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WORKS TO PREPARE SUNBURY LINE FOR METRO TUNNEL OPENING

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with making the Sunbury Line level crossing free by 2025, reducing congestion and preparing the line to allow more trains to run more often when the Metro Tunnel opens.

Major works are underway at Calder Park Drive to remove a level crossing and build a new road bridge over the Sunbury Line, easing congestion for the 10,000 drivers passing through each day and the 25 trains per hour set to pass through during peak time when the Metro Tunnel opens.

Crews have started piling works to build the foundations of the new road bridge. The first stage of a temporary road will also be built alongside Calder Park Drive to help reduce disruptions and allow locals to safely move through the area during construction.

With the Metro Tunnel set to allow 113,000 extra peak hour passengers each week along the Sunbury Line in 2025, removing this level crossing is critical to supporting the growth one of Melbourne's fastest growing residential areas, where boom gates are down for up to 20 per cent of the morning peak.

In addition to the removal of these two level crossings, Old Calder Highway and Watsons Road in Diggers Rest are also set to be removed, making the Sunbury line level crossing free in 2025.

Across Melbourne, 110 dangerous and congested level crossings are being removed by 2030, with 72 already gone for good, boosting safety and easing congestion.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"With four level crossing already gone for good and another four set for removal, we're getting on with making the Sunbury line level crossing free, so we can provide more trains more often for these booming communities when the Metro Tunnel opens a year ahead of schedule in 2025."

Quote attributable to Member for Sydenham Natalie Hutchins

"Removing the dangerous and congested Calder Park Drive level crossing will improve safety for our community and ease congestion for more than 10,000 vehicles that use it each day."

Quote attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull

"With so many road and rail projects underway in the booming west, it's essential these dangerous and congested level crossings are removed to make way for additional train services and keep our community safely moving through the area."