the designs and complete the community feedback survey on our online engagement hub. your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Project timeline

Early-Mid 2019
- Initial planning
- Site investigations
- Design development

Early 2020
- Contract award
- Early works begin
- Finalise design

Mid-2020
- Major construction begins

2022
- Construction completed

Please note that the timeline above is subject to change.

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