

# Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project

Improving freight and passenger rail in and around Ballarat

**The Victorian freight industry and V/Line passengers will benefit from the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project improving the efficiency of freight and passenger rail in and around Ballarat.**

The project will provide faster and more reliable freight paths from the Murray Basin region to the ports and reduce interfaces with passenger trains, by separating freight and passenger trains in and around the Ballarat rail network.

The Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project will deliver a number of track and signaling improvements which maximises the benefits of both the Murray Basin Rail Project and Ballarat Line Upgrade.

## Project benefits

The Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project will:

- untangle congested rail pathways through the Ballarat station precinct – separating broad-gauge passenger services from standard-gauge freight services
- ensure a minimum of 42 weekly return freight paths from the Murray Basin region through Ballarat, with the ability to increase to 65 if required via the Ararat and Maryborough loop
- reduce the number of signalling systems on the Ballarat corridor and upgrade the 1970's Ballarat signalling system
- allow greater line speed for freight services within the Ballarat rail corridor by improving track geometry and the removal of congestion points
- pave the way for additional services to Maryborough and retain the dual-gauge connection between Maryborough and Dunolly to allow future passenger rail to Dunolly
- deliver the infrastructure needed to support future uplift in passenger rail including a fifth daily return passenger service to Ararat.

## Who is delivering the project?

The project is being delivered by Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) on behalf of the Victorian Government.

RPV will work with Transport for Victoria and V/Line to consult with industry and stakeholders as the timing and delivery strategy for the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project and remaining Murray Basin Rail Project works are finalised.

RPV are also delivering the Ballarat Line Upgrade as part of the Regional Rail Revival and has been working with the community and stakeholders in the region.

## Investment

The Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project is funded by the Victorian and Australian Governments.

## Next steps

The Victoria Government is working with freight customers, rail operators and key stakeholders to maximise the benefits of the upgraded network. This includes seeking feedback on the staging and sequencing for the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project and the remainder of the Murray Basin Rail Project.

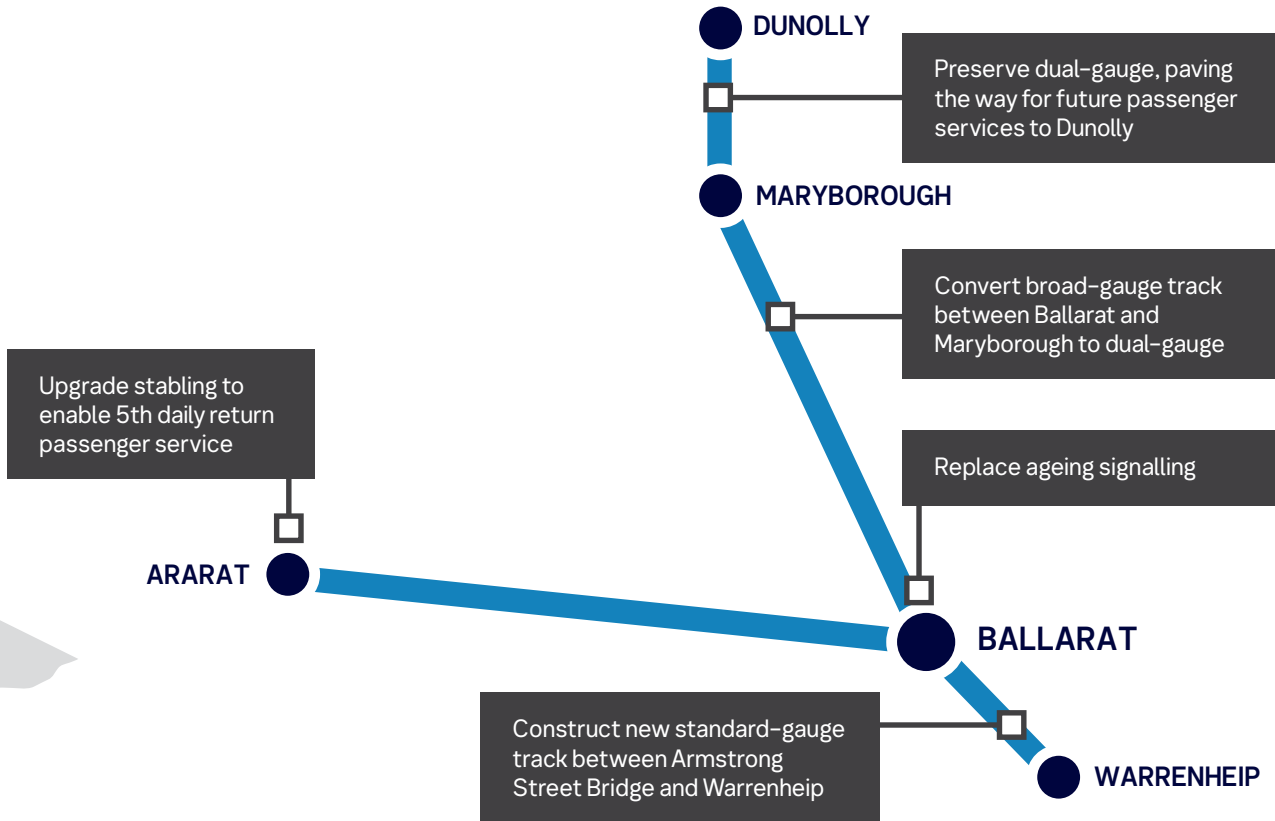
## Further information

For more information about the Freight-Passenger Rail Separation Project visit the Transport for Victoria website: [transport.vic.gov.au](http://transport.vic.gov.au)

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