

## AlpTransit, here is Ispra's the new maxi-flyover

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**No more level crossings or barriers. Ispra** is the second town, where work will be carried out to adapt the road network near the railway. This work is second in the to-do list drawn up by Varese Province, together with the work in Luino (planning for the latter was by the Italian Rail network). **This second project is ready and we can show you.**

The work entails the **closure of all three existing level crossings** and the building of pedestrian underpasses 4 metres away. Drivers will have only one road, **a flyover cornering between Via Schuman and Via Aldo Moro**. This revolutionary change to the road network will have considerable implications, also because the road will start near the JRC. The expected cost is about **€7 million**. The work will start by the end of 2017.

**The arrival of the AlpTransit**, the international high-speed freight train, will affect the next few years. Trains will have to start running, without interruption, by 2022. Switzerland has paid **€120 million** to renew the ballast of the line in Italy and the tunnels in Varese Province. This section is part of the Rotterdam-Genoa freight corridor, of which the **AlpTransit tunnel** is the most innovative part. In Italy, there are 35 projects to be completed, in particular, the closure of all of the level crossings on the **Luino-Sesto Calende-Gallarate line**. The Province estimates that it will take €80 million to close all 35 level crossings and to build flyovers and underpasses and put an end to dividing villages in two. **Look at the Laveno underpass.**

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