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Laburnum – Action Required

Laburnum Community Meeting
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The current project: shrouded in secrecy

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- Project announced as part of 2002 State Election
- Funding delivered in 2006-2007 State Budget
- Four years of waiting and yet poor community consultation
  - Project elements shrouded in secrecy
  - Last minute changes
  - What is the full extent of rail closures?
- Poor consultation provides an inferior solution
  - Poor consideration of station amenity
  - Inferior cycling and pedestrian access

Community action does work

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- Case Study Boronia Interchange:
  - 1995: VicRoads claimed that a rail underpass was too costly
    - Claimed rail underpass would cost in excess of $200 million
    - Wanted to lower Dorset Road and cut Boronia into two
  - PTUA questioned costs and submitted alternative plans (estimated cost was $23 million)
  - 1997: Project tendered for $28 million
  - 1998: underpass completed
    - Rail line was closed for four days (two weekends)
    - Redevelopment of the station itself cost $2 million

Laburnum – It is not too late!

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- It is not too late to change Laburnum for the better
  - Project details are still changing
  - Plans are not consistent with community concerns
  - Alternative plans must be considered
- Community action
  - Speak to LCAG and the PTUA
  - Write letters to the local papers
    - Whitehorse Leader whitehorse@ldr.newsltd.com.au
    - Whitehorse Weekly journal@fcnvic.fairfax.com.au
- Get actively involved!

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