

INFORMATION UPDATE

Mitcham Road and Rooks Road Rail Crossings Removal Project

Introduction

The State Government has committed to removing the level crossings at Mitcham Road and Rooks Road in Mitcham with construction expected to start in mid 2013 and be completed by late 2014.

Funding of \$350 million was announced in the 2012-13 State Budget to remove the level crossings at Springvale Road in Springvale and Mitcham and Rooks Roads in Mitcham.

Preliminary investigations

Investigations and community consultation began in 2011 and have shown that removing both crossings at Mitcham Road and Rooks Road will:

- improve public transport and road network efficiency
- improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users.
- provide a much needed boost to the local economy

As part of the planning, VicRoads undertook community consultation in 2011 and spoke with residents and businesses to get their views on the project. VicRoads considered comments and input from a range of stakeholders and the community when developing and assessing project options.

What will the project involve?

The project will separate the rail line from the roads by lowering the rail line at both Mitcham Road and Rooks Road. Separating the rail from the road will remove the conflict between trains and other road users and improve traffic flow through the area.

The new rail line is planned to be built to the south of the existing rail line. This is to allow the maximum amount of construction to be done while the roads and rail line remain open and also means the existing station can still be used during the works. This will minimise disruptions to train services, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. However, closures may be required at times and these will be communicated well in advance with alternative arrangements put in place.

The community will also benefit from a new premium station, manned from the first to the last train each day. The new station will comply with Disability Discrimination Act requirements and include a new bus interchange via an extension of Station Street and bicycle storage facility.

What happens next?

Preconstruction activities have begun and VicRoads will work closely with local businesses and the community to keep them informed of the progress of the works and any impacts or disruptions through information updates, the VicRoads website and the mailing list.

VicRoads is now preparing contract documents and expects to award a contract in early 2013. Detailed designs can then be finalised with construction to start by mid 2013.

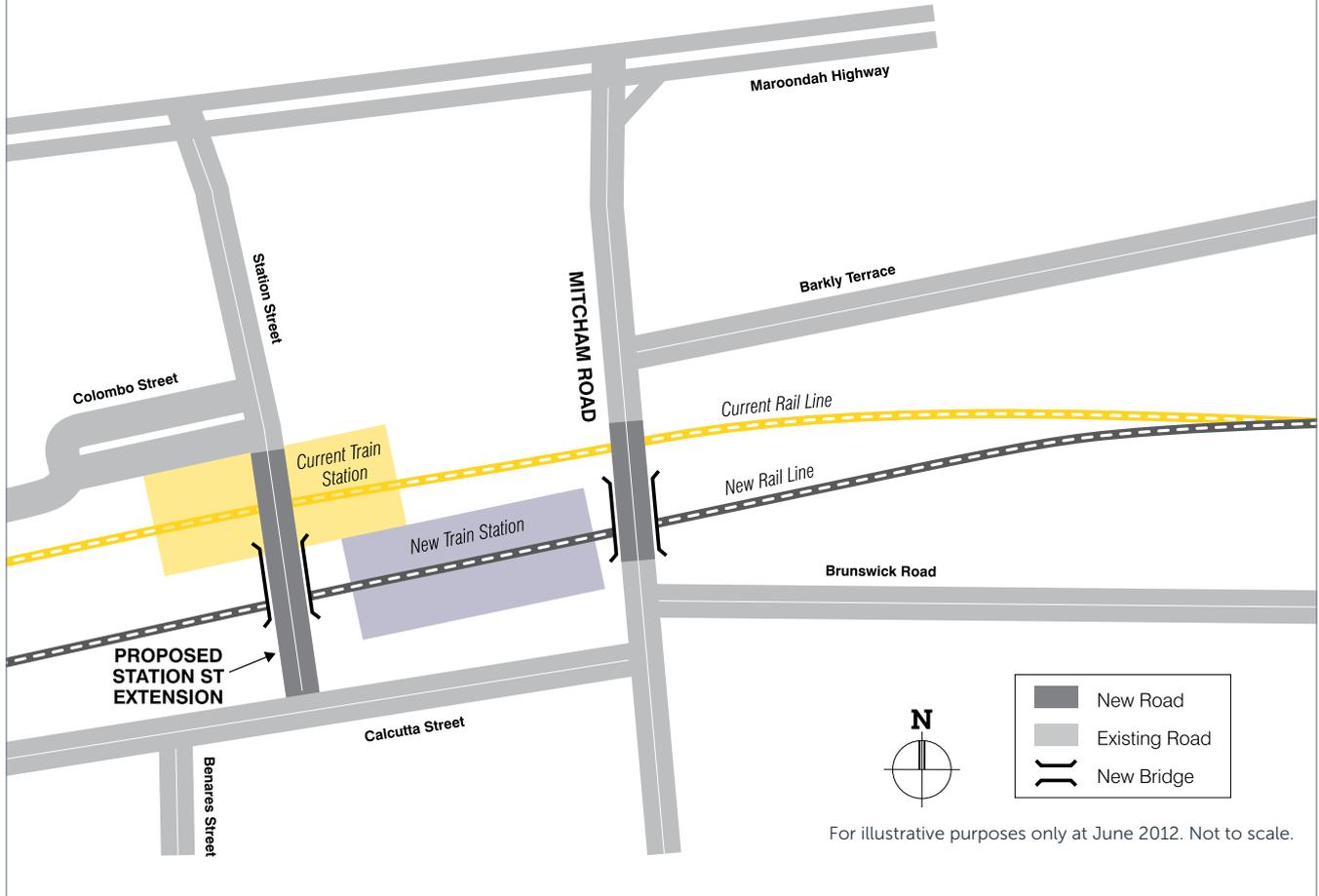
When will the project start?

The removal of the Mitcham Road and Rooks Road level crossings is expected to start in mid 2013 and will be completed by late 2014.

During the construction period, there is the potential for traffic and train disruptions. VicRoads will work closely with all stakeholders to ensure the community is aware of planned works and alternative arrangements, such as detours and bus replacement services during rail shutdown periods.



Concept design of the rail crossing removal at Mitcham Road



The concept design is still in the early stages and may be subject to change. The detailed designs will be developed further when a contractor has been engaged for the project in early 2013.

Keep in contact with us

VicRoads will continue to work closely with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to make sure you are kept up to date with the project and its progress.

VicRoads will provide information through letterbox drops, the VicRoads website, information updates, local newspaper advertising, onsite information boards and face-to-face meetings.

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