

# Media Release

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## BENDIGO AND EAGLEHAWK STATION UPGRADE – ONE STEP CLOSER

The Andrews Labor Government is one step closer to delivering its \$15.8 million transformation of Bendigo and Eaglehawk train stations to provide better and more comfortable access for passengers.

The Labor Government today released the request for tender to upgrade Bendigo and Eaglehawk train stations, improving access to one of Victoria's fastest growing regional areas.

The centre piece of the project is a new pedestrian overpass at Bendigo Station, with new lifts, ramp and stair access making it easier for commuters to transfer between platforms and connect with other forms of transport.

The design of the bridge reflects Bendigo's heritage and will not impact on the land used by the adjacent bowling club. Further refinements to the design will be made as part of the design and construction phase, in consultation with the City of Greater Bendigo and key stakeholders.

Further upgrades at Bendigo Station will see improvements to the waiting area, toilets and customer service areas to make it easier for people to move through the station, enhancing commuter comfort and safety.

The Labor Government is also planning for more growth in Eaglehawk by extending the platform at Eaglehawk Station to accommodate longer trains and building a new 60-space car park with taxi and drop off areas.

Preliminary designs have considered the unique heritage of the area and are the product of extensive community consultation, with around 80 local residents, businesses and commuters attending community feedback sessions in Bendigo and Eaglehawk in October this year.

The upgrades also complement the Government's Regional Network Development Plan and its \$1.57 billion Regional Rail Revival delivering more investment and more jobs in regional Victoria.

Works will be completed in 2019 and are in line with the City of Greater Bendigo integrated transport and land use strategy *Connecting Greater Bendigo*, the *Bendigo Station Improvement Plan* and the *Eaglehawk Station Precinct Master Plan*.

For more information about the tender, visit [tenderlink.com/victrack](http://tenderlink.com/victrack) and to view the community consultation report visit [victrack.com.au](http://victrack.com.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

*"We're getting on with the job delivering the first major upgrade to these two stations in decades."*

*"We will continue to work closely with the local community as we deliver these upgrades that will improve safety and access, for both residents and visitors to our city."*

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

*"These upgrades are part of our unprecedented investment to ensure Bendigo residents can get where they need to go quickly, reliably and safely."*

*"We took the time to make sure we got the design right for everyday passengers – and now we're getting on with delivering this important project."*

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