



Background

The Dynon Port Rail Link is a jointly funded project of the Australian and Victorian Governments.

It is the first major rail infrastructure project to be delivered for Victoria under the AusLink program.

With port-related container volumes expected to increase fivefold in the next 30 years, the improved rail link will separate road and rail access to the port and increase the amount of freight which can be transported directly to the port by rail.

The project will ease congestion at a major road and rail bottleneck affecting one of Australia's largest container ports.

What is the scope of the project?

The Dynon Port Rail Link will involve the construction of two new rail lines into the Port of Melbourne under a newly constructed, elevated section of Footscray Road.

The new overpass will be built to the west of CityLink between the CityLink north bound off ramp and the Melbourne Market Authority (MMA) Gate 4. The overpass will be integrated with elevated sections of Appleton Dock and Enterprize Roads.

The overpass will accommodate the needs of all users of Footscray Road and will allow for the continued operation of heavy freight vehicles within the port precinct.

Project features

Currently the Port of Melbourne's only rail access is via a single, dual gauge track crossing at Footscray Road, which gives priority to road traffic.

Trains are restricted to entering the port at 15km/hr and consequently Footscray Road can be blocked for up to 15 minutes. This delay has significant impacts on the surrounding road network.

The project will have the following benefits:

- Improved safety through the removal of three level crossings – Footscray Road, Appleton Dock Road and Enterprize Road.
- Improved traffic flow on Footscray Road, following the removal of the level crossing.
- Uninterrupted rail access to the Port of Melbourne for trains of up to 1500 metres without impacting road traffic.

The design of the overpass will also allow:

- Double stacked container trains to access the port in future.
- Parallel train movements in and out of the port through construction of two new rail lines.
- A future connection of a Webb Dock rail link.
- Future access of Port Precinct Vehicles and Internal Transfer Vehicles.

When will the works take place?

Construction will begin in August 2007 and will be completed in 2009.



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How will Footscray Road users be affected?

A traffic management plan has been developed by the project team in consultation with VicRoads, the Port of Melbourne, as well as port and market users.

The plan aims to limit the impact on Footscray Road users, with as few major changes to traffic conditions as possible during construction. Road users will be informed in advance of traffic changes.

A Traffic Coordination Group will be established in mid 2007 to monitor the effectiveness of traffic management during construction.

This group will include a range of relevant industry representatives and will provide a forum for providing stakeholder feedback during construction of the project.

The project team will also work closely with the M1 project team responsible for the Monash Freeway upgrade to coordinate traffic management plans and minimise impacts.

Key traffic management strategies

- At least three lanes will be open at all times for traffic travelling in both directions along Footscray Road during construction.
- Coode Road East will remain open at all times during construction.
- Two lanes in both directions of Dock Link Road South will remain clear at all times during construction.
- There will be an additional right turn lane into Footscray Road from Dock Link Road South and increased capacity for U-turns.

- To minimise impact on the MMA and Melbourne Fish Markets, the traffic signals at MMA Gates 4 and 5 will be removed and MMA Gates 2, 3 and 4 will be entry only. New traffic signals will be installed opposite MMA Gate 1.
- Concrete barriers will be installed along Footscray Road where it is impacted by construction to separate in-bound and out-bound traffic. This necessary safety feature will result in the following impact on traffic movements:
 - Appleton Dock Road left in and left out only.
 - Eastbound traffic right turn into port only at Dock Link Road.
 - Right turn exit traffic from port restricted to Dock Link Road South.

Key project milestones

August 2007

Early construction works begin

October 2007

Commencement of overpass construction, concrete barrier installed

Mid 2008

Overpass open for Footscray Road outbound traffic

Early 2009

Overpass open for all traffic, concrete barrier removed

Mid 2009

Rail and signalling works complete
Enterprize Road overpass complete

More information

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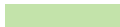

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Aerial image of Footscray Road



-  Existing Rail Line
-  Proposed Dynon Port Rail Link
-  Proposed Footscray Road, Appleton Dock Road and Enterprize Road Grade Separation
-  Existing at grade level crossing