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COMMUNITY UPDATE

WINTER 2018

Geelong Line Upgrade

Work is now underway on the \$160 million Geelong Line Upgrade, which will improve services for passengers.

Planning and design is currently being undertaken. In the next few months we'll start site investigations like ecological assessments and soil testing, which means you'll see increased activity near the line.

While developing concept designs and working towards appointing contractors we'll consult with the local community.

Construction on the Geelong Line Upgrade will begin by 2020 with a target completion date of 2021, delivering better services for passengers.

A business case to plan for a proposed future rail duplication between South Geelong and Waurin Ponds, separately funded by the Victorian and Australian governments, has been submitted to Infrastructure Australia for assessment and is well advanced.

As part of the Geelong Line Upgrade we will also start planning the Armstrong Creek transit corridor, which will help identify a preferred location for potential transport options to support the growing region.

Benefits

- ✓ a second platform and additional track at Waurin Ponds will allow trains to pass each other, minimising the impact of delays
- ✓ better pedestrian connections at Waurin Ponds Station
- ✓ planning for a potential future transit corridor around Armstrong Creek



Regional Rail Revival

The \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival program is a joint initiative of the Australian and Victorian governments. It will upgrade stations, signalling and tracks across Victoria to give passengers more frequent and reliable services.

Regional Rail Revival will create more than 1,000 jobs across the state, develop industry skills and help grow local economies by employing local workers and contractors.

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What we are delivering



Local jobs first

The Geelong Line Upgrade will:

- ✓ create opportunities for local jobs and suppliers through the Victorian Government's *Local Jobs First - Victorian Industry Participation Policy* (VIPPP)
- ✓ develop industry skills
- ✓ grow local economies
- ✓ employ apprentices, trainees or engineering cadets for at least 10 per cent of the project's total labour hours.

Register your interest

There will be opportunities for a range of contractors, designers and suppliers to be involved in the delivery of the Geelong Line Upgrade.

If you are interested in working on the project register your interest at: regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/about/jobs



Second platform

Waurm Ponds Station upgraded to add a second platform



Pedestrian link

to provide access to the second platform at Waurm Ponds Station



Additional track

at Waurm Ponds Station to enable trains to pass each other



Armstrong Creek transit corridor planning

to consider future land use, environmental issues and development and population plans

Project update

Work is now underway on the Geelong Line Upgrade – although you may not see much happening on the ground at first.

There are several stages for the project, including:



Site investigations

We will undertake a range of assessments including geotechnical, ecological, hydrology and heritage to identify potential constraints and impacts.



Design and procurement

Prepare detailed designs for the Waurm Ponds Station upgrade and additional track in consultation with local communities and key stakeholders. Planning approvals will be required for some elements of the work.

Appointing contractors to start major construction, with an emphasis on getting the best value for money and boosting employment for locals and young people in the region.



Construction*

Construction will start by 2020 on the Waurm Ponds Station upgrade. Target completion date for the project is 2021.

*subject to planning and environmental approvals



Growing Geelong

Geelong is the fastest growing regional city in Victoria, and the second-fastest growing city in Australia, behind Melbourne.

The population of the City of Greater Geelong is expected to increase by more than 30 per cent by 2036.

Patronage is growing on the Geelong line, with more than 700,000 passenger trips each month.

The Geelong Line Upgrade will provide better transport services for the growing community of greater Geelong.



Stay connected

As the Geelong Line Upgrade gets underway, we'll be keeping the community informed and providing opportunities for input on the project.

Some of the ways we'll communicate with you will include information sessions, letterbox drops, emails, advertising, website updates, social media and station pop-ups. Also keep an eye out for future *Community Updates*.

To receive updates on the Geelong Line Upgrade subscribe to the eNews at regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/Geelong

Better transport for Geelong

Other improvements are being made for better public transport services for Geelong passengers.

The Geelong line has had 289 new services added since 2015. Extra VLocity carriages have also improved capacity on high demand services.

Upgrades to stations and bus interchanges around Geelong will start in 2018, including new bus shelters, car and bike parking and improved pedestrian crossings.

Under the Regional Rail Connectivity project, \$18 million is being invested to improve mobile phone coverage for regional rail passengers through new mobile towers and in-train technology.

In its 2018-19 Budget, the Australian Government committed an additional \$50 million towards further improvements on the now \$160 million Geelong Line Upgrade project. The Australian and Victorian governments are working together to identify the next priorities to best use this additional funding.

The Victorian Budget 2018/19 also included \$50 million to kick-start work on a high-speed rail link between Geelong and Melbourne. Detailed planning work and technical investigations to determine a preferred option are set to begin.

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