Regional Rail Link is a landmark infrastructure project designed to remove major bottlenecks in Victoria’s rail network.

It will do this by untangling metropolitan and regional tracks as they travel through Melbourne’s west into the heart of the city.

Ballarat and Wendouree train services will be replaced by a coach service from Saturday 19 April to Friday 25 April (Anzac Day) inclusive.

Trains to and from Maryborough to Ballarat and to and from Ararat to Southern Cross Station will connect at Ballarat with replacement coach services to Southern Cross Station.

Due to V/Line maintenance activities from Tuesday 22 April to Thursday 24 April, replacement coaches for some services will operate between Ararat and Southern Cross Station.

Coaches during peak hours will leave earlier from Ballarat Station to arrive at the standard train arrival time at Southern Cross Station.

Please allow an extra 60 minutes for your journey.

Geelong

All trains on the Geelong line, including South Geelong and Marshall, will be replaced with coach services the weekend 26–27 April.

Trains will continue to operate between Geelong and Warrnambool.

Please allow an extra 45 minutes for your journey.

Planning your journey?

Customers can plan their journey in advance using the Public Transport Victoria (PTV) Journey Planner at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007 (6am-midnight daily). Information will also be available at stations and via customer service staff.

Remember

In Melbourne, coaches arrive and depart from the Southern Cross Station coach terminal located on Spencer Street, opposite Little Bourke Street.

No checked luggage, no bikes and no pets are allowed on replacement coaches.

Customers with special needs are encouraged to call V/Line (1800 800 007) 24 hours in advance of travel.

For more information about the project:

Visit www.regionalraillink.vic.gov.au

Email rrl@transport.vic.gov.au

Call 1800 107 925

Twitter @rrlproject

If you require Regional Rail Link information in another language, please call us on (03) 8380 0775 to speak to an interpreter.

Regional Rail Link

Buses replace trains between Saturday 19 April and Sunday 27 April 2014 while major Regional Rail Link construction works take place.

Works include:

• Rail profiling on the North Melbourne flyover

• Works in the Artsilis Yard near North Melbourne Station

• Signalling and overhead works and removal of redundant track equipment between South Kensington Station and Footscray

• Works to complete the Nicholson Street bridge, Footscray

• Works to complete platforms 3 and 4 at Sunshine and Footscray stations

• Track works near Sunshine Station

• Continued works on the Bendigo line grade separation on Anderson Road, Sunshine

• Construction and testing of new signalling and communications equipment between Footscray and Sunshine stations

• Construction and commissioning of new signalling infrastructure for the Sunbury line between Sunshine and Albion

• Removal of redundant signalling and communications equipment between Footscray and Deep Park

• Modifications to train control systems to reflect changes along the Regional Rail Link network

• Installing and commissioning equipment including CCTV cameras, passenger information displays and hearing loops at Sunshine and Footscray stations

• Activating two new pedestrian crossings at Sydney Street and Adelaide Street, Albion

• Tamping and track work near Robinsons Road, Deep Park.

Carrying out all these activities during this period reduces future disruption for rail passengers and the community as we deliver the Regional Rail Link project.
From the first service on Saturday 19 April until the last service on Friday 25 April, buses will replace trains on the Werribee line between Newport and North Melbourne. On the weekend Saturday and Sunday 26–27 April, buses will replace trains on the Sunbury line with trains into the city. On Anzac Day Friday 25 April, limited express buses will operate from Sunbury/Watergardens to Albion, and then to Flinders Street Station. On Saturday 26 April, limited express buses will depart from Newport for North Melbourne. Alternatively, change at Footscray for a Sunbury line train into the city. On Saturday 27 April, buses will replace all trains between Williamstown and North Melbourne, including South Kensington. If you are travelling to North Melbourne or into the city, you can change at Newport for a limited express bus to North Melbourne via Footscray. Alternatively change at Footscray for a Sunbury line train into the city.

Changes to your travel.

Saturday 19 April – Sunday 27 April

Limited express and stopping all stations replacement bus options will operate on the following lines:

- Werribee line: Werribee, Watergardens, St Albans, Albion, Flemington Racecourse. Where you use then touch off at the last station. Myki readers are available and touch off once each journey; touch on at the first railway station you would normally. It is important that you use the station myki machines to touch on and touch off on each journey. On the first railway station you use then touch off at the last station. Myki readers are available.
- Sunbury line: Sunbury, Watergardens, St Albans, Albion, Flemington Racecourse, Sunshine, Tottenham, West Footscray, Middle Footscray, Footscray, North Melbourne. Customer service staff will attend replacement bus stops.
- Williamstown line: Williamstown, Newport, South Kensington, Flagstaff, Parliament, Flinders Street Station. Customer service staff will attend replacement bus stops.
- On the weekend Saturday and Sunday 26–27 April, buses will replace trains on the Werribee line between Newport and North Melbourne. On the weekend Saturday and Sunday 26–27 April, buses will replace trains on the Werribee line between Newport and North Melbourne.

More information is available at the Public Transport Victoria website at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007 (6am - midnight daily).

FAQ

Where can I go for more detailed information on how to plan my trip?

For detailed information and to help you plan your journey visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007 (6am - midnight daily).

Alternatively, download the metroNotify app to receive up to date details on service changes.

Do I still have to touch on and touch off with my Myki?

You can still touch on and touch off with your Myki on replacement services as you would normally. It is important that you use the station myki machines to touch on and touch off on each journey. On the first railway station you use then touch off at the last station. Myki readers are available.

What about accessibility for people with a disability travelling during the closure?

Customer service staff will be on hand at replacement bus stops to assist those with specific needs at the following stations on the Sunbury line: Sunbury, Watergardens, St Albans, Albion, Flemington Racecourse, Sunshine, Tottenham, West Footscray, Middle Footscray, Footscray, North Melbourne.

During the weekend 26–27 April, customer service staff will attend replacement bus stops at Williamstown Beach, North Williamstown, Newport, Spotwood, Yarraville, Seddon, Footscray, South Kensington and North Melbourne.

Remember:

- Journey times may be extended by up to 30 minutes.
- V/Line will replace trains between Bendigo and Southern Cross Station, with only a restricted stop at Sunbury Station. Stopping off and collecting V/Line customers. V/Line customers are advised to catch a Metro express replacement bus via Flemington Racecourse. This is the quickest way into the city.
- Detailed timetable information for the Metro line is available at the Public Transport Victoria website at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 800 007 (6am - midnight daily).
- Customer service staff will be available at replacement bus stops to assist you with travel during this time. Should you have special needs and require emergency assistance press the red button on the information console on the station platform.