

Media Release

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A BIG SEPTEMBER ALONG THE HURSTBRIDGE LINE

The Andrews Labor Government will ramp up works on the Hurstbridge Line Duplication over the coming weeks to allow more trains to run more often and reduce crowding on peak services.

Crews working on the 3.5km Hurstbridge Line Duplication will work around-the-clock for 14 days in September to install the new 50-metre-long Plenty River rail bridge at Greensborough.

Works will also begin to build platforms for the new Montmorency Station, extend Diamond Creek Station platform two and install a new pedestrian crossing behind Diamond Valley College.

During this time, buses will replace trains from Tuesday 6 September 2022 to last service Monday 19 September to allow crews to safety and efficiently get on with the job.

The project is on schedule to be completed by mid-2023, with pre-works already delivered to allow the duplication of 2km of track between Greensborough and Montmorency and 1.5km between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen.

Works at the two new stations at Greensborough and Montmorency are underway following significant works in July that included the installation of 9 beams, each 24 metres long and weighing 36 tonnes, to form the new Greensborough Station's concourse and pedestrian crossing.

Across Para Road from the new Greensborough Station, a 100-space car park and bus interchange will open to provide more options to park, catch the train and access shops and services. At Montmorency, piling has been carried out to stabilise and strengthen the soil as part of preparation works to build the new station, which will complement the area's unique look and feel.

The Labor Government is investing more than \$20 billion in Melbourne's northeast as part of its Big Build to improve the road and rail network, including the Hurstbridge Line Duplication, Fitzsimmons Lane Upgrade and removing 12 dangerous and congested level crossings.

To find out if you're affected and to plan your journey visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"It's great to see significant progress being made on the Hurstbridge Line Duplication, with trains on target to run along 3.5km of new track and stop at the new, modern Greensborough and Montmorency stations by mid-2023."

"This vital upgrade will ensure the growing communities in the northeast will have better access to public transport with modern station facilities and more trains, more often."

Quotes attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward

"It's great to see work starting on our new station at Montmorency. The project is really starting to take shape and we're looking forward to more frequent and reliable services."

"The new stations, plus new parking and our new trail will make using public transport in our community so much easier."

Quote attributable to Member for Bundoora Colin Brooks

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“The new Greensborough Station is starting to take shape with the beams for the new concourse and pedestrian crossing installed – improving connections and creating a better link from the shops to the Plenty River Trail.”