

Media Release

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BALLARAT STATION UPGRADE DESIGNS REVEALED

The Allan Labor Government has revealed the early designs for a \$50 million upgrade to Ballarat Station to improve accessibility.

The new plans released today include installing a pedestrian overpass with a passenger lift and stairs to both platforms.

The upgrades will make it easier for people with a disability, as well as passengers with prams and luggage, to get around the station and use public transport, while also respecting the heritage of the station precinct.

The project will also include an upgrade of the northern entry to the station to build a new ramp and stairs, along with improvements to lighting and tactiles.

The design maintains a degree of transparency for the overpass that will maintain view lines from the inside and outside to ensure safety for all users.

Crews have completed preliminary engineering and geotechnical work that helped inform the early designs and determined the best location for the new overpass is at the station building's eastern end – with construction set to be completed in 2026.

The project team has already started early engagement with key community stakeholders including disability advocacy and heritage groups. Locals can now have their say on aspects of the design by visiting engage.vic.gov.au.

The work will build on the Ballarat Line Upgrade, which delivered an extra 135 weekly services for Ballarat and growing communities along the line. Trains now run every 20 minutes on average during peak times.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pearson

“The upgrades will ensure passengers can better access the station and change platforms, making it easier for people to catch a train.”

“This investment will make sure Ballarat Station is more accessible, for more people – which is a huge win for the community.”

Quote attributable to Member for Ballarat Juliana Addison

“Not only will the overpass and lifts improve access across the rail line, it will also be designed in a manner that respects the significant heritage values of the station precinct.”

Quote attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

“With construction on track to start later this year, commuters can look forward to an improved, more accessible station.”