

Media Release

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MORE TRAINS MORE OFTEN ON HURSTBRIDGE LINE

Crews have started a six-week construction blitz to deliver new Greensborough and Montmorency stations, and finish laying and connecting 3.5 kilometres of track and signalling along the Hurstbridge Line, as the Andrews Labor Government gets on with delivering the Hurstbridge Line Duplication.

More than 1,000 workers will be working around the clock to complete the works, with the new stations set to open by the end of April.

The project will make way for a new timetable on the Hurstbridge line, coming into effect from mid-2023 – with the duplicated line allowing trains to run every seven minutes from Greensborough, 10 minutes from Montmorency and Eltham and 20 minutes from Diamond Creek, Wattle Glen and Hurstbridge during the morning peak.

The new, modern stations at Greensborough and Montmorency will have better facilities for passengers including better weather protection, safer connections to the surrounding area and improved all abilities access to meet the community's needs.

A new walking and cycling path will be built between the two stations by the end of the year, making it easier for people to exercise and commute – and will connect to the Plenty River Trail with a new pedestrian crossing south of Greensborough Station.

Platform 2 at Diamond Creek Station will also be upgraded during the construction blitz and a new signalised pedestrian crossing behind Diamond Valley College will be built, making getting to and from school safer for students.

While works are happening, buses will replace trains on sections of the Hurstbridge line. Express buses will run between Eltham and Parliament during weekday morning peak. Commuters are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra travel time. For more info and to plan your journey, visit ptv.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"We're getting on with delivering our election commitment of building these new stations and duplicating the Hurstbridge line to provide more capacity for passengers during peak."

"These upgrades will create more efficient train pathways on what is already a bottleneck in Melbourne's north-east."

Quote attributable to Member for Bundoora Colin Brooks

"We'll soon see the benefits of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication and with Melbourne's north-east growing rapidly, delivering more trains services and less crowding on peak services can't come soon enough."

Quote attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward

"I'd like to thank people for their patience while we continue the work to deliver better services and modern stations to passengers in the north-east of our city."

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