



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PHASES

Early 2016

Initial investigations and identifying design options

Tell us what is important to you about your area. Your feedback will be considered, along with other criteria as we develop design options

Mid-2016

Developing design options

Tell us what you think of the options for each level crossing removal. Your feedback will be considered, along with other criteria in the development of a recommended option

Late 2016

Presenting a recommended option for each level crossing removal

Share your local knowledge to refine the details of the option. Your feedback will be considered during the process to refine the design

2017

Tender process to choose a company to design and build the project

We will keep you updated throughout this process

2018

Detailed design and starting construction to remove level crossings

Feedback on specific design elements and construction disruptions

How do we remove the crossings?

There are many ways to separate the road and rail, including lowering the rail line under the road or the road under the rail line; building a rail bridge over the road or a road bridge over the rail line, or alternatively realigning the road to improve traffic flow and connections.

Each stage of the project takes time and there is a lot of work to be done before construction can commence.

Over the past few months we have started initial investigations to identify options to remove the level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston. For each site we are looking at the specific geography, ground conditions, nearby infrastructure, traffic movements and location of services such as gas, water and electricity. Our next stage is talking to the local community to better understand what is important to you so we can incorporate your feedback into consideration of design options.

Once major works start, we will work hard to ensure the construction schedule minimises disruption to the road and rail network as much as possible. With work on multiple crossings underway throughout Melbourne at any one time, a coordinated approach to the whole project is essential.

These level crossings will be some of the most challenging to remove due to their proximity to the bay, and other natural features such as the Patterson River. Your input will be vital during the extensive planning and development process.