



Seaford Connected

Advocacy Priorities for Seaford Level
Crossing Removal

Executive overview



Acknowledgement

Frankston City Council acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters in and around Frankston City and value and recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, heritage and connection to land as a proud part of a shared identity for Frankston City. Council pays respect to Elders past and present and recognises their importance in maintaining knowledge, traditions and culture in our community. Council also respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong Land Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party responsible for managing the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the land and waters where Frankston City Council is situated.





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Positioning Statement

The Seaford Level Crossing Removal Project is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to not only remove dangerous and congested crossings, but to reshape Seaford as a safer, better connected and more liveable coastal community.

Purpose

Seaford Connected sets out a clear, evidence-based advocacy position on behalf of the community—identifying the outcomes that must be achieved to ensure the project delivers lasting local benefit.

About the project

The Victorian Government is proposing to remove the level crossings at Armstrongs Road and Station Street in Seaford by constructing two separate rail bridges, removing the need for boom gates.

The project will deliver a new, modern and accessible Seaford Station, alongside opportunities for improved public spaces, car parking, and walking and cycling connections.

The project is currently in early planning, with site investigations underway. Detailed design, engineering

assessments and ongoing community consultation will inform the final outcome. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2027, with the new elevated station expected to open in 2029.



Seaford Station and Station Street in 2026

Community insight and strategic alignment

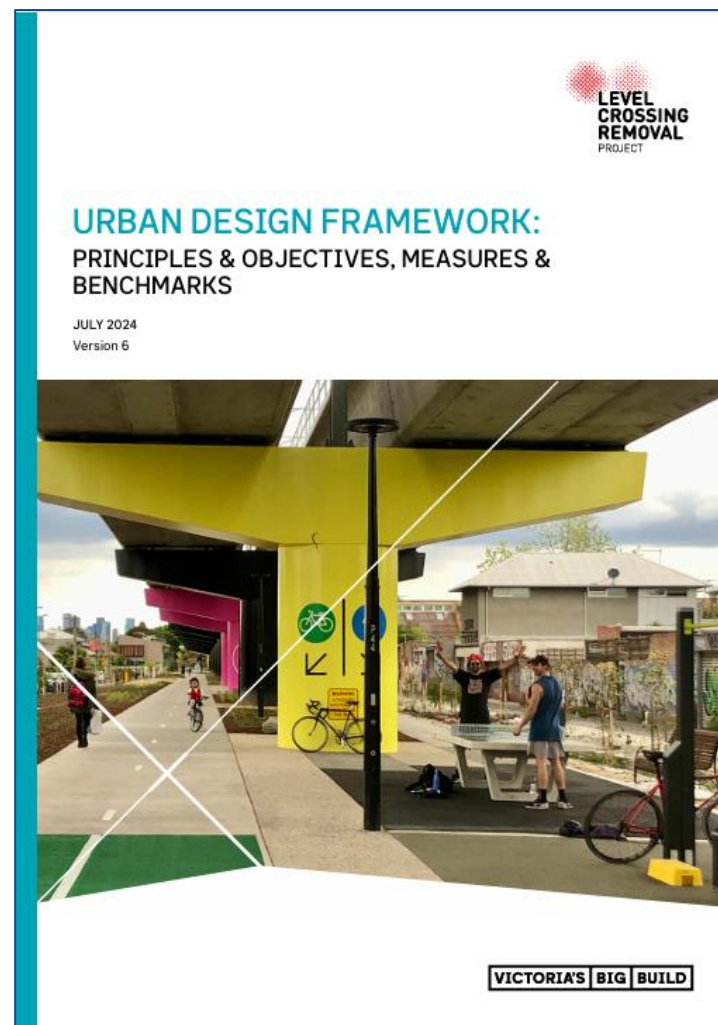
Seaford Connected is grounded in consistent and extensive community input, alongside alignment with key State and local strategies.

Community feedback—gathered through both LXRP and Council-led engagement—has highlighted a clear set of expectations for the project, including improved safety, better connectivity, high-quality public spaces, environmental protection and a design that reflects Seaford's identity.

These priorities are reinforced by alignment with:

- LXRP Urban Design Framework and engagement principles
- Council's Community Vision 2040 and Council and Wellbeing Plan
- Integrated transport, open space, environmental and housing strategies
- Place-based strategies relating to activity centres, public realm and community infrastructure

This ensures the advocacy position and priorities outlined in the Seaford Connected report are community-informed, evidence-based and strategically aligned.



Priority 1: Deliver Safe, Seamless Connections Across the Precinct

ASK: Prioritise pedestrian, cycling and public transport access in all design decisions.

Seaford wants to move safely and easily between the beach, village, homes, schools, open spaces and the station. This includes improving the commuter experience and public transport access within Seaford Village, strengthening pedestrian links and minimising the distance between Seaford Station and bus stops. Transport interchange should be supported through improved signage and street furniture such as bus shelters, seating, waiting areas, bike racks, integrated parkiteers and feature lighting.

There is a need to improve pedestrian connections from the station precinct west to Seaford Village and the foreshore, including upgrading the existing Kananook Creek Station Street bridge, which has structural limitations and is an active transport pinch-point. Visual and physical connectivity at the Station Street forecourt should be enhanced, alongside improved active transport links to surrounding destinations including McKenzie Street, Seaford North Reserve and the Seaford RSL.

Key intersections and crossings must be upgraded, including a signalised intersection at Armstrongs Road and Nepean Highway and at key locations along Railway Parade.

Opportunities should also be explored to deliver future on-road cycling infrastructure and strengthen wayfinding through the Station Street precinct, between Railway Parade and the Seaford Wetlands/Peninsula Link Trail, and ensure Armstrongs Road functions as a key connector between the foreshore, wetlands and Kananook Creek.

Safe, legible pedestrian and cycling connections should be provided from surrounding streets, including McRae and Hazel Streets, and improved links to RF Miles Reserve and the residential catchment east of the station. Connections to Seaford North Reserve should also be strengthened. Wayfinding should be applied consistently across the precinct, and pedestrian and cyclist movement should be prioritised throughout.



PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Streetscape upgrades to Nepean Highway, Station Street, Armstrongs Road and Railway Parade
- Renewal of the existing Kananook Creek Station Street bridge
- Renewal of the existing Kananook Creek Armstrongs Road bridge
- New and upgraded intersections and pedestrian/cyclist signals
- New and upgraded pedestrian and cycling facilities
- Improved precinct wayfinding signage and lighting



Carrum Level Crossing



Macleod Level Crossing

Priority 2: Protect and Enhance Seaford's Natural Environment

ASK: Commit to no net loss of environmental value and deliver a greener, more resilient precinct.

The natural environment is fundamental to Seaford's identity and must be protected and enhanced. This includes safeguarding the significant landscapes of Kananook Creek, the Seaford Wetlands and the foreshore, and ensuring the design response prioritises ecological and cultural heritage values.

The project should create a green, leafy corridor with an ambitious canopy cover target, strengthening habitat links and increasing biodiversity through locally appropriate planting. Water-sensitive urban design and wildlife-friendly measures should be embedded within new precinct infrastructure (car parks, forecourts, streetscapes).

Significant trees should be retained wherever possible, with new planting contributing to urban forest targets, improved amenity and biodiversity outcomes. Where removal is unavoidable, offsets should ensure no net loss.

Given the sensitivity of the environment, appropriate environmental assessment should be undertaken to fully

understand and manage potential impacts.



Noble Park Level Crossing

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Enhanced greening, canopy cover and urban cooling across the precinct
- A water sensitive precinct with WSUD integrated into new infrastructure and public spaces.
- Appropriate re-use of materials including habitat tree logs.
- New vegetation is at least 95% indigenous and native plants
- Significant trees are integrated into the precinct design, with no net loss principles applied where removal is unavoidable.



Deer Park Level Crossing

Priority 3: Create a High-Quality Civic Heart and Public Realm

ASK: Deliver a landmark station precinct that reflects Seaford's identity and supports community life.

This project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create high-quality, inviting public spaces. The new Seaford Station should reflect local character and act as a precinct centrepiece.

A new civic space and station forecourt at Station Street should prioritise pedestrians and function as a welcoming public plaza, strengthening connections to Seaford Village, the foreshore and Kananook Creek. Activate the station building at ground level adjacent to key pedestrian routes and public spaces to support safety and place activation day and night.

Streetscape enhancements should improve the walking and cycling experience, while a new community-level playspace should address an identified gap in provision. Lighting, safety and amenity should be improved throughout, and visual clutter reduced.

The new station and broader precinct are safe and welcoming day and night, designed for women, children and

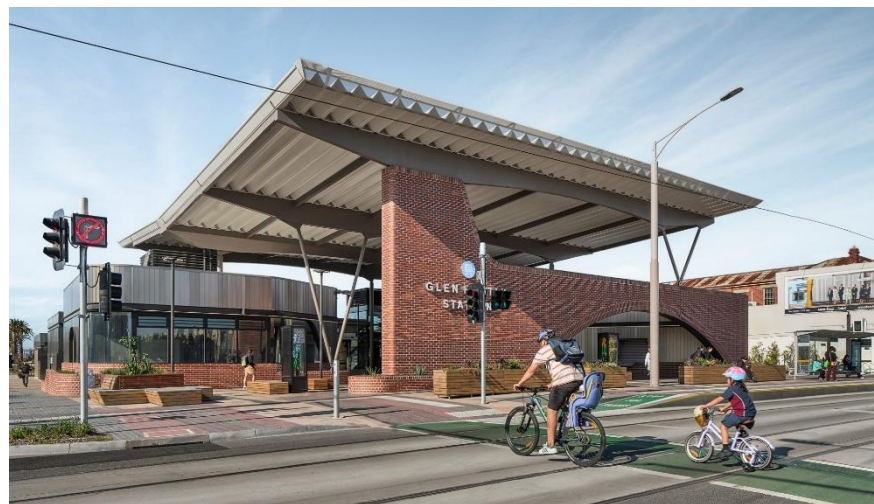
gender-diverse people, with equitable, age-friendly and dignified access for all, guided by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.



Carrum Level Crossing

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- A new civic plaza and activated station forecourt
- A new community-level playspace
- Improved lighting and shared path connections
- Undergrounding of powerlines at Station Street.
- Streetscape upgrades with shade and seating
- Apply a Gender Impact Assessment and CPTED principles to inform design, ensuring equitable and safe access for all



Glen Huntly Level Crossing

Priority 4: Strengthen and Integrate Community Infrastructure

ASK: Use the project to strengthen—not displace—community facilities.

Community infrastructure must be protected, improved and better integrated within the precinct. Opportunities should be explored for new or expanded services, alongside improved accessibility and connections between existing facilities.

Heritage assets should be retained and activated where possible, and key community facilities—including the Seaford RSL, Scout Hall and community centre—should be better connected and supported.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- New or expanded library service provision
- Relocation and/or visual mitigation of active substation
- Adaptive reuse of heritage substation
- Improved integration of community facilities
- Upgraded public toilets at Station Street and at the Nepean Highway/Armstrongs intersection.



Moreland Level Crossing

Priority 5: Manage Traffic, Parking and Local Movement Holistically

ASK: Ensure the project delivers a net improvement in traffic flow, access and safety.

The project must not worsen local traffic conditions. Car parking should be maintained while improving layout, safety and integration with other transport modes.

Design should prioritise pedestrian safety, reduce conflict points and incorporate climate-responsive elements such as canopy planting.

Bus stop waiting, transfer and custom shelters are well integrated with the new Seaford Station providing an accessible, legible and weather protected interchange with real time passenger information displays.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Improved and safer car parking with no net loss of capacity
- Explore traffic calming in key locations.
- Improved public transport connections.



Improved car park layout with canopy trees, water sensitive urban design treatments and considered pedestrian connections.

Priority 6: Reflect Seaford's Coastal Identity and Character

ASK: Embed local identity and Connection to Country in the design from the outset.

Seaford's identity is coastal, green and community-focused, and this must be reflected in the design. Engagement with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation should inform a meaningful and authentic response through appropriate acknowledgement of cultural values and their connection to country.

Design should celebrate the relationship between the coast, wetlands and creek, and protect key views and landscape connections.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Station and public realm design that reflects Seaford's character and cultural context
- The Bunurong community is engaged throughout to embed Connection to Country within the precinct.
- Integration of public art into the precinct to support Frankston's reputation as an arts and culture destination



Bonbeach Level Crossing

Priority 7: Manage Construction Impacts Carefully

ASK: Minimise disruption and deliver long-term community benefit through construction.

Construction must be carefully managed to maintain access to community facilities and minimise disruption. Opportunities should be taken to deliver lasting improvements where impacts occur.

Manage the impact of construction activity within the precinct and ensure that laydown and access areas are rehabilitated to better condition than before the project began.

Design for long-term quality and low maintenance. All public spaces, buildings and infrastructure to be robust, durable and low maintenance using high quality sustainable materials that age well and minimise vandalism and graffiti over time. Incorporate recycled and reused materials where appropriate.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Upgrades to Seaford North Reserve and local sporting infrastructure



Seaford North Reserve

Priority 8: Leverage Strategic Land Use Opportunities

ASK: Use the project to unlock broader community benefit where possible.

Where the project creates capacity, opportunities should be explored to support future housing outcomes that deliver clear community benefit and integrate with open space and infrastructure. The level crossing removal and investment in public transport improvements will be a catalyst for infill development that can facilitate affordable housing outcomes, in particular the targets identified in Plan for Victoria.

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Potential for infill development to accommodate affordable housing within the station precinct.



Ashburton (Homes Victoria)

Priority 9: Strong Advocacy and Ongoing Engagement

ASK: Establish a clear, ongoing partnership with Council throughout design and delivery.

Council will continue to lead advocacy on behalf of the community, ensuring priorities are clearly represented and embedded throughout the project lifecycle.

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Alignment with LXRP Urban Design Framework

These priorities align strongly with the LXRP Urban Design Framework by promoting:

- Place-based, community-focused outcomes
- Safe and connected movement networks
- High-quality public realm
- Environmental sustainability and resilience
- Integration of infrastructure with local identity

Next Steps

Frankston City Council seeks to work in partnership with the Victorian Government and LXRP to:

- Embed these priorities into detailed design, planning and delivery
- Maintain structured and ongoing engagement throughout the project lifecycle
- Ensure agreed outcomes are reflected in final scope and implementation

Further Information

Seaford Connected has been developed by Frankston City Council's Urban Design team.

For further information or to discuss the priorities outlined in this document, please contact the Urban Design team at Frankston City Council on: 1300 322 322, Email: info@frankston.vic.gov.au

