

Media Release

Regional Rail Link: Sunshine Boom Gates Gone

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, yesterday joined with Victorian Public Transport Minister Martin Pakula and Member for Derrimut Telmo Languiller to announce works packages that will deliver major improvements in Sunshine.

The Regional Rail Link works packages announced yesterday will involve the removal of two level crossings on Anderson Road in Sunshine and improvements to Sunshine Station.

Public Transport Minister Martin Pakula yesterday pointed out that he had responded to very strong representation from Brimbank Council and LeadWest about the need to remove the level crossings. The Brumby Government has listened and with construction of the Regional Rail Link will come the removal of two of the worst level crossings in Melbourne's west, a new footbridge and plaza entries to Sunshine Station, a new platform and improvements to station safety and amenity.

Brimbank Council Chair of Administrators Peter Lewinsky is impressed by the outcome for the community. Removal of the Anderson road level crossings delivers more than the immediate convenience and safety improvements for motorists; the works will unlock the potential of the Sunshine Station precinct.

"Removing these level crossings gives council a great opportunity to work with the Regional Rail Link project team and the Victorian Government to unlock the development potential in Sunshine," Mr Lewinsky said.

"On one hand it is great for motorists that they won't be stuck at boom gates but on a bigger level this paves the way for a complete rethink of how Sunshine and the station precinct works — it's terrific news for the community."

LeadWest CEO Anton Mayer sees how the investment in Regional Rail Link by the Australian and Victorian governments is helping to overcome a variety of issues for Melbourne's west. He notes its nation building aspects.

"On the surface the Regional Rail Link addresses transportation issues, it delivers increased services in Melbourne's west as well as enhancing capacity on lines to regional Victoria. It connects the new growth areas to the inner west and Melbourne's CBD. Most importantly though, it connects people to places of education and employment, helps to unlock the potential of places like Sunshine and Footscray, acts a stimulus for the sustainable development of Melbourne's west."

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About LeadWest

LeadWest Ltd was formed by the metropolitan western region councils. Its board members are representatives from the councils, businesses and educational institutions of Melbourne's West. LeadWest was formed to foster and undertake actions that support the sustainable growth and development of the region. It builds on the existing social, economic and environmental capacity of the region, to ensure a sustainable future for communities and businesses of the West.