

# Media Release

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## UPDATED DESIGNS UNVEILED FOR PARKDALE LEVEL CROSSING

The Andrews Labor Government is another step closer to removing two dangerous and congested level crossings at Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale, following the release of updated designs for the elevated rail bridge, providing two MCGs of open space and a new Parkdale Station.

Getting rid of another two level crossings on the Frankston line will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often on one of Melbourne's busiest train lines.

Each day 20,000 drivers pass through these two crossings and the boom gates are down for more than a third of the morning peak.

Community feedback has shaped the latest designs, and the new station precinct and open space has been designed to reflect the local character and village feel of Parkdale.

The new station will have a generous forecourt and gathering places, featuring warm and light-toned materials such as timber, granite and stone. Retaining original elements of the existing station is important to locals, so the station building will be repurposed and located within the new precinct.

The new open spaces will feature trees and landscaping, walking and cycling paths, and recreation areas including a basketball half court, open-air gym and nature-based play areas.

Building a single rail bridge will better connect the suburb – which is currently divided by the rail line – and allows more trees and landscaping to maximise the green space.

When the new station opens, passengers will enjoy modern, accessible station facilities, filled with natural light — featuring stairs and lifts to station platforms, a new station office, more lighting at night and better CCTV.

The designers will continue to receive valuable insights and advice from 14 community members on the Parkdale Open Space Advisory Panel to shape the final designs.

The project is also seeking nominations for community members to be part of the project's Construction Liaison Group, who will help inform local communities and listen to feedback about issues that may affect them during construction.

Major construction will begin next year, and the level crossings will be gone in 2025.

The community is now invited to share feedback on the updated designs at [engage.vic.gov.au](https://engage.vic.gov.au), and at face-to-face and virtual community information sessions from mid-October.

The Labor Government is removing 20 dangerous level crossings and building 13 new stations as part of upgrades on the Frankston line that will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often.

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

*"We're removing dangerous and congested level crossing across the state to improve safety for drivers, train passengers and pedestrians for years to come."*

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*“When these level crossings are gone by 2025, Parkdale and Mentone will be safer and less congested – allowing more trains to run more often on the Frankston line when the Metro Tunnel opens.”*

**Quotes attributable to the Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson**

*“We’re excited to unveil updated designs for this crucial project to remove two dangerous and congested level crossings – a great outcome for the community including businesses, drivers, pedestrians and train passengers.”*

*“We thank the community for taking the time to provide feedback, which has helped to shape the updated designs for the new Parkdale Station precinct to reflect the village feel of Parkdale.”*