

# BENDIGO AND EAGLEHAWK STATION DESIGN TENDER RELEASED

**Friday, 3 March 2017**

The design tender for the Andrews Labor Government's upgrade of Bendigo and Eaglehawk Stations has been released to market.

Minister for Public Transport and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan joined Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards today to announce the release of the tender for the first major upgrade of these stations in decades.

The multimillion dollar project will build a new pedestrian overpass with lifts and stairs at Bendigo Station, making it quicker and easier to transfer between platforms.

The waiting area at Bendigo will be improved, as will car parking and traffic management outside the station.

At Eaglehawk, the platform will be extended and 60 new car parking spaces built making the station more accessible for local passengers, particularly those with limited mobility and parents with prams.

The \$15.8 million project was funded in last year's State Budget and responds to findings from a community consultative taskforce established to improve access to Bendigo and Eaglehawk stations.

It follows a significant increase in services to Bendigo, Eaglehawk and other local stations last year with the introduction of two new peak hour services and Stage 1 of Bendigo Metro.

The *Victorian Budget 2016/17* also provided \$280 million for new regional carriages and \$198 million to rebuild V/Line after the former Liberal and National Government slashed \$120 million from the regional operator.

The upgrades are consistent with the Council's integrated transport and land use strategy *Connecting Greater Bendigo*, the *Bendigo Station Improvement Plan* and the *Eaglehawk Station Precinct Master Plan*.

Preliminary designs for the upgrades will be finalised later this year, with construction due to start next year and be complete by early 2019. For more tender information, visit [www.tenderlink.com/victrack](http://www.tenderlink.com/victrack)

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan**

*"This is the first upgrade of these stations in decades and will make them more accessible and user-friendly for local passengers."*

*"The design tender will be finalised this year, work will start next year and by early 2019 the upgrades will be complete – we're getting on with it."*

**Quotes attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards**

*“These vital upgrades will make it easier for thousands of local passengers to get the train, particularly those with mobility issues and parents with prams.”*

*“It’s part of our ongoing investment in better services, stations and public transport in and around Bendigo, and across Victoria.”*

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