

DRAFT DESIGNS RELEASED TO BENALLA WORKING GROUP FOR COMMENT



- ▶ Track realignment a key feature of the draft design visualisations
- ▶ Comprehensive community engagement to start from 27 September 2021

The latest Benalla Working Group meeting was held on **Monday 13 September 2021**. It was attended by 11 of the 12 local community representatives, including Benalla Rural City Councillors Cr. Justin King and Cr. Gail O'Brien.

Attendees were consulted on the draft design visualisations for the redevelopment of the Benalla Station Precinct as part of the Inland Rail project. The options included a comprehensive track realignment, forecourt redevelopment, and enhanced station connectivity. The second platform included in these visualisations has been previously advised to be a non-negotiable requirement by the Department of Transport.

The Working Group also commented on preliminary options for providing station access to the east and west. These include pedestrian connectivity with either an overpass or underpass. They also suggested further consideration of emergency vehicle access, bus parking and car parking capacity.

The Group provided feedback to ARTC on the vehicle overpass visualisations, with ARTC undertaking to rework this design prior to broader consultation. They also provided feedback relating to functional design elements, requesting that any designs are sympathetic to the heritage nature of the station and provide a safe and welcoming user experience.

The Working Group heard from the ARTC Stakeholder Engagement Team on the comprehensive community consultation that will start from **Monday 27 September**.

The engagement plan includes online, over the phone, in print and, if restrictions are sufficiently eased, in person opportunities for the Benalla community to view the options, ask questions and provide feedback via a survey.

Points for noting include:

- ▶ Interactive 3D modelling and online feedback goes live on **22 September 2021**
- ▶ Comprehensive Benalla community consultation to start on **27 September 2021**
- ▶ Reference design – **proposed completion late 2021**
- ▶ Primary Planning and Environmental Approvals – **early 2022**
- ▶ Detailed design – **by mid-2023**
- ▶ Construction – **mid-2023 to early 2024**.

The Working Group took the time to recognise it is now 12 months since it was initially formed. It was agreed that a consensus document be developed to capture the key recommendations, actions and achievement made by the group over that time.

The next Benalla Working Group meeting is scheduled for late November. ARTC will present the key themes from community consultation, and table the consensus document for discussion.

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