

Media Release

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WORK RAMPS UP TO RUN MORE TRAINS ON THE FRANKSTON LINE

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with a huge program of works to deliver more trains on the Frankston Line, returning it to the City Loop when the Metro Tunnel opens and making the line level crossing free.

Major works are underway in Parkdale to remove two level crossings at Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale, build a new Parkdale Station and create two MCGs of open space.

Construction of a temporary rail track is well underway to keep the Frankston Line running while the new rail bridge in Parkdale is built, with trains expected to start running on the temporary track later this year.

To get the temporary track ready for train services, buses will replace trains on sections of the Frankston Line from late October to early November. Local road closures will also be in place during October and November.

The existing Parkdale Station will close from late October, while crews build the new station, which is set to open to passengers in 2024, a year ahead of schedule, becoming the 13th new station the Labor Government has built on the Frankston Line.

Mordialloc is also one step closer to being level crossing free following the release of early designs for new elevated rail and a new Mordialloc Station precinct.

The elevated station will remain in the heart of Mordialloc, close to shops and cafes with two entrances at McDonald Street. Locals can have their say on the early designs at face-to-face information sessions and online this month. Find out how to get involved at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-mordialloc-and-aspendale.

Further down the line, the Kananook train stabling yard will also be upgraded, more than doubling its capacity to include space for 21 trains – allowing Frankston Line trains to return to the City Loop when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025.

By running through the City Loop, Frankston Line passengers will be able to access all of Melbourne's CBD, connecting to employment, entertainment and education without having to change trains at Richmond or Flinders Street stations – while passengers wishing to travel to the new Metro Tunnel stations can change at Caulfield.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"We're removing 27 level crossings and building 17 new stations to prepare the Frankston Line to return to the City Loop when the Metro Tunnel opens a year ahead of schedule in 2025, allowing more trains to run more often."

Quote attributable to Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson

"We're not wasting a moment in getting rid of level crossings in Parkdale and Mordialloc – and brand-new stations for these suburbs really will transform the way locals live, work and travel."

Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

"Upgrading the Kananook train stabling yard will create more than 100 jobs during construction and deliver another 50 new jobs to the area once the project is complete, bringing real benefits to so many people across our city."

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