

Construction update



Town Hall Station

December 2024 and January 2025

Construction of the Metro Tunnel Project's Town Hall Station is continuing to progress, with the focus now including works on station entrances, fit out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

The Metro Tunnel opens in 2025 and will create a new end-to-end rail line from Sunbury in the west to Cranbourne/Pakenham in the south-east, with bigger and more modern trains, and five new stations.

Works snapshot: December 2024 and January 2025

In November, crews progressed with construction of above ground structures at City Square, and continued with testing, commissioning, and fit-out works underground. They also removed one tower crane from Swanston Street and commenced drainage works and bluestone reinstatement outside the City Square site.

Construction works within the Town Hall Station precinct during December 2024 and January 2025 include:

- Underground build-out works across all sites

- Construction of above ground structures at the Flinders Quarter and City Square sites, including the City Square entrance canopy
- Reinstatement of the Collins Street southern footpath near the site entrance
- Campbell Arcade restoration works
- Removal of site facilities and the acoustic shed at Federation Square
- Train testing through the tunnel.

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

Business support

While the new Town Hall Station will be a significant boost for the local area, construction activities can impact local businesses. In response to this, our Business Support Team assists businesses through the disruption and any permanent changes that will take place. Please see the promotions taking place in **Federation Square** this Christmas.

We look forward to promoting more local businesses as the project progresses.

We are taking a break

The Metro Tunnel Project will take a break from construction on Saturday 21 December 2024 with most works recommencing on Tuesday 14 January 2025. Some works, including the removal of the acoustic shed at the Federation Square site, will recommence from Monday 6 January 2025.

The sites will be secured, and security will be on site during the closure. Members of the project team will be on call. If you have any queries, please phone the Metro Tunnel Information Line on **1800 105 105**.



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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



Town Hall Station entrance at City Square is taking shape

Upcoming works in your area

City Square site



24-hours, Monday to Sunday

When Town Hall Station opens, the City Square station entrance will lead into an expansive underground passenger foyer, with lifts and escalators transporting passengers down to the customer and ticketing area, towards the train platforms.

Above ground, City Square will be reinstated as a public gathering space, fully landscaped for the whole community to enjoy.

Works occurring over the next two months include:

- Construction of the passenger concourse structure which involves the use of a tower crane, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake in situ and precast concrete placement, internal finishes and mechanical plant installs
- Construction of two above ground station service structures, which will be built with both precast and in situ concrete elements. These structures will be located north-east and south-west of City Square, housing lift bays and tunnel exhaust shafts
- Construction of the station entrance canopy at the northern end of the site, including installation of the glass panels. These works require the use of rattle guns which generate short periods of high-level noise
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Concrete trucks will access the loading bays on Collins Street (out of hours only) and Flinders Lane. Concrete pours involve regular deliveries, the use of concrete trucks, concrete pumps and concrete finishing equipment
- Ventilation equipment will operate during all works below ground, and site lighting will be required for evening and overnight works

- There will be regular truck movements to deliver and remove equipment and construction materials via the loading bays on Collins Street (out of hours only) and Flinders Lane
- The outer Collins Street westbound traffic lane will remain closed until early 2025. This will provide an on-road pedestrian diversion while the Collins Street southern footpath is closed. The inner westbound lane will remain open to traffic
- These works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise.

Public realm works around the Town Hall Station precinct

As the project progresses toward completion, crews are now undertaking works to remove construction equipment and reinstate paving and footpaths around the sites in preparation of Town Hall Station opening in 2025.

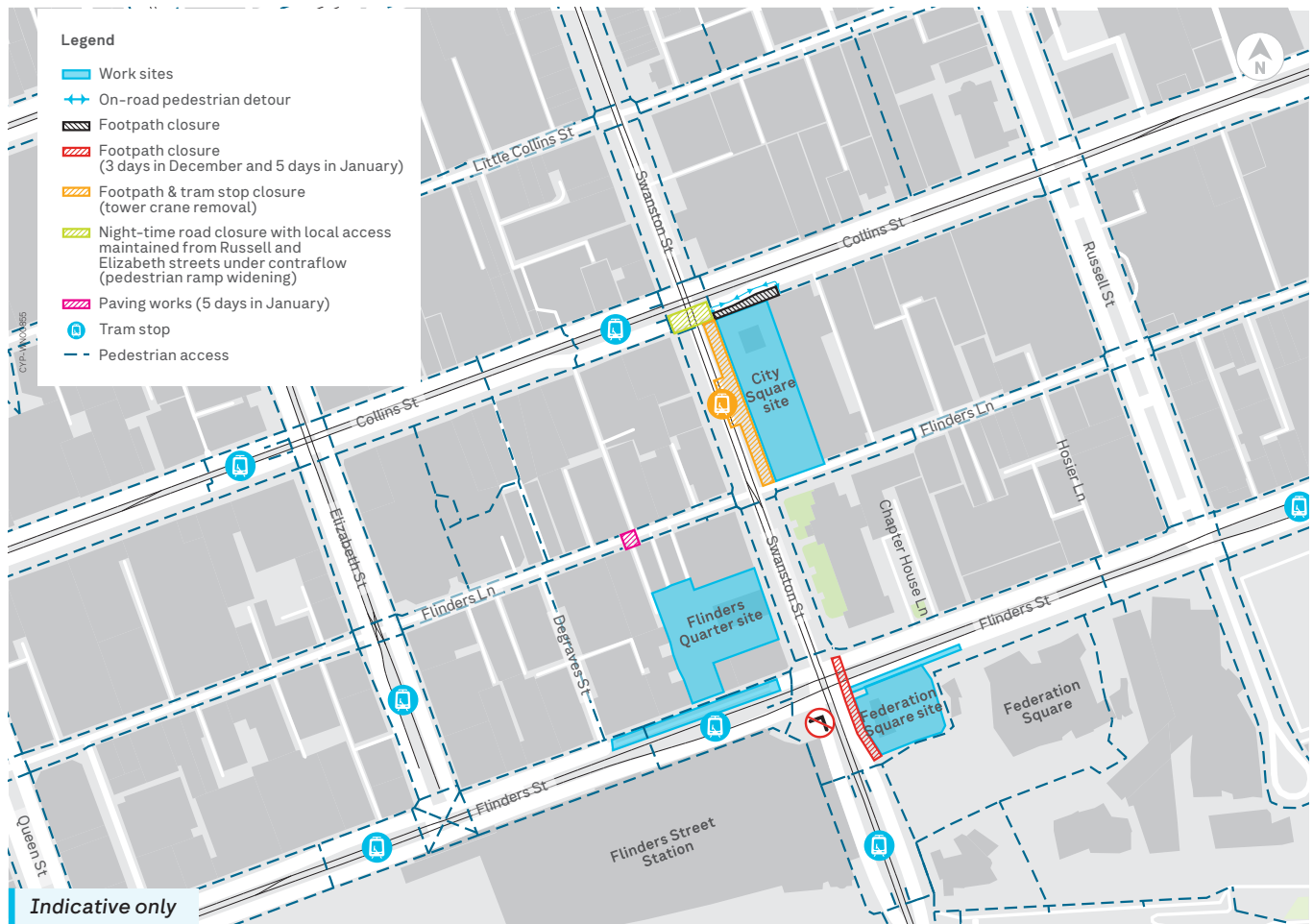
Pedestrian ramp widening works



8pm to 6am, Monday to Friday

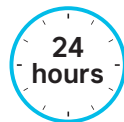
- Works will take place to extend the existing kerb ramps on the southern side of the Collins Street and Swanston Street intersection
- These works will include demolition, concrete pouring, pavement reinstatement, line marking and asphaltting
- During works from 8pm to 6am, Monday to Friday, there will be some changes to footpath access in the area. Please pay attention to signage and traffic controllers
- A full westbound road closure of Collins Street between Elizabeth and Russell streets will be in place at night. Local access will be maintained under contraflow arrangements, from Russell/Collins and from Elizabeth/Collins. Refer to map for locations

Works area map



- These works are expected to take up to two weeks to complete and will generate some periods of high-level noise and vibration.

Collins Street southern footpath works



24-hours, ongoing until February 2025

- Works will take place to demolish a concrete structure below the Collins Street southern footpath at the City Square site entrance
- During this time, an on-road pedestrian diversion will be in until early 2025 while this section of the southern footpath is closed
- Works include concrete demolition, new lighting and signage, traffic signal upgrades, and new kerbing and pavement construction.

Swanston Street southern tower crane removal works



**Ongoing until mid-December
24-hours, Monday to Sunday**

- Works continue to remove the southern tower crane on Swanston Street
- The current closure of the City Square/Swanston Street southbound tram stop (Stop #11) and footpath remains in place until mid-December
- Intermittent closures of the southbound bike lane will be required to complete these works

- Please refer to the map for location of closure and available pedestrian detours
- The northern tower crane will be used to remove the southern crane, and will generate some high-level noise and vibration during some stages of the works
- Once the tower crane has been removed, works will take place to modify the site hoardings and undertake upgrades to drainage and bluestone paving
- The northern tower crane is due to be removed in the first quarter of 2025.

Flinders Lane works



From mid-January for up to 5 days

- Works will take place in January to re-pave and kerb a section of the Flinders Lane southern footpath between Scott Alley and Royston Place, install an additional DDA compliant ramp on the northern side at Manchester Lane, and complete linemarking on Royston Place
- During southern footpath works, pedestrians will be detoured onto the northern side (refer to map for location). During Manchester Lane works, pedestrians will be de-toured to the southern footpath and access into Manchester Lane will be via Collins Street
- These works will require the closure of Flinders Lane to vehicles between Swanston and Elizabeth streets

- Access to properties on Flinders Lane between Russell Street and Regent Place will be maintained, and vehicles exiting this area will be required to travel east to Russell Street under traffic management, and detour using Flinders or Collins streets
- For access to properties Flinders Lane between Swanston and Elizabeth streets, drivers will need to enter Flinders Lane via Elizabeth Street under a contraflow arrangement.

Flinders Quarter site

**24-hours, Monday to Saturday
12pm to 12am, Sundays (as required)**



When Town Hall Station opens, the station entrance building located on Swanston and Flinders streets will lead into an expansive underground passenger foyer, with lifts and escalators transporting passengers down to the customer and ticketing area, towards the train platforms.

Works occurring over the next two months include:

- Construction of the passenger concourse which involves the use of the tower crane, mobile surface cranes, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake steel fixing, formwork installation and concrete pours including hydro scabbling
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Concrete pours involve regular deliveries via the loading zone on Flinders Street, and the use of concrete trucks, concrete pumps and concrete finishing equipment
- Major concrete pours can take between 10-20 hours with all concrete pumps in use to achieve the volume of concrete required. Concrete pours must be continuous to ensure structural integrity and therefore may continue outside of normal construction hours
- Ventilation equipment will operate during all works below ground, and site lighting will be required for evening and overnight works
- There will be regular truck movements to deliver and remove equipment and construction materials via the Flinders Street loading zone and Swanston Street site entrance
- Due to road permit requirements, large plant will occasionally be delivered and demobilised from the site outside of standard construction hours
- Works are continuing on the above ground structures within the site. These works include steel fixing and concrete pours and will take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Flinders Street Station, Degraeves Underpass and Campbell Arcade

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



- Works to restore Campbell Arcade and construct the future underground pedestrian connection between Town Hall Station and Flinders Street Station, known as the 'Flinders Link', are ongoing
- Fit-out works are continuing including tiling, plastering and installation of station infrastructure such as Myki gates
- Testing and commissioning works are continuing on the six platform passenger lifts.

Federation Square site

24-hours, Monday to Sunday



Federation Square will be an entrance point to Town Hall Station, providing passengers with new access to this vibrant public space and the nearby arts and sporting precincts.

Works occurring over the next two months include:

- Construction and fit-out of the station passenger areas and operational rooms, including installation of waterproofing materials, steel, and concrete
- There will be regular truck movements to deliver and remove equipment and construction materials
- In December crews will commence removing the site facilities and in early January, will commence taking down the acoustic shed
- These works will require two short-term closures of the footpath on the western side of the shed and the crossing between Federation Square and St Paul's Cathedral (refer to map for location). These will take place for three days in early December, and up to five days in early January
- These works will generate some periods of noise but will be planned to consider events at Federation Square during the Christmas and holiday periods.

Farewell acoustic shed

Since early 2020, the acoustic shed at Federation Square has minimised noise and dust during work on Town Hall Station's Federation Square entrance. In early 2025, the shed will be dismantled and removed, returning the view of Federation Square from Swanston Street back to those passing by.

Starting in late-January, an additional Flinders Street westbound lane between Russell and Swanston streets will be closed until the end of 2025 - with detours in place - to allow work to continue on shed removal and building the station entrance's aboveground structure. More information will be provided closer to the time.

Iconic square to return to the city

After being closed for seven years due to Metro Tunnel works, Melbourne's iconic City Square will return in 2025 as a welcoming public gathering space for the whole community to enjoy.

New artist impressions showcase the newly designed square including:

- a permanent Smoking Ceremony dish developed with Wurundjeri Elders, with Woi-wurrung language and artwork etched into surrounding paving and throughout the square. This is part of a Metro Tunnel Project initiative called 'Connection to Country' which incorporates First Peoples knowledge and culture into the new stations and surrounding areas
- the Town Hall Station entrance, housed by an impressive architectural glass canopy, and featuring an interactive, digital version of the much-loved Mockridge fountain.

The renewed City Square will include open space for functions and celebrations, retail and hospitality, with vibrant garden beds and bluestone paving.

Raised edges along the square will provide casual seating for people to sit back and enjoy the bustling city atmosphere.

To find out more about the City Square design, visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



Flinders Street eastbound closure update

Flinders Street eastbound, between Degraves and Swanston streets, has been closed to traffic since September 2019, to support construction of the underground pedestrian connection between Town Hall and Flinders Street stations. This closure has also been integral to the construction of the underground station entrance and more recently, above ground structures.

To assist crews with completing station construction, this section of Flinders Street will remain closed until April 2025. Local vehicle access for businesses and residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

We thank everyone for their patience as we complete construction on this major project.

Town Hall Place development

Next year, Lendlease will commence work on Town Hall Place, the over station development being built at the Flinders Quarter site.

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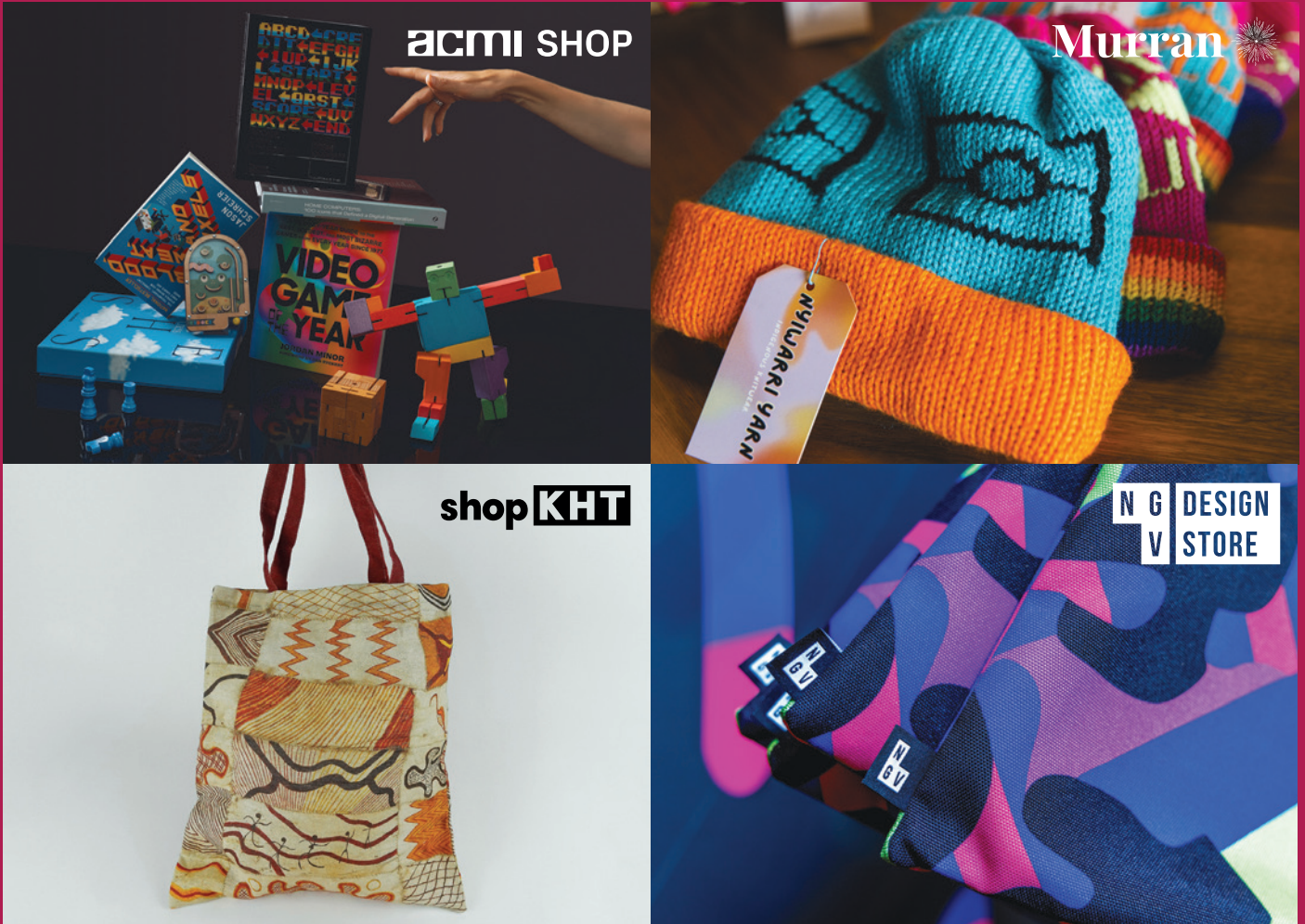


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