

# Media Release

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## 60 BOOM GATES GONE FOR GOOD

The finish line is in sight at Glenroy, as progress to remove Melbourne's 60<sup>th</sup> dangerous and congested level crossing at Glenroy Road and build a new Glenroy Station reaches the final stages.

Glenroy Road closed on Monday night so crews could work around the clock to remove the boom gates and rail tracks, with buses currently replacing trains on sections of the Craigieburn line while the construction team finishes work on the new lowered rail trench.

Glenroy Road will re-open to vehicles on Saturday, 14 May – free from the boom gates that held up traffic for around 19,000 vehicles each day, including being down for around 43 per cent of the morning peak.

As well as removing the level crossing, the project will also deliver a brand-new Glenroy Station and station precinct including improved local connections, shared use paths and new landscaping. Trains will stop at the new Glenroy Station from 9pm on Friday, 6 May.

Along with the new station, a new bus interchange will open adjacent to the station entrance on Hartington Street. Commuters will no longer need to walk to Blenheim Street for connecting buses, with the new interchange creating easier and safer access to and from Glenroy Station.

When the station concourse and building are completed later this year, the project will connect two sides of Glenroy, currently separated by the rail line. Pedestrians will be able to walk from Dowd Place on the western side of the rail line across to Hartington Street in the east, without being held up by boom gates or traffic lights.

Dowd Place, on the western side of the rail line, will be closed until mid-September as the construction team completes the western station entrance and removes old rail track and railway infrastructure. They will also reinstate 396 car parking spaces and finish landscaping along Dowd Place.

The level crossing at Glenroy Road is being removed by lowering the rail line under the road. Removing this level crossing in Melbourne's north complements the work being done on the nearby Upfield and Mernda lines, with four sets of boom gates gone from Coburg and Brunswick and four more to go in Preston by the end of next month.

These works come as a big week of road and rail works kick off across as part of our autumn disruptions blitz.

Final touches are being made to the new Hallam Station, after the level crossing was removed by building a rail bridge over Hallam Road. The new station will open on 1 May.

Subject to weather conditions, crews will progressively remove barriers this weekend on the Monash Freeway Upgrade from Thursday night giving drivers new lanes from Friday morning and through the weekend. Drivers will experience new lane capacity inbound between EastLink and Springvale Road and 12km of resurfaced lanes on their journey to the city on the Monash Freeway and we're looking forward to opening more sections over the coming months.

As we enter the final stages of the Waurn Ponds duplication, coaches will replace trains on sections of the Geelong and Warrnambool lines from this Saturday to Saturday May 28. Also in the west, this weekend as part of our works to widen the West Gate Freeway from 8-12 lanes, there will be a lane closure between Millers Road and Williamstown Road.

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In the north, North East Link works are ramping up in Watsonia getting ready for the completion of the M80 Ring Road. This weekend and from 7-8 May there will be work on Watsonia Road between Devonshire and Greensborough Roads, along with intermittent night works from 7pm to 6am until late May.

The work will pave the way for new lanes and smart technology on the M80, along with a seamless connection with the North East Link tunnels - creating safer and faster trips.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan**

*“Right now, there are more than five thousand Victorians working around the clock on level crossings throughout the city – and with our massive pipeline of road and rail projects, they’ve got work for life.”*

*“For far too long this level crossing has divided this local community – and thanks to the hard work of the project team over the past two years it will be gone for good, with a brand new station for passengers to enjoy.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn**

*“I’d like to thank the community for their patience during works to remove this dangerous and congested level crossing at Glenroy Road and build a modern, new station for everyone to use.”*