Work is now underway on the $114 million Warrnambool Line Upgrade to give locals and visitors more frequent trains and a more comfortable journey.

Site investigations have begun and they’ll continue to ramp up. Later this year we’ll start upgrades to 12 level crossings between Waurn Ponds and Warrnambool.

Then we’ll move on to building a new crossing loop and upgrading stabling in Warrnambool to allow a fifth daily return service, and pave the way for more modern VLocity trains to run to Warrnambool for the first time.

Our work will improve the frequency and reliability of passenger trains, and make the journey more comfortable.

The target completion date for construction is late 2020.

Benefits

✓ an extra daily weekday service to and from Melbourne
✓ new stabling will house more trains to support extra services
✓ improved reliability
✓ pave the way for future VLocity trains to Warrnambool
✓ improved safety for motorists and train passengers
✓ support rail freight to the Port of Melbourne

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.
The Warrnambool 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 Warrnambool Line Upgrade.

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

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

There are several stages for the project, including:

**Site investigations**
A range of assessments including geotechnical, ecological, hydrology and heritage to identify potential constraints and impacts.

**Level crossings**
Level crossing upgrades starting in August.

**Design and procurement**
Preparing detailed designs for stabling upgrade and crossing loop in consultation with local communities and key stakeholders. 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.

**Construction**
Major construction will start by late 2019. Target completion date for construction is late 2020.

*subject to planning and environmental approvals

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**Crossing loop**
to enable trains to pass each other

**Signalling upgrades**
between Warrnambool and Waurn Ponds

**Level crossing upgrades**
to improve safety for motorists and train passengers

**New train stabling facilities**
at Warrnambool to support extra services
Better transport for Warrnambool

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

Extra services on the Warrnambool line were rolled out in January 2017 – the first new services on the line for more than a decade. There are now four return trains to Melbourne each weekday and three return trains on Saturdays and Sundays.

Since August 2017, more weekday Warrnambool trains run express through several stations between Geelong and Footscray, creating a more comfortable journey.

Safety at 22 level crossings between Geelong and Warrnambool has been boosted, and these now feature boom gates, bells and flashing lights.

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

Stay connected

As the Warrnambool 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 Warrnambool Line Upgrade subscribe to the eNews at regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/Warrnambool

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