

Media Release



SMEC Engaged to Undertake the Design of the Ballarat Line Upgrade, Australia.

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SMEC, along with Alliance partners Lendlease and Coleman Rail, has been awarded the Ballarat Line Upgrade Project by the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA). The \$551.7 million upgrade of the line will deliver more trains and provide extra services during peak times, helping to improve reliability for Melbourne's outer western suburbs, Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and Ballarat.

The project will duplication 18 km of track between Deer Park West and Melton, create new passing loops, build a new train stabling facility at Maddingley, upgrade existing stations at Rockbank, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and Wendouree, and construct a new station at Toolern, between Melton and Rockbank. Construction will commence in early 2018, with targeted completion in late 2019.

Project scope of work includes:

- duplication of 18 km of track between Deer Park West and Melton
- upgrading Rockbank station and extending platforms, constructing a new pedestrian link between platforms and building a new car park
- additional platforms at Bacchus Marsh and Ballan stations, with new pedestrian links between platforms
- new station at Toolern, between Rockbank and Melton
- new stabling facilities at Maddingley, and the removal of stabling facilities at Bacchus Marsh
- duplication of three kilometres of track between Bacchus Marsh station and Maddingley stabling facilities
- a new 4.5 km passing loop at Ballan
- track duplication at Wendouree
- a new 4 km passing loop at Millbrook, making it possible to close the existing Bungaree loop and remove five level crossings.

SMEC will undertake the design services, working alongside Alliance partners Lendlease, Coleman Rail, MMRA and V/Line to deliver a project with significant benefits to the communities along the Ballarat rail line by providing more frequent and reliable train services.

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