

Media Release

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WORK TO START ON 14 COUNTRY CROSSING UPGRADES

Work will start on 14 country rail crossings in North Eastern and Central Victoria to make them safer for motorists, passengers and local communities.

Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan announced today that Active Railway Signalling Pty Ltd (ARS) has been awarded the contract to deliver the \$8.2 million in critical safety upgrades.

As part of the works, boom gates and flashing lights will be installed at 10 road crossings on the Seymour corridor and North East line:

- Racecourse Road, Chiltern
- Gravel Pit Road, Wangaratta
- Cemetery Road, Benalla
- Carroll Road, Benalla
- Palmerston Street, Baddaginnie
- Mahers Road, Violet Town
- Angle Road, Euroa
- Locksley Road, Locksley-Nagambie
- Beveridge Station Lane, Beveridge
- Rutherglen-Springhurst Road (Cannings Crossing), Springhurst

Four pedestrian crossings will also be upgraded – two in Broadford and two in Donnybrook. They will be upgraded with automatic gates that close when a train is approaching and won't open until it is safe to cross.

Emergency exit gates with electromagnetic latches will also be installed, to ensure people can get off the tracks if they get caught between the automatic gates when they close.

The upgrades are part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$50 million *Safer Country Crossings Program* which will upgrade 52 road and 25 pedestrian crossings around Victoria.

The program has already delivered crucial safety upgrades at the Phalps Road, Tragowel Road and Sandy's Lane level crossings, as well as the Kilmore East pedestrian crossing.

The 14 crossings in this package of works will be managed by VicTrack, and will be complete mid-next year.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

"We're upgrading these road and pedestrian crossings to improve safety for motorists, passengers and local communities in Central and Central Victoria."

"Work on each of the 14 crossings will start immediately and be finished by mid-next year – we're getting it done."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"These vital upgrades will make northern Victoria safer and reduce the risk of accidents along the north east line."

Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

"This critical investment will upgrade and make safer the level crossing on Beveridge Station Lane and two pedestrian crossings on Donnybrook Road, which is so important with the growing population in these communities."

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