

# NORTH ROAD MCKINNON ROAD CENTRE ROAD

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

MAY 2015

The State Government is removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne, including North Road in Ormond, McKinnon Road in McKinnon and Centre Road in Bentleigh.

During the AM peak (7.00-9.00am), the boom gates are down an average of 30 per cent of the time at these three locations, causing congestion and frustrating commuters. Removing these level crossings will improve safety and liveability, as well as enhance access to the area and reduce congestion.

The projects at Centre Road and McKinnon Road have been fast-tracked to be delivered at the same time as the North Road Level Crossing Removal. All three level crossings are on the Frankston line and sit within a two kilometre distance of each other. The contract has been awarded and construction on all three projects will start late 2015, with some early works to prepare the sites starting in the coming months. In the meantime, the project team will be talking with the local community to get more input into the projects before finalising the designs.

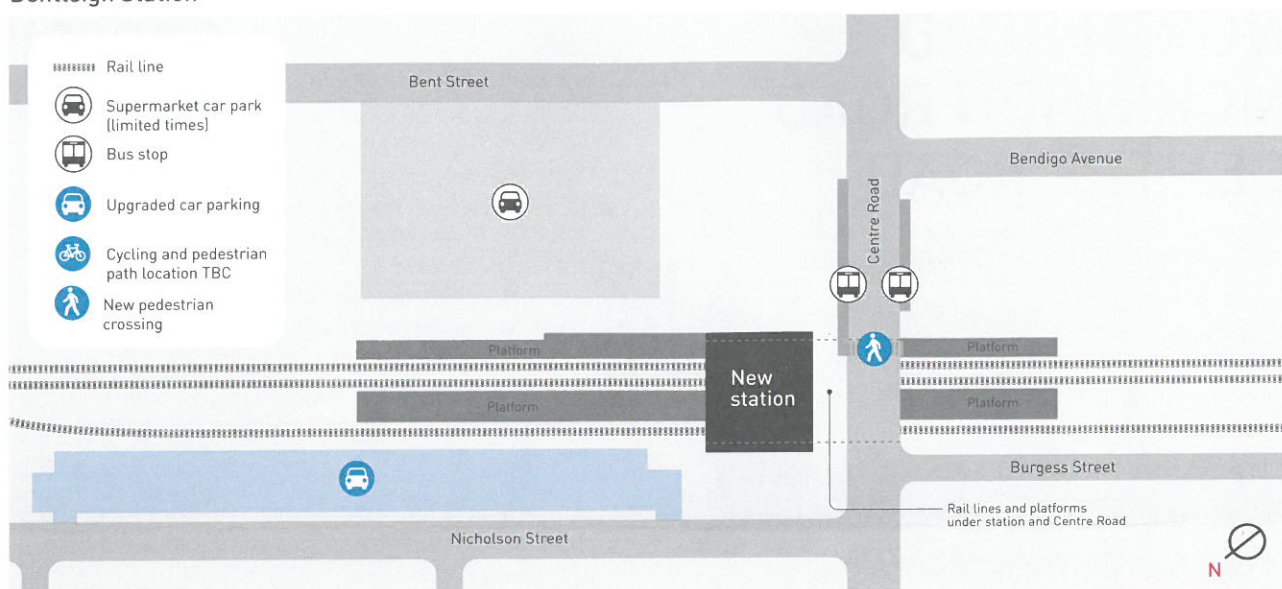
Delivering these level crossings removals together will accelerate the delivery of the overall level crossing project for the community, minimise disruption to residents and road users, and reduce the number of rail line closures on the Frankston line.



Artists impressions of North Road

we're removing the three level crossings at north road, mckinnon road and centre road to reduce congestion in the area and create a safer, more connected community.

## Bentleigh Station



## North Road

Every day, 41,200 vehicles cross the level crossing on North Road in Ormond, including 180 buses, and around 3,000 vehicles in peak periods. The boom gates are down for 30 per cent of the AM peak and 39 per cent of the PM peak, causing congestion and frustrating commuters.

### Design for North Road

The contract has now been awarded and the design for the North Road project includes:

- Lowering the rail line below North Road.
- Rebuilding Ormond Station.
- Lowered platforms accessed via lifts, ramps and stairs.
- Building a walking and cycling path parallel to the rail line between Cadby Avenue and Wash Street, filling in the missing link of the Frankston Rail Trail.
- Reconstructing the station car park to the west side with the same number of spaces.

### Working with the community

#### EE Gunn Reserve

Following extensive investigations across a broad range of locations, EE Gunn Reserve has been identified as the best location for a site office and storage for machinery, equipment and excavated material. This site is most suitable because of its proximity to the construction site. This will help to minimise disruption to the local road network, allow project workers to move easily between sites, and create project efficiencies.

We have been working with Council and over the coming months we will be working with the community to finalise the arrangements for the use of a section of EE Gunn Reserve.

## Centre Road

Everyday, 12,250 vehicles cross the level crossing on Centre Road in Bentleigh. Road users currently experience congestion in both morning and afternoon peaks, with the boom gates down for over 30 per cent of the time. Removing the level crossing will help improve pedestrian and road user safety, reduce congestion and provide for a more connected community.

### Proposed design for Centre Road

A number of design options were considered for the Centre Road Level Crossing Removal project. The preferred option includes:

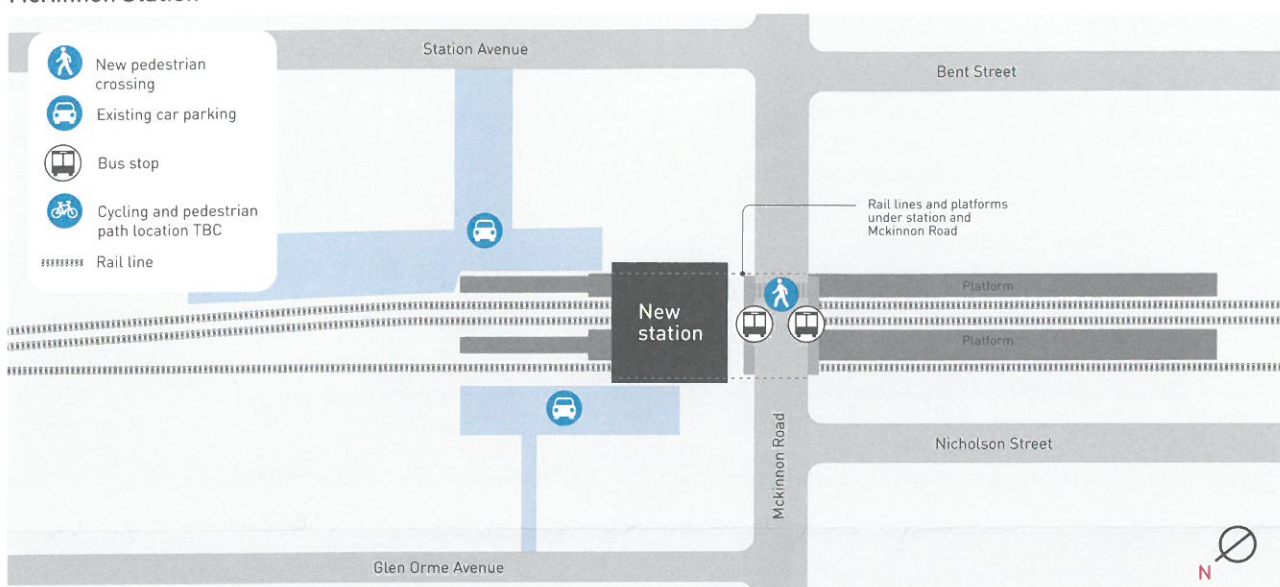
- Lowering the rail line below Centre Road.
- Rebuilding Bentleigh Station.
- Lowering platforms with access via lifts, ramps and stairs.
- Building a walking and cycling path.
- Reconstructing the station car park with the same number of spaces.

The option to lower the rail line below Centre Road provides a great number of benefits to the area, including:

- Fitting in with the surrounding community and businesses in this location.
- Improving safety and accessibility.



## McKinnon Station



## McKinnon Road

Everyday, 8,400 vehicles cross the level crossing on McKinnon Road in McKinnon. Currently the boom gates are down for over 38 per cent of the AM peak and 28 per cent of the PM peak. Removing the level crossing will help improve pedestrian and road user safety, reduce congestion and provide for a more connected community.

### Proposed design for McKinnon Road

A number of design options were considered for the McKinnon Road Level Crossing Removal project. The preferred option includes:

- Lowering the rail line below McKinnon Road.
- Rebuilding McKinnon Station.
- Lowering platforms with access via lifts, ramps and stairs.
- Building a walking and cycling path.
- Reconstructing the station car park with the same number of spaces.

The option to lower the rail line below McKinnon Road provides a great number of benefits to the area, including:

- Fitting in with the surrounding community and businesses in this location.
- Improving safety and accessibility.

## Construction impacts

Before major construction can commence there are some early works required to prepare all three sites. This includes relocating utility services and further site surveys and investigations. This work is expected to start in the coming months and will have some minor impacts to the community, including use of some commuter car parks and some night works and weekend rail closures. All impacts will be communicated well in advance.

During major construction, there will be changes to train and bus services, to traffic and pedestrian access. We are dedicated to keeping the local community and commuters informed of any changes. Information will be available on the project website, posters at the station, letters and newsletters to the community, and via print and radio advertisements. We will work with local traders and residents to minimise the impact of changes as much as we can.

## Working with the community

Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on the North Road level crossing - your input was important to the design. There will now be an opportunity for the local community, including residents, traders, community groups and Council to have a say on the McKinnon Road and Centre Road level crossing removals.

The project team will be hosting information sessions so people can learn more about the project and view designs. Details of the information sessions will be finalised soon and promoted in local newspapers, on the project website and around the local community.

We also used feedback from a recent online community survey to help us develop the preferred design for McKinnon Road and Centre Road. We asked the community for their experiences regarding the level crossings and we got a great response.

Participants rated the following components as 'very important' to them as a project outcome:

- Improved safety (77%)
- Quick and reliable travel for cars, train users and pedestrians (75%)
- Walking Facilities (63%)
- Maintaining character of the area and enhancing visual appeal (55%).

This feedback will also be considered in the refinement of the final design of the project.

## More Information

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