

Construction update

Kensington

December 2023 and January 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 December and January.

Construction snapshot

In December and January, works within the Kensington precinct 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.

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

We are taking a break

The Metro Tunnel Project will take a break from construction on Saturday 23 December 2023 with works recommencing on Monday 8 January 2024.

The site 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**.

There may be minor works required during this time. Further information will be provided if works are to occur.

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.

Construction partner:

Works in your area

Public space works

Childers Street

Ongoing to early 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 **11 December to 22 December**, 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 installation of precast columns to the flood wall. These precast columns will be installed with the use of a crane and will be approximately 50cm in height.
- From mid-January to mid-February, precast panels will be installed to the columns on the flood wall using a temporary crane on Childers Street. While aiming to minimise impacts for local traffic, a combination of lane and road closures will be required at times during normal construction hours
- From mid-January to early February, there will be a road closure on Childers Street between Kensington Road and Ormond Street during normal construction hours
- From early February to mid-February, there will be an eastbound lane closure on Childers Street during normal construction hours
- 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 column and panel installation works
- While Childers Street is temporarily closed, vehicles will be detoured via the Tennyson Street detour
- Following installation of the precast panels, the creative design will be applied in early 2024
- These activities are expected to generate medium levels of noise.

Egress building fit out

Childers Street

Ongoing to late 2024



- Internal fit out works are nearing completion, with testing and commissioning activities underway.

Rail tunnel fit out

Western tunnel entrance on Childers Street and within the tunnel

Ongoing until mid 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. During this time, there may be short term increased movement of construction vehicles and materials between Hobsons Road and Childers Street
- 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.

High Capacity Signalling technology testing

- Out of hours High Capacity Signalling testing will continue intermittently on the Sunbury Line throughout 2023.
- Testing of the High Capacity Signalling technology is expected to generate low levels of noise.

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



Metro Tunnel Progress in 2023

It's been a year of huge milestones for the Metro Tunnel, as the project edges closer to its 2025 opening date.

In March, the final tracks were laid in the twin nine-kilometre tunnels, paving the way for test trains to start running deep beneath Melbourne CBD in July.

Test trains are now running at a maximum speed of 80km/h through the tunnel – the same speed they will travel at when the project opens in 2025. The team has now completed about 1,100 hours of testing, with this critical phase of the project expected to last well into 2024.

Work on the Metro Tunnel's five new underground stations is progressing at pace, with architectural fit-out well underway and installation of Victorian-first platform screen doors now complete.

At Anzac, the station concourse is taking shape with lights, stairs, lifts, escalators and platform pavers now installed. The entrances on both sides of St Kilda Road are also well advanced.

At Town Hall, crews are continuing work on a pedestrian underpass connecting Town Hall and Flinders Street stations, with lifts soon to be installed on all 10 platforms at Flinders Street Station.

At State Library, the grand entrance structure near the corner of Latrobe and Swanston streets is in place. Crews are continuing work on the pedestrian underpass to Melbourne Central Station.

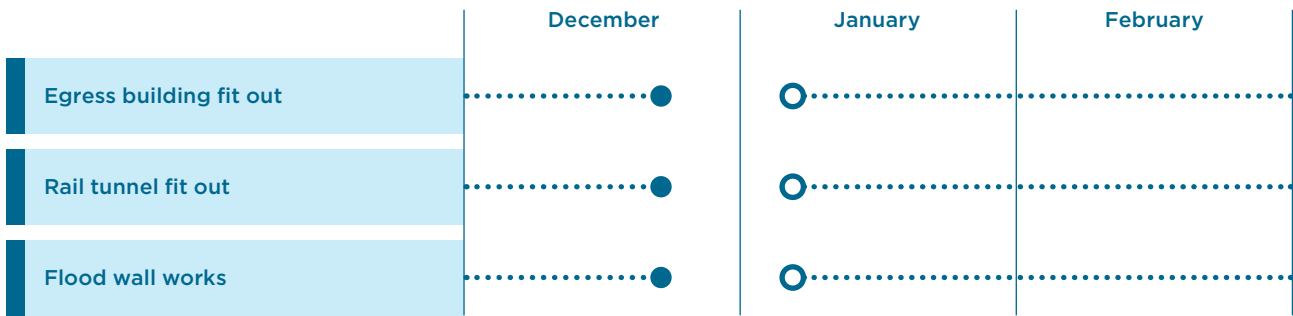
At Parkville, the team has finished the glass canopy at the Grattan Street entrance. Work is progressing on the pedestrian underpass beneath Royal Parade.

Arden's major structural elements are finished and work is underway on landscaping around the station. Escalators and lifts to the station concourse are being tested.

The first passenger services using the Metro Tunnel's High-Capacity Signalling (HCS) started running along a section of the Cranbourne/Pakenham Line in July, allowing trains to travel closer together for better reliability and more services.

Metro Tunnel crews have clocked more than 50 million hours of work on the city-shaping project.

Look ahead for 2023-2024




Program is indicative and subject to change

Traffic and transport impacts

- From **Monday 11 December to Friday 22 December**, Childers Street will be closed during normal construction hours to enable the installation of concrete fixings to the tunnel entrance flood wall. During this period, the Tennyson Street detour will be in place
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- 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
- During December and January, 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.

More information

 [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](https://www.metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)

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