



Sunbury Electrification.

(It's part of the plan).

Introduction

The Victorian Government is committed to electrifying the rail line from Watergardens to Sunbury. This will change the way trains in the Sydenham-Sunbury corridor currently operate to help them carry more passengers and run more reliably which is vital to the ongoing viability of Melbourne's broader train network.

Why electrify to Sunbury?

The Sydenham-Sunbury line is under significant pressure from growing patronage. Patronage on the Sydenham line has grown by 55 per cent over the past three years – the most rapid growth on the network.

Although existing services from Sunbury may meet current needs, there is limited capacity to add extra services to Sunbury or Watergardens. Electrification provides a longer term solution that caters for future generations in the Sunbury and Watergardens areas.

By extending electrification out to Sunbury, the Sunbury-based V/Line trains can be replaced with metropolitan trains which can carry more than double the number of passengers. This will also enable more electric trains to be timetabled on the Sydenham-Sunbury corridor.

Timing

Works to electrify the network to Sunbury will commence in 2010 with metropolitan trains to run from Sunbury in 2012.

Key features

The Sunbury Electrification Project will involve:

- Installation of electrical infrastructure between Watergardens and Sunbury
- Construction of stabling facilities at Sunbury Station
- Construction of an additional 500 commuter car parking spaces at Diggers Rest Station
- An extra 100 car park spaces near Sunbury Station dedicated for commuters
- Station improvements at Sunbury and Diggers Rest stations

Benefits

Electrification to Sunbury will deliver a number of benefits for commuters including:

- Additional services on the Sydenham line to alleviate congestion on the network's fastest growing line
- An increase of ultimately more than double the number of current services on weekdays and weekends from Sunbury and Diggers Rest
- More frequent and direct access to all stations along the Watergardens line and City Loop stations for commuters travelling from Sunbury and Diggers Rest
- Commuters on the Sunbury line will no longer need to change at North Melbourne Station for a connecting City Loop service

- Services will operate earlier in the morning and later at night during weekdays and on weekends for Sunbury and Diggers Rest commuters
- Safety, amenity and accessibility improvements at Sunbury and Diggers Rest stations

Station improvements

Sunbury and Diggers Rest stations will both be upgraded to provide improved facilities including:

- Fully *Disability Discrimination Act* compliant station building with CCTV security cameras and improved lighting
- Installation of platform shelters, additional seats and rubbish bins
- Refurbishment of existing waiting rooms including improved toilet facilities
- Installation of bicycle storage facilities
- Installation of clocks and passenger information displays showing train information

In addition, the booking office at Sunbury Station will be improved. As a Premium Station, Sunbury will be staffed from first to last train in line with other metropolitan premium stations.

Bendigo services

There will be no changes to the frequency of existing Bendigo services. Commuters wanting to travel to regional Victoria will be able to board the V/Line train at Sunbury to Bendigo and will be able to get off at Sunbury on the return journey.

Minimising disruptions to services during construction

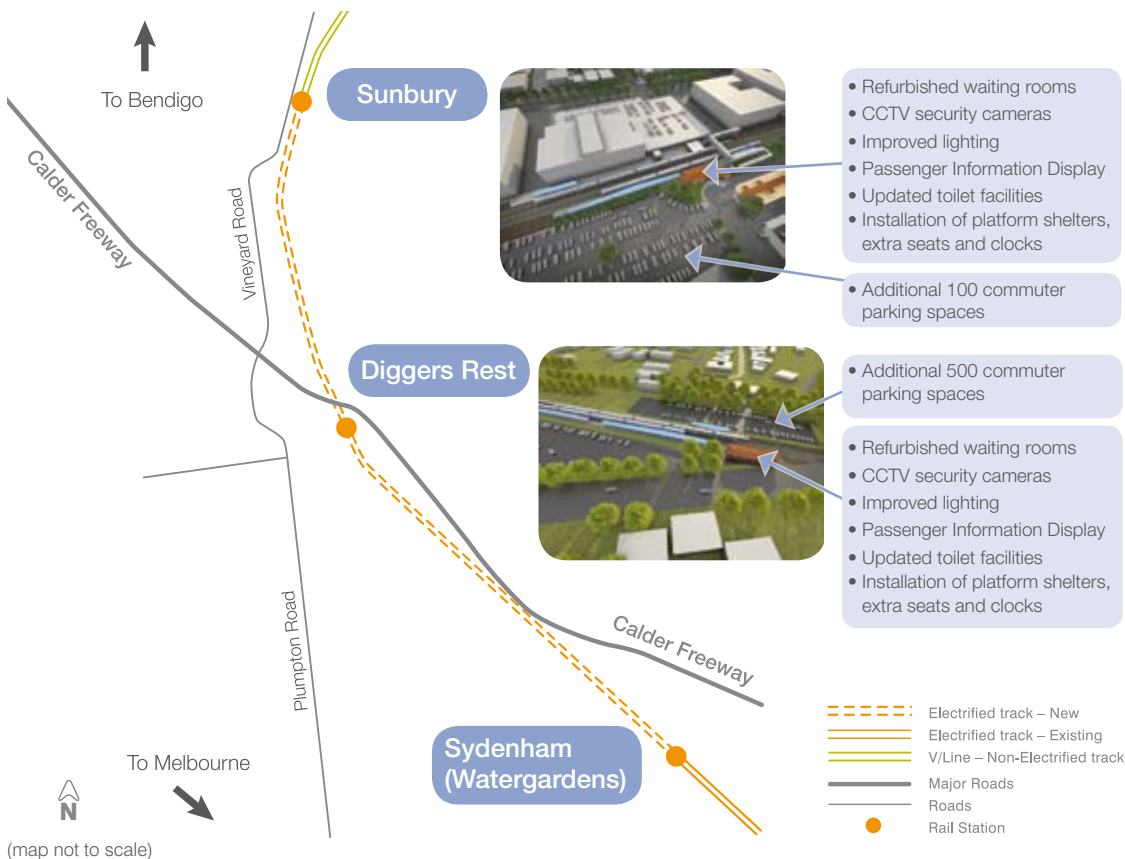
As with any major project some disruption is expected. Where possible, the majority of the works will be undertaken during off-peak periods. The Department of Transport will work with transport operators to ensure passengers are informed of any changes to services.

For more information

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