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VTA supports level crossing removals

The Victorian Transport Association has welcomed a commitment by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews to remove an additional 25 level crossings across Melbourne, as a continuation of his government's successful Level Crossing Removal program.

"The removal to date of 29 level crossings around Melbourne over the past four years has helped to ease congestion for all road users, with freight operators benefitting from faster travel times and greater certainty with respect to servicing their customers," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"It makes complete sense to extend this program to other level crossings that have been identified as being unsafe and worsening congestion, and it is encouraging for the transport industry to know that, in time, some of our most congested roads will be faster and safer to navigate."

The continuation of the Level Crossing Removal program, as announced by the Premier, will see 25 level crossings removed by 2025 on the Belgrave, Lilydale, Frankston, Upfield and Mernda lines.

"Congestion doesn't discriminate, and with its effects felt throughout the whole of Melbourne, it is also encouraging that level crossings will be removed right across the Metro rail network," Mr Anderson said.

"The VTA will be supportive of any significant capital works project that eases congestion and make the road network more efficient because in an industry like transport, where margins are already thin, productivity gains are so important to find and maintain," he said.

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