

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



Removing the level crossing at Seaford Road means less delays and a safer local community.

Seaford Road runs from the Nepean Highway past EastLink and through to Frankston-Dandenong Road.

It is a busy thoroughfare that passes through residential and recreational areas.

Seaford is home to the Edithvale-Seaford wetlands, which are a local haven for migratory birds and internationally recognised for their environmental significance. The Edithvale-Seaford wetlands were listed as Ramsar wetlands in 2001.

The level crossing at Seaford Road is located between Fortescue Avenue and Railway Parade. This is one of the busiest level crossing sites along the Frankston line with 17,000 vehicles passing through the level crossing each day.

The boom gates are down for an average of 32 minutes during the weekday morning peak, significantly impacting travel times for thousands of motorists and causing frustration for all road users.

Once the level crossing is removed, Seaford can look forward to improved safety, less congestion and more reliable travel times.

## Project details

The project to remove will involve:

- lowered Seaford Road
- planted rail embankment keeping with the local character of the area
- shorter rail construction compared to other options
- upgrades to Seaford Reserve / R.F. Miles Reserve
- new shared walking and cycling paths
- significant new landscaping
- less congestion and better traffic flow
- improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

## Seaford concept design



\$10 million package of works to revitalise and improve the area, including R.F. Miles Reserve

Pedestrian access beneath rail line

Potential walking and cycling paths

Significant landscaping on embankments



## Project timeline



**2016**

Early investigations and consultation on options



**2017**

Present design solution and refine through community feedback. Start tender phase.



**2018**

Construction



**2019**

Project complete

## Project benefits

The Level Crossing Removal Project will deliver benefits to those who live around Seaford and travel along the Frankston line.

- Less congestion and better traffic flow – cutting travel times, particularly between the Frankston Freeway and the Nepean Highway along Seaford Road.
- Improved safety – by separating road and rail traffic it will be much safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- Revitalisation – the opportunity for upgrading Seaford Reserve, creating new walking and cycling paths and improving local connections.
- Boosting the economy – hundreds of jobs will be created during the construction.

## Community involvement

We have been through several rounds of consultation with community members and stakeholders to help us understand what's important to locals.

Moving forward, we will establish a Community Reference Group, or CRG, to ensure community involvement with the project through to completion.

This will involve discussion on aspects such as:

- bridge design, including architectural treatments
- upgrades to the surrounding area
- landscaping
- new walking and cycling paths
- construction.

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