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FIRST LOOK AT DESIGNS FOR NEW MACLEOD RAIL BRIDGE

Locals in Melbourne's north east will soon spend less time at boom gates and more time getting where they need to go.

Labor has released early designs for a new rail bridge in Macleod – which will remove the dangerous and congested Ruthven Street level crossing.

The new rail bridge will improve safety and ease congestion for the 12,600 drivers who use the crossing every day.

When complete next year, the project will eliminate almost 30 minutes of boom gate down time during the morning peak.

A new walking and cycling path will be built along Ellesmere Parade between Ruthven Street and Davies Street, making it easier to get around on foot or by bike.

A new signalised pedestrian crossing on Ruthven Street will also improve safety and provide easier access to the station and surrounding area.

The project has been shaped by community feedback and local insights, with the rail bridge concept design drawing inspiration from the nearby Rosanna Parklands to blend with the local landscape.

A new landscaped community space under the rail bridge will include native and indigenous plants, creating a new and welcoming green space for the community.

Construction will start later this year, with the commencement of major works to deliver the new rail bridge and supporting infrastructure.

In total, 110 level crossings will be removed across Melbourne by 2030, with 88 already gone for good – boosting safety and easing congestion right across the network.

Locals can now view the designs and have their say, with information sessions and feedback opportunities available online at engage.vic.gov.au/lxrp-ruthven-street.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams

"We're getting rid of these boom gates so locals spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things that matter to them."

"Making Macleod level crossing free will make everyday trips safer and easier. It will cut congestion and help people get where they need to go."

Quote attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines

"This is about making daily life easier. Safer roads, less congestion and better connections between Macleod and Rosanna."

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