

# Richmond Line Duplication

This newsletter has been prepared to inform the Schofields community of the outcome of consultation on the urban design of the existing Schofields station precinct, particularly in relation to the new pedestrian footbridge.

The Richmond Line Duplication project forms part of the NSW Government's Rail Clearways Program, designed to increase capacity and improve reliability on CityRail's suburban rail network.

Stage 1 of the project will deliver:

- an additional 3.1km of track and associated communications, overhead wiring and signalling infrastructure between Quakers Hill and Schofields
- a relocated Schofields Station, approximately 800m closer to Quakers Hill, with new car parks, bus interchange, kiss-and-ride facilities and easy access facilities including lifts
- the replacement of the existing pedestrian level crossing at Schofields with a new pedestrian footbridge
- a shared pedestrian/cycle path between the existing Schofields Station and the relocated station.

Stage 1 is being delivered on behalf of the NSW Government by Transport Construction Authority through the Richmond Line Alliance. Stage 1 is scheduled for completion next year.

Stage 2 will deliver a duplicated track between the relocated Schofields Station and Vineyard Station, plus associated overhead wiring and signalling works. A new station will be built at Vineyard, and Riverstone Station will be upgraded.

Stage 2 works have been deferred to align with growth in the North West Growth Centre.

## A new accessible station for Schofields

Construction of the relocated Schofields Station is well underway. When complete next year, the station will provide:

- easy access facilities including three lifts and a covered footbridge
- new car parks on the eastern and western sides of the station, with a combined capacity of 230 vehicles
- a bus interchange
- kiss-and-ride passenger drop-off facilities
- CCTV security camera surveillance and lighting designed to improve safety and security for passengers
- landscaping.

The new station will provide existing residents of Schofields with access to a modern station and improved facilities, and will improve access to the rail network for the nearby growing population. The station will link into the strategic transport upgrades underway and planned for the region.



*Schofields Station will provide a modern, accessible facility including lift access.*

## Schofields village

Once the new Schofields Station is opened in late 2011, the existing station will be decommissioned and landscaping will be finalised.

Feedback from the community has been incorporated into the urban design and landscape plan of the existing Schofields station precinct. This feedback has been gathered during the project's environmental impact assessment process, at community information sessions and from direct consultation with nearby residents.

## Schofields pedestrian footbridge

A new pedestrian footbridge will be built to replace the existing pedestrian level crossing at Schofields.

The footbridge is being built to ensure pedestrians can safely cross the rail line and to retain access to the village shops and services.

The project team identified early in the project that pedestrians would benefit if the footbridge was moved approximately 50 metres to the south of the existing level crossing.

This took advantage of the topography of the site resulting in:

- shorter ramps, reducing the total walking distance to cross the rail line by 100 metres
- a smaller structure, improving the visual impact of the bridge.

Community consultation has resulted in improvements to the bridge design and safety in nearby streets, including:

- louvers to ensure privacy at nearby homes
- the relocation of a pedestrian crossing away from homes on Bridge Street to ensure privacy is protected and to minimise light spill and noise (location subject to council approval)

- extension of safety protection barriers on Bridge St to improve pedestrian safety (subject to council approval)
- lighting designed to improve visibility and minimise light impact on nearby homes
- confirmation that all pedestrians will enjoy a shorter total walking distance to cross the rail line as a result of relocating the bridge from its original proposed location.

## Where to from here?

Works associated with the construction of the footbridge are planned to commence on Monday 15 November 2010. The footbridge is expected to take approximately six months to complete.

The bridge will be opened to the public following the decommissioning of the existing pedestrian level crossing. This is planned for 2011.

Landscaping and other urban design work around the existing Schofields station precinct will be undertaken in 2011.

## Transition to the new station

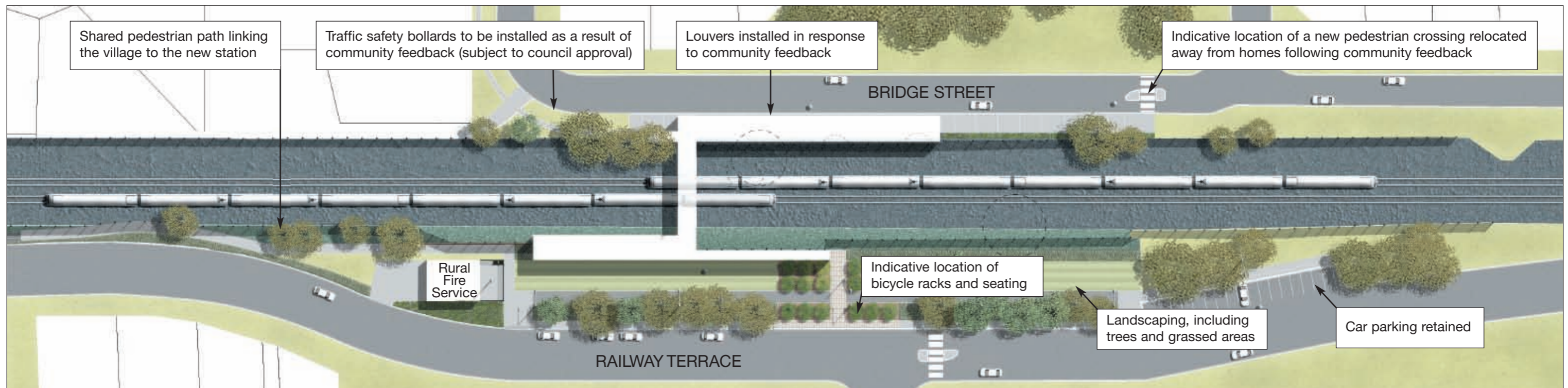
Transport Construction Authority, Richmond Line Alliance, Transport NSW and RailCorp are working together to prepare a 'transition plan' that will ensure the provision of convenient and equitable access between Schofields village and the relocated Schofields Station.

The plan will address several modes of transport including cycle and pedestrian facilities, and bus routes.

Community feedback provided prior to project approval is being considered in the development of the plan, and further community input will be sought prior to the submission of the transition plan to the NSW Department of Planning.



Indicative artist's impressions of the Schofields pedestrian footbridge from the southern end of Bridge St (above) and from Railway Terrace (below).



## Keeping informed

Construction updates are regularly distributed to keep the community informed of upcoming construction activities.

Community information sessions are also held to inform the community about upcoming works and seek feedback on specific issues.

Information sessions are generally advertised in local and regional newspapers, through the TCA website [www.tca.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tca.nsw.gov.au) and through community notifications.

The TCA website is also regularly updated to keep residents informed of project works and possible community impacts.

For general enquiries, please contact the Project Infoline on **1800 684 490**.

If you have an urgent enquiry regarding construction works in progress, please contact the **24-hour Construction Response Line on 1800 775 465**.

## Thank you

Transport Construction Authority and the Richmond Line Alliance thank the Schofields community for its cooperation during delivery of this important project.



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