



# Shepparton Line Upgrade

## Train stabling facility

The Victorian Government is upgrading the Shepparton Line to deliver more reliable services and allow modern VLocity trains to travel to and from Shepparton for the first time.

The VLocity is the newest and fastest train in the V/Line fleet, and has improved features including mobile signal boosters for better phone coverage and better accessibility for people with prams or mobility aids.

A new stabling facility is required to house these trains, which are longer than the current classic fleet.

Without adequate stabling facilities, trains need to travel long distances without passengers, reducing the number of services that can run on the line.

Stabling facilities are a critical part of our rail network, allowing trains to begin service on time each day.

### What is train stabling?

A train stabling facility is where trains are cleaned and prepared for service the next day.

It generally consists of:

- a fenced, open-air site
- train tracks
- connections to the main train line
- signalling and communication systems
- CCTV and lighting
- a building to support operations and amenities for staff
- designated areas for staff car parking
- access roads and walkways to the facility.

A typical train stabling facility operates almost 24 hours a day, from approximately an hour before the first train service starts to an hour after the last service ends. Operational impacts such as noise will be managed in accordance with all relevant standards and regulations.

### Shepparton Line Upgrade

Work on the Shepparton Line Upgrade is underway, with \$356 million invested in the first two stages of the project – an unprecedented investment in this part of Victoria's regional train network.

Stage 1 delivered an additional 10 weekly services between Shepparton and Melbourne.

Stage 2 will provide the infrastructure required for VLocity trains to run to Shepparton for the first time.

It includes platform extensions at key stations to suit the longer VLocity trains, as well as a crossing loop extension at Murchison East to give trains more room to pass each other, boosting reliability on the line.

Fifty-nine level crossings will be upgraded between Donnybrook and Shepparton to make them compatible with VLocity trains and improve safety for train passengers and road users.

Rail Projects Victoria is continuing detailed investigations and planning for Stage 3 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade, to assess the upgrades needed to deliver nine return services a day for the Shepparton Line.



Train stabling facility at Maddingley on the Ballarat Line.

### Where will the stabling facility be located?

Rail Projects Victoria conducted a detailed analysis of suitable locations for a stabling facility.

This process identified the proposed site in an industrial area approximately three kilometres north of Shepparton Station, which is bordered by industrial, farming and urban growth zones as identified in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

The proposed site on Grahamvale Road in Shepparton aligns with the objectives of Greater Shepparton City Council's master plan for the railway precinct and is supported by key stakeholders.

The location of the proposed stabling facility enables the stabling tracks to be located within the rail corridor. The driver facilities are proposed to be located on privately owned land adjacent to the rail line.

The site has operational and technical advantages over other shortlisted sites and because the site is in an industrial area, it will minimise community disruption and environmental impacts including noise and visual impacts.

Its proximity to Shepparton Station also means no further track upgrades are required.

Rail Projects Victoria will ensure the project is delivered in line with planning approval requirements to minimise any impacts of the facility on the surrounding area as much as possible.

### Have your say

An amendment to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme is required to enable the new stabling facility to be built, which will consider the impacts of construction and ongoing operations.

Rail Projects Victoria is seeking community feedback on the draft planning scheme amendment, which will be submitted to the Minister for Planning as part of the application.

Find out more about the planning scheme amendment and stabling facility, complete an online survey or book a time to speak to the project team at [bigbuild.engage.vic.gov.au](https://bigbuild.engage.vic.gov.au) or by calling **1800 105 105** by **Thursday 15 October**.

### What's next?

Construction on Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade is scheduled to begin in late 2020 and is targeted for completion in late 2022, subject to planning and environmental approvals.

### Rail Projects Victoria

Rail Projects Victoria is responsible for the planning and delivery of the project on behalf of the Victorian Government.

### More information

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