

Shepparton Line Upgrade

We're upgrading the Shepparton Line to deliver faster and more frequent services, and allow modern and reliable VLocity trains to travel to and from Shepparton for the first time.

Work on the Shepparton Line Upgrade has already begun, with the Victorian Government investing \$356 million in the first two stages.

The Victorian Government also allocated \$80 million for Stage 3 in the 2020-21 State Budget, securing the total investment required to deliver nine return services on weekdays along the line.

The Australian and Victorian governments have invested a total of \$400 million in Stage 3 of the project to give people more choices on when to travel and better access to work, health and education opportunities.

Stage 1, which is now complete, included:

- 10 extra train services a week between Melbourne and Shepparton
- a stabling upgrade at Shepparton Station
- 29 extra coach services between Shepparton and Seymour.

Stage 2, which is now underway, includes:

- platform extensions at Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie stations
- a crossing loop extension near Murchison East
- 59 level crossing upgrades between Donnybrook and Shepparton
- stabling to house VLocity trains.

Stage 3 includes:

- signalling upgrades between Seymour and Shepparton to enable nine weekday return services
- expanded stabling for VLocity trains to support more services
- track upgrades between Seymour and Shepparton to enable trains to travel faster.

Delivering benefits for Shepparton Line passengers

Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade will provide the infrastructure required for VLocity trains to run to and from Shepparton for the first time, improving service reliability and providing passengers with more comfortable journeys.

This includes a new stabling facility to house the trains as well as level crossing upgrades between Donnybrook and Shepparton to ensure they're compatible with VLocity trains and to boost safety for road users and train passengers.

The crossing loop extension will improve service reliability by giving trains more opportunities to pass each other.

Rail Projects Victoria is undertaking planning work to finalise the delivery strategy for Stage 3 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade, which will provide a massive boost for passengers on the Shepparton Line, almost doubling the number of services each weekday and delivering faster journeys.

The Shepparton Line Upgrade will give passengers more reliable services, faster journeys and more modern trains, and will create 600 jobs.



Stage 1 - Complete



Additional train services

10 extra services a week between Melbourne and Shepparton



Stabling upgrade

in Shepparton to support extra services



Coach services

29 extra coach services for better transport connections

Stage 2 - Underway



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



Crossing loop extension on the line to enable trains to pass each other



59 level crossing upgrades between Donnybrook and Shepparton



Stabling for VLocity trains

Stage 3 - In development



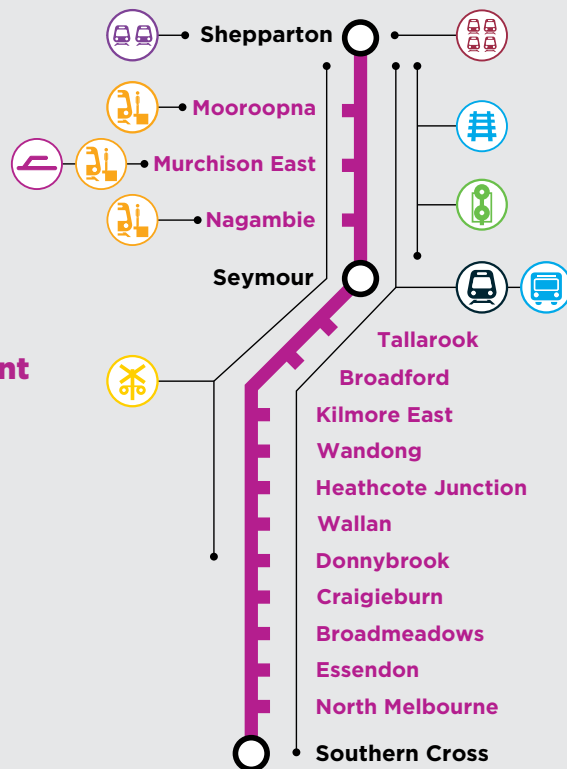
Track upgrades to enable trains to travel at higher speeds



Signalling upgrades to enable nine weekday return services



Expanded stabling for VLocity trains to support more services



Progress

Early works on Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade commenced in 2020.

Crews carried out site investigations along the line from Donnybrook to Shepparton, including non-destructive digging, feature surveys, geotechnical drilling and excavating test pits for soil and groundwater samples.

These investigative works have informed the final designs for the project.

Level crossing upgrade works, including cabling and signalling upgrades, will begin in early 2021 and will continue along the line throughout the year.

Construction on the crossing loop and platform extensions, and new stabling facility is scheduled to commence mid-year.

Coleman Rail in partnership with KBR have been appointed to deliver Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade, as part of an Alliance with Rail Projects Victoria and V/Line.

Work is underway and is targeted for completion in late 2022.

Next steps

Project timelines for Stage 3 of the project will be communicated as planning work is finalised.

The project is being delivered as part of the Regional Rail Revival program.

Rail Projects Victoria

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

The Australian and Victorian governments have invested more than \$4 billion in the program, which is upgrading every regional passenger rail line in Victoria and creating 3,000 jobs and supplier opportunities across the state.

More information

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