

Construction update



Kensington

February - March 2024

Works to construct the Metro Tunnel's western entrance in Kensington are nearing completion. While testing and commissioning activities are occurring, this update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout 2024.

Works snapshot: February - March

Construction works within and surrounding the Kensington precinct during February and March will include:

- Public space works
- Egress building testing and commissioning
- Rail tunnel testing and commissioning
- Out of hours use of the 5-39 Hobsons Road support site
- 24-hour rail maintenance works.

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



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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



Aerial view of Kensington / Western Portal

Upcoming works in your area

Public space works

Childers Street

Ongoing until mid-May 2024



- Major works at the Metro Tunnel's western entrance are nearing completion. As part of the final stages of works, crews will complete the tunnel entrance flood wall on Childers Street to its final height and install further sections of 'A Day in Our Park', a creative design treatment by artist Stephen Banham
- To enable these works, from Wednesday 21 February to Saturday 2 March, Childers Street will be closed to vehicles between Kensington Road and Ormond Street during normal construction hours (Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 7am to 1pm) to allow for the installation of precast panels to the flood wall. These precast panels will be installed with the use of a crane and will be approximately 50cm in height.
- To ensure the safety of pedestrians and road users, the southern pedestrian footpath and approximately eleven on street parking spaces will be temporarily closed on Childers Street during the panel installation works
- While Childers Street is temporarily closed, vehicles will be detoured via the Tennyson Street detour
- Between early May to mid-May, the creative design treatment will be applied to these precast panels which will require a closure of the southern footpath. Further information will be provided ahead of these works commencing
- These activities are expected to generate low levels of noise.

Rail tunnel testing and commissioning

Western tunnel entrance on Childers Street and within the tunnel



Ongoing until late 2024

- Work inside the tunnel will continue 24/7
- Rail tunnel works will continue within the decline structure and tunnels to support the testing of High Capacity Signalling technology
- Traffic management will be in place for the duration of all works to maintain safe passage for construction activities and assist vehicle and cyclist movements
- The 5-39 Hobsons Road project support site will be in use intermittently during normal and out of hours construction periods.
- From Wednesday 21 February to Sunday 3 March, test trains will not be operating within the tunnel. During this time, there may be short term increased movement of construction vehicles and materials between Hobsons Road and Childers Street outside of normal construction hours
- Some construction access to the tunnel will be required from Childers Street and the Hobsons Road site during these works with traffic management on Childers Street to ensure the safe removal or delivery of materials.

24-hour rail maintenance works

Sunbury Line

8pm Friday 9 February to 3am
Monday 12 February



- Rail maintenance and signalling software upgrades will be undertaken in one weekend in February
- Maintenance activities will include removing and relocating existing rail and signalling assets along the rail corridor
- Testing and commissioning signalling assets
- These activities will require the use of non-destructive digging machines, excavators, cable trucks and crews with hand tool
- For the safety of passengers and our workers, these activities can only occur when trains are not running. Bus replacements will operate at certain times during this period
- Works are expected to generate medium to high-level of noise. Where possible, higher impact activities will be scheduled during the day and noise reduction mats will be placed around generators
- Generator-powered lighting towers may be required near your area while works are being completed. Where possible, lights will be positioned to face away from residential properties.

High Capacity Signalling technology testing

Out of hours High Capacity Signalling testing will continue intermittently on the Sunbury Line throughout 2024.

To know more about the High Capacity Signalling technology, please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Bus replacements

Buses will replace trains on the Sunbury Line from **10pm Friday 9 February** to last service **Sunday 11 February**.

Please allow extra travel time.

Visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** for more information and to plan your journey.

Works area map



Look ahead for 2024

	February	March	April	May	June	July
Public space works				✓		
Rail tunnel testing and commissioning						

Traffic and transport impacts

Temporary

- From Wednesday 21 February to Saturday 2 March, Childers Street will be closed during normal construction hours to enable the installation of precast panels to the tunnel entrance flood wall. During this period, the Tennyson Street detour will be in place
- To ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians, the southern pedestrian footpath and approximately 11 on street parking spaces will be temporarily closed on Childers Street.

- During February and March, the Hobsons Road laydown site and facilities will intermittently be in use during normal construction hours and some out of hour works
- Traffic controllers will be present on Childers Street near the corner of Kensington Road and Childers Street to maintain vehicle movements and ensure the safe delivery and removal of materials
- To support the 24-hour rail works from Friday 9 February to Sunday 11 February, there will be reduced parking on Childers Street. Accessible parking will remain near South Kensington Station.

Ongoing

- 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

As the main construction works for the Metro Tunnel’s western entrance in Kensington have now been completed, the project will send specific notifications ahead of the final works to be undertaken in 2024 instead of the bi-monthly notification.

This reflects the decrease in construction activity as we near the completion of the project.

This will also reduce the production and use of paper.

For further information on the project or to receive Metro Tunnel project news and works notices by email, visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/subscribe or contact the project information line on **1800 105 105**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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