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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## Shepparton Line Upgrade

Shepparton line passengers can expect faster and modern trains more often thanks to the \$356 million Shepparton Line Upgrade.

With work already underway on the \$43 million first stage of the project, the Victorian Government last month announced an additional \$313 million to fund stage two, which will allow VLocity trains to travel to and from Shepparton for the first time.

The upgrade will reduce the journey time between Shepparton and Melbourne by up to 20 minutes once complete, making travel more convenient for locals and visitors.

Stage one is well underway with a target completion date of the end of this year for upgraded stabling, to enable a fifth

daily service between Melbourne and Shepparton in early 2019.

We've undertaken surveying at Murchison East as part of stage one to inform the design and construction of the crossing loop.

Stage two of the project includes level crossing upgrades, signalling and track upgrades, platform extensions and new stabling for VLocity trains.

The \$313 million investment also includes funding for a business case to identify what is required for the third stage of the project, which will deliver up to nine return services a day between Shepparton and Melbourne.

We're consulting with local stakeholders to ensure maximum benefits are delivered to Shepparton line passengers.

## Benefits

- ✓ a fifth daily service between Shepparton and Melbourne in 2019
- ✓ allowing VLocity trains to run to Shepparton
- ✓ reduced travel times between Melbourne and Shepparton
- ✓ improving safety for motorists and train passengers
- ✓ better connectivity for passengers between train and coach services
- ✓ paving the way for nine return services a day between Melbourne and Shepparton

## Regional Rail Revival

The Shepparton Line Upgrade is funded by the Victorian Government. Delivery of the project will be overseen by Rail Projects Victoria as part of the Regional Rail Revival program.

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

## STAGE ONE



### Stabling upgrade

in Shepparton to support extra services



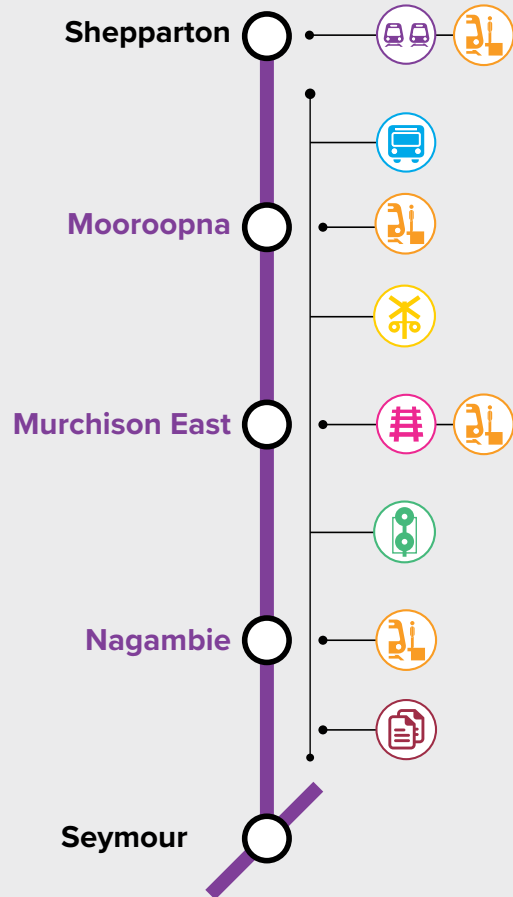
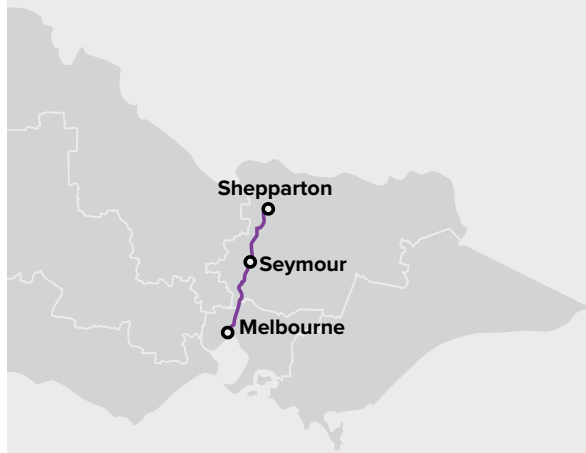
### Crossing loop

on the line to enable trains to pass each other



### Coach services

extra coach services for better transport connections



## Local jobs first

### The Shepparton Line Upgrade will:

- ✓ create opportunities for local jobs and suppliers through the Victorian Government's *Local Jobs First - Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP)*
- ✓ 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 Shepparton Line Upgrade.

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



## STAGE TWO



Platform extensions at Shepparton, Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie to suit VLocity trains



Level crossing upgrades at 54 locations between Seymour and Shepparton



New stabling for VLocity trains at or near Shepparton



Signalling and track upgrades to enable trains to travel at up to 130km/h

## STAGE THREE



Business case to finalise the scope and costs of delivering nine daily return services between Shepparton and Melbourne.

## Stage one timeline

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

There are several stages for the project, including:

2018

### Site investigations

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

2018 to 2019

### Design and procurement

Preparing detailed designs for stabling upgrade and crossing loop.

Planning approvals may be required for some elements of the project.

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.

2018 to 2020

### Construction

Construction will start in 2018 on the Shepparton stabling upgrade.

2020

### Project completion

The Shepparton stabling upgrade is targeted for completion by the end of 2018, to enable a fifth weekday service. The crossing loop has a target completion date of the end of 2020.



### Stage two

The timelines for stage two will be made available in the coming months and the stage three business case is currently underway.







## Stay connected

As the Shepparton 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 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 Shepparton Line Upgrade subscribe to the eNews at [regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/Shepparton](http://regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/Shepparton)

## Better transport for Shepparton

Part of the \$43 million first stage of the Shepparton Line Upgrade includes extra coach services for Shepparton, to give locals better access to V/Line trains.

An additional 29 coach services per week have been added between Seymour and Shepparton, in advance of the extra train services being provided next year.

These additions fill gaps in the timetable and give Shepparton locals and visitors more choice on when to travel.

Nine new train services have also been added to the Shepparton line since 2017.

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