

# Construction update



## Kensington works update

March 2025

Completion works and testing and commissioning activities are continuing in Kensington as part of the Metro Tunnel Project. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout March 2025.

### Works snapshot: March

Construction works within the Kensington precincts during March 2025 will include:

- Tie-station construction
- Demolition and retention works at Hobsons Road site
- Trial operations
- Tunnel works

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)

### When are we working?



#### Normal construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday  
7am to 1pm, Saturdays



#### Out of hours

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours



#### 24 hours

24 hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities  
We will notify if out of hours works are required



Metro Tunnel Hobsons Road site taken prior to demolition works



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# Upcoming works in your area

## Tie-station construction

### Hobsons Road site, Kensington

Monday 17 March until  
September 2025



#### About the tie-station

- A tie-station will be built at the Metro Tunnel Hobsons Road site to support power management for the Metro Tunnel and broader rail network as well as future service improvements
- This location has been chosen as the Hobsons Road site is designated to support ongoing operations of the tunnel and rail network, with the tie-station being built next to the existing rail asset buildings
- A tie-station is a building located between substations that connects parts of the railway's power system together to improve power regulation on the network
- A common part of Melbourne's railway network, tie-stations also allow sections of rail track to be isolated independently so maintenance or emergency works can be carried out while minimising delays to the network
- This tie-station will also help manage the risk of electromagnetic interference (EMI) in the Parkville biomedical precinct
- We are building the tie-station over the coming months so it is ready before the Metro Tunnel opens
- The fully enclosed building will be located next to the existing signalling and communications equipment rooms (SER/CER), adjacent to the rail corridor

- At approximately, 12 metres wide x 18 metres deep, 6 metres high, the fenced tie-station will be half the size of the fenced SER/CER buildings and will be visually consistent with the same architecturally designed fence.

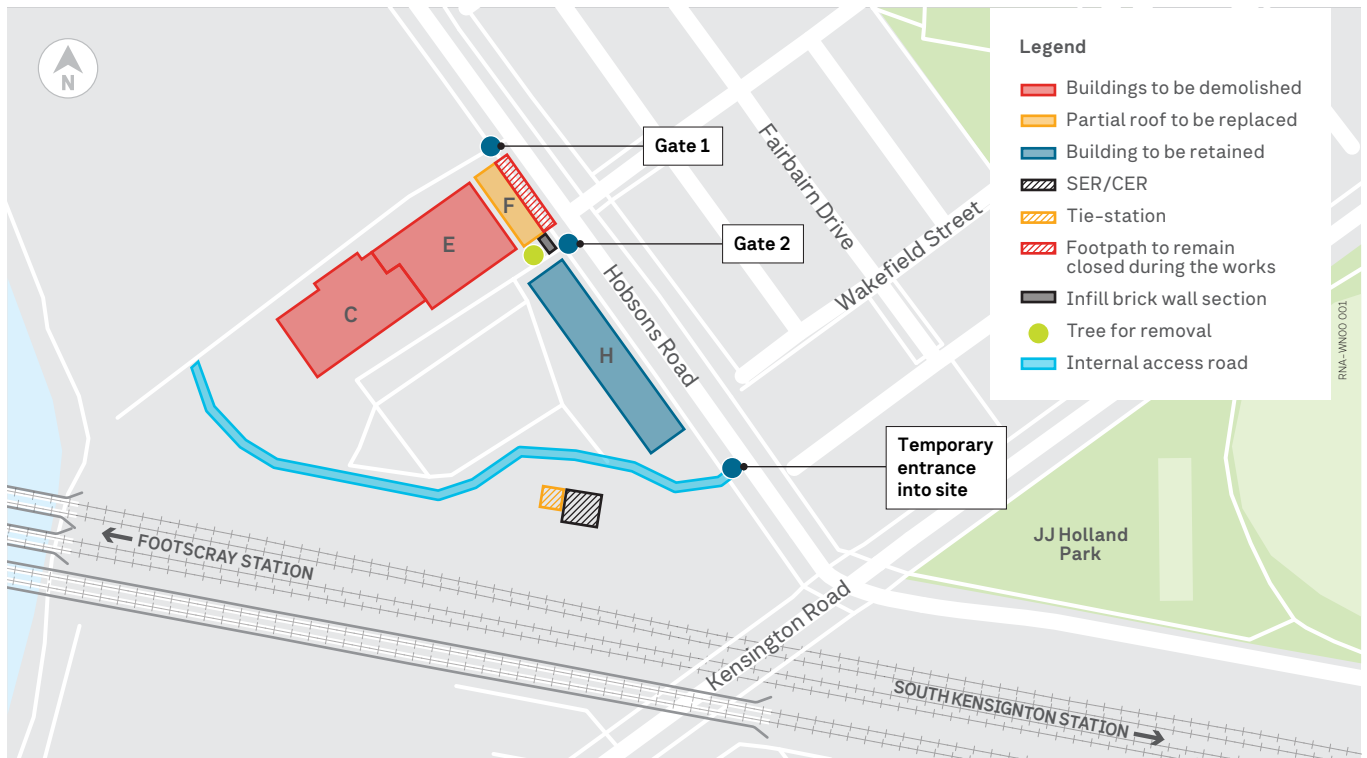
#### Tie-station construction

- Construction of the new tie-station will start in March 2025 and take about 6 months to complete.
- Works will include piling, steel installation, the delivery and installation of a prefabricated building, followed by testing and commissioning
- The works in March are focused on piling works, with a piling pad to be built for the piling rig to sit on. This involves a roller which could generate medium levels of vibration
- Holes will be drilled into the ground before, piling which will reduce the duration of piling
- Driven piling activities are expected to generate medium to high levels of noise and vibration. This activity will be undertaken during the day and is expected to take 2 weeks
- Piles will be levelled off using a jackhammer which is expected to generate a high level of noise. These works will be undertaken during the day
- During piling activities, dust is expected to be generated, and a water cart will be used as part of dust suppression measures as required
- Deliveries are expected to take place during the day, however night deliveries may occur. We will notify surrounding residents if this is the case.



Future tie-station, concept image only

# Works area map Kensington



## Trial operations

### Sunbury Line

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March 2025  
 Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 April 2025  
 Friday 14 and Saturday 15 April 2025  
 (daytime only)  
 Thursday 17 April 2025  
 Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 April 2025

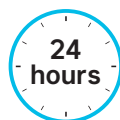


- Trial operations is a critical stage of the project. It involves Metro Trains station staff, drivers and signallers working inside the new tunnels and stations to rehearse the operation of the Metro Tunnel and ensure that everything runs smoothly when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025. To find out more about trial operations, please visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/construction/testing](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/construction/testing)
- This activity will involve trains running through the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines, as well as the Metro Tunnel
- This activity has been generating intermittent levels of high noise in Kensington. We thank the community for their patience as the project continues to investigate this matter and implement solutions to further address the issue.

## Tunnel works

### Kensington

24 hours, ongoing to 15 March 2025

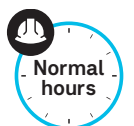


- Train testing has paused until late March to allow works to be completed within the tunnels. As a result, there will be increased vehicle movements on Hobsons Road and Childers Street

- Works will take place until mid-March 2025, between 7am to 6pm, with workers on site from 6am
- There will be increased vehicle movements on Hobsons Road and Childers Street
- Demobilisation of equipment and machinery will occur between 7am and 6pm on 14 and 15 March
- Please note that the timing of work may change depending on weather conditions.

## Demolition and retention works

### Metro Tunnel Hobsons Road site, Kensington



Ongoing until mid-2025

The site at Hobsons Road is currently being used to support Metro Tunnel Project construction activities. To ensure ongoing safety of the site, demolition and retention works are being undertaken.

Works still to be completed include:

- Staged removal of asbestos from building C and E
- Staged demolition of buildings C, E and the chimney, as well as the infill wall located at the entrance on Hobsons Road. These buildings require demolition after an investigation by independent structural engineers found them to be dilapidated and to have deteriorated to a point where structural integrity has been compromised beyond repair
- Removal of the partially collapsed roof from building F, at the front of the property, with roof replacement to be undertaken at a later date
- Permanent internal propping of building F to ensure original heritage facade is retained.

# Look ahead for 2025

	March	April	May	June
Tie-station works	—			
Hobsons Road demolition works	— ✓			
Tunnel works	— ✓			
Trial operations	—			

## Traffic and transport impacts

### Ongoing

- An increase in construction vehicle movements around the Hobsons Road site via two entrances on Hobsons Road
- An increase in larger vehicles delivering equipment to the Hobsons Road site
- Traffic controllers may be used intermittently during construction hours and some out of hours works at Hobsons Road
- Deliveries are expected to take place during the day however night deliveries may occur. We will notify surrounding residents if this is the case
- Construction vehicles will continue to access the tunnels via the construction gate in the wall opening near the west end of Childers Street, close to Kensington Road.

## Bus replacements

- Buses will replace trains on the Sunbury Line at various times during March and April for trial operations and maintenance works. Please allow for extra travel time.
- Visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or call **1800 800 007** for more information and plan your journey. Please allow for extra travel time.

## Asbestos removal

- Asbestos found at the Metro Tunnel Hobsons Road site during demolition works will be removed by specialised asbestos removal workers under the supervision of an independent occupational hygienist, in accordance with WorkSafe Victoria's Compliance 2008 for Removing Asbestos in Workplaces.
- Removal of asbestos containing material by licensed professionals does not pose any safety risk to site staff or the public. Appropriate management measures will be employed during the removal of asbestos. This includes:
  - Air monitoring around the site perimeter and daily results monitoring to ensure worker and public safety
  - Exclusion zones set up around designated asbestos removal area
  - Water will be used on site as part of dust suppressions measures.

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