

New trains for the
north east line

More comfortable and reliable trains for regional Victorians



The Victorian Government is delivering new, modern long-haul VLocity trains for the first time on the north east line to replace the current aging Classic Fleet and provide a more reliable service from Melbourne to Albury-Wodonga.

The new VLocity trains will be delivered following the completion of the North East Line Upgrade, which includes infrastructure works required to enable the operation of the new trains. Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) is overseeing the project which is being delivered by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).

The new standard gauge VLocity trains will provide:



Improved comfort, safety and modern features



Faster, more reliable services



Improved accessibility



Food and drink facilities



Allocated space for luggage and bikes

North East Line upgrade

The \$235 million project will enable improved services and is being delivered by ARTC as part of the \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival (RRR) program.

Upgrades will bring the track to a Victorian Class 2 standard, the same as other parts of Victoria's regional passenger rail network.

Local jobs and investment

New, faster VLocity trains together with unprecedented local investment in public transport and regional roads will drive the creation of jobs, and stimulate local business and new housing opportunities in the Hume region.

Next steps

Transport for Victoria (TfV) will engage with key stakeholders including passengers, advocacy and technical groups to keep them informed about the new VLocity trains as the design process progresses.

Questions and answers

What speed will the new VLocity trains be able to run at?

The North East Line Upgrade will enable the introduction of VLocity trains, which will be able to travel at up to 130km per hour on the line.

What are the benefits of upgrading the north east line to a Victorian Class 2 standard?

The upgrade will bring the track up to Victorian Class 2 standard - the necessary standard for the modern VLocity trains to operate between Melbourne and Albury/Wodonga. Upgrades will also address service reliability, resilience and ride quality issues being experienced on the north east corridor.

When will the new VLocity trains be delivered?

The new VLocity trains will be delivered following the completion of the North East Line Upgrade, which is needed to support modern trains.

Detailed design of the new standard gauge bogies has begun. Bogies are the essential component under the train that bear the load and contain the axles, suspension and brakes. As VLocity trains have not previously been fitted with standard gauge bogies, this component will take the longest to design and construct.

Design work on food and drink facilities is also underway.

Who is delivering the new VLocity trains?

TfV is delivering the new VLocity trains and will work closely with V/Line and other transport and industry partners to deliver the new trains, which will be built in Victoria.

Other local transport and road initiatives

The Victorian Government has invested \$15 million to improve existing services on the north east line, including providing an extra fourth train. All of the Classic Fleet trains that currently run on the line have now been refurbished to improve comfort and reliability.

Other key local transport and road initiatives that have been delivered or are planned include:

Public transport

- New bus shelter and bike hoops in Violet Town
- Level and pedestrian crossing upgrades on the north east line
- Extra train services for Seymour
- Seymour station carpark, bike cage and bus interchange upgrades
- New bike parks at Avenel, Springhurst, Chiltern, Wodonga, Wangaratta and Benalla stations
- Extra return coach services between Seymour and Wangaratta, and Seymour and Wodonga

Road

- Great Alpine Road (Wangaratta – Bruthen)
- Kiewa Valley Highway from Wodonga to Mount Beauty
- Wangaratta-Whitfield Road
- Beechworth – Wodonga Road

Further information

To find out more about new regional trains visit: transport.vic.gov.au

For more information about the Regional Rail Revival program visit: regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au

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