

Dear Resident

Level Crossing Removal Project - Frankston line update

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne by 2022.

Locally, we are removing 11 level crossings along the Frankston rail line between Ormond and Frankston. Work on the crossings at North Road in Ormond, McKinnon Road in McKinnon and Centre Road in Bentleigh is on track for completion by late 2016.

We are developing options for removing another eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston at:

- Charman Road, Cheltenham
- Balcombe Road Mentone
- Edithvale Road, Edithvale
- Station Street/Bondi Road, Bonbeach
- Station Street, Carrum
- Eel Race Road, Carrum
- Seaford Road, Carrum
- Skye/Overton Road, Frankston

Removing the level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston, will mean:

- more reliable roads and rail services
- improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers
- opportunities to reunite communities and establish new connections to the beach.

At this stage of the project, we are carrying out initial investigations and identifying design options. As part of these early investigations, we need to consider all ways of removing the crossings.

We have not yet made any decisions on the designs.

There are four main ways of removing a level crossing:

- raising the rail over the road
- lowering the rail under the road
- raising the road over the rail
- lowering the road under the rail.

Additionally, in some instances, the road can be realigned to improve traffic flow and connections.

During March we held nine community information sessions to hear from the local community what was important to you about the area you live in. The feedback from these sessions is helping us develop design options for each of the eight crossings.

There will be further opportunities to engage with us throughout the remainder of 2016 and beyond as we enter into a tender process and then into construction. We will present feasible options to communities for removing each of these level crossings in the middle of the year.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about our project and to let you know that if you were unable to attend an information session during March and would like to tell us what is important to you, you still have an opportunity to do so.

Please go to www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au to leave a comment on our online feedback tool, Social Pinpoint, or complete the feedback form in the enclosed pack and return it to us in the reply-paid envelope. Please call us on 1800 762 667 if you have any questions. Social Pinpoint will close on 8 May for public comment in this round of community consultation.

Signing up for email updates or connecting with us on social media is a great way to stay up to date. We will send you the latest news directly and let you know how you can have your say at each stage of the project. See the Contact Us information on the front of our webpage for details or sign up at <http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe>

Kind regards

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Level Crossing Removal Authority

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