

Dandenong Rail Corridor – Stage 2

Westall Rail Upgrade Project

Adding extra track and stabling to boost capacity

The Dandenong Rail Corridor Project – Stage 2: Westall Rail Upgrade is part of the Government's plan to improve Melbourne's public transport and will enable more people to travel more efficiently on the Dandenong rail line.

The Dandenong rail line is a vital public transport link for the southeast of Melbourne, servicing a rapidly growing area of more than half a million people.

The Dandenong Rail Corridor Project is aimed at improving services on the Dandenong line through progressively implementing stages of upgrades along the corridor. A staged approach will minimise the impacts of construction and introduce capacity and reliability improvements while other stages are being developed.

Stage 1 of the Dandenong Rail Corridor Project, involving an upgrade at Cranbourne station, is well under way and is progressing well.

Stage 2, the Westall Rail Upgrade Project will continue to build on the benefits provided in the first stage by increasing

capacity and improving reliability for the Dandenong line through infrastructure work at Westall station.

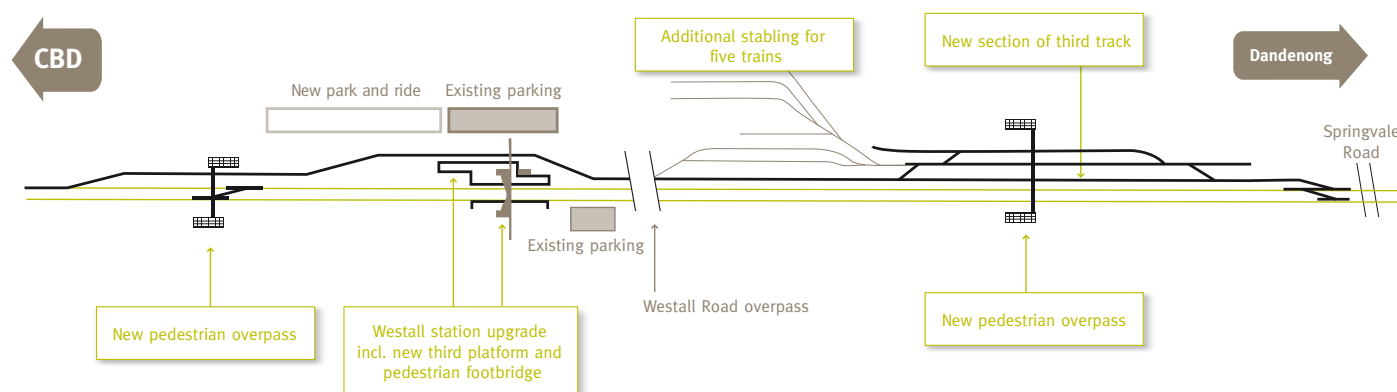
The project is due to commence in 2009.

What does the Westall Rail Upgrade Project involve?

The project will include:

- Construction of 2.7km of third track between Centre Road and Springvale Road
- A significant upgrade to Westall station including a third platform and improvements to passenger amenities, safety and DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) access
- New 'short starter trains' to start and finish their journeys at Westall station
- Grade separation of three pedestrian level crossings between Centre Road and Springvale Road, including a pedestrian footbridge to access Westall station
- A boost to car parking at Westall station with 80 new car spaces provided on the north side of the station
- Additional stabling for five trains at the Westall stabling depot to provide extra storage capacity for Melbourne's new fleet of trains

Figure 1
Scope of Westall Rail Upgrade project



How will the Westall Rail Upgrade Project benefit the Dandenong line?

Additional services are required to meet the growing demand on the Dandenong corridor. Due to recent patronage growth, current services are becoming over crowded causing service reliability to decline. This is particularly so for services starting at outer suburban stations which are often heavily loaded by the time they arrive at Westall. This overcrowding increases as the train travels towards the city and leads to delays at stations when passengers try to enter or exit the heavily loaded trains.

The section of third track, the third platform and the additional stabling will enable trains to finish at Westall station. Trains can then turn around to either start another journey back into the city, or enter efficiently into the stabling facility. The short starter trains can operate immediately behind a Pakenham or Cranbourne express train by stopping to pick up passengers at stations the express trains bypass.

By commencing trains empty at Westall station, passengers who travel from Westall station and stations towards the city will benefit from less crowded trains and therefore a more reliable service.

Passengers who travel from outer suburban stations on the Dandenong line will also benefit from reduced overcrowding and improved service reliability as passengers will be more evenly spread across trains commencing from Pakenham, Cranbourne, Dandenong and now from Westall station.

The Westall Rail Upgrade Project will result in less crowded trains, improved reliability and greater capacity.



More information

For further information about the project or to submit an enquiry, please contact the project team by calling 1800 RAIL 00 (1800 724 500) or emailing railprojectenquiries@doi.vic.gov.au.

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