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Dear Mr Crowe

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2024 regarding the Public Transport User Association's formal submission regarding the Ballarat Station Upgrade.

The Ballarat Station Upgrade project team at the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) have been undertaking technical design and development work to inform the project's concept designs.

The team has explored all design options to achieve a positive outcome for the people of Ballarat, in line with Heritage Victoria and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport requirements.

As you note, the existing northern station entrance will be upgraded to enhance accessibility. Through assessing commuter movement around the precinct, this entrance was found to be the most central point and therefore the most suitable for the upgraded entry, due to the proximity of bus stops, pick up and drop off spaces, and the multi-level car park. An additional station entry and exit point is not in scope for this project, however the design does not preclude it from being added in the future.

The new accessible overpass will be weather protected on both the roof and sidings. The overpass will also feature handrails on both sides, good visibility into the station below, and a walkway that is wide enough to enable two mobility aids or prams to pass each other comfortably.

The project includes landscaping in front of the ramp leading up to the northern entrance, which could include native grasses and flowering low-level plants, enhancing the station precinct.

The LXRP team have been working closely with a wide range of stakeholders, including

V/Line, and Heritage Victoria. This multi-agency collaboration will continue as the project progresses through further design and development during 2024.

I welcome your feedback about wayfinding signage, information screens, bus bay shelters, toilets, and tree planting in the station forecourt. While these matters fall outside the immediate scope of the Ballarat Station Upgrade being delivered by LXP, I will ensure this feedback is presented to the relevant project partners for their consideration.

Thank you for providing your feedback.

Yours sincerely



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