

Construction update



Town Hall Station

February 2024

Construction of the Metro Tunnel Project's new Town Hall Station is entering a new phase, including works on the station entrances at Swanston and Flinders streets and at City Square, as well as the fit-out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

Works snapshot: February

Construction works within the Town Hall Station precinct during February 2024 include:

- Station entrance construction within the City Square and Flinders Quarter sites
- Station build-out works
- Station passenger area and operational rooms construction and fit out
- Campbell Arcade restoration works including fit-out of the underground passenger connection to Flinders Street Station
- Lift installations within the Degraes Subway at Flinders Street Station
- Surface works in Flinders Lane and the adjoining alley ways
- 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 promotion in this notification for **Ross House**, located at **247-251 Flinders Lane**. We look forward to promoting more local businesses as the project progresses.



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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



The first test train entering the Metro Tunnel, July 2023

Upcoming works in your area

City Square site

**24-hours, Monday to Friday
7am to 2pm, Saturdays (as required)**



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 this month include:

- Construction of the passenger concourse which involves the use of the tower cranes, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake steel fixing, waterproofing, formwork installation and concrete pours
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Concrete trucks will access the loading bays on Collins Street and Flinders Lane. Concrete pours involve regular deliveries, 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 operation will be required 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 Collins Street and Flinders Lane loading bays

- These works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise
- Steel crypt branches will be installed via the Flinders Lane and Collins Street loading bays to support upcoming ground floor placements.

Flinders Quarter site

**24-hours, Monday to Friday
7am to 2pm, Saturdays (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 this month 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 shotcreting, steel fixing, waterproofing, formwork installation and concrete pours including hydro scabbling
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Works are continuing to complete pile demolition involving excavators on the lower level of the site in preparation for the ground floor concrete pour
- 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 operation will be required 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 driveway
- Due to road permit requirements, large plant will occasionally be delivered and demobilised from the site outside of standard construction hours.

Gantry installations

- Works previously notified for to install gantries on Scott and Cocker alleys have now been re-scheduled to take place in March 2024.

Degraves Subway signage remediation

- The signage which sits above the two staircases which lead into Degraves Subway from Flinders Street, will be temporarily removed for remediation works
- Removal works will take place in early February under a partial footpath closure, outside regular work hours.

Flinders Street Station

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
- Works to install lifts between the Degraves Subway and platform level at Flinders Street Station will continue. These works will be carried out behind the blue hoarding on the Flinders Street Station platforms.

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 this month 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
- Works to excavate the escalator shaft at Federation Square are planned to commence in February. The work will take place within the acoustic shed, however some excavation works will involve an excavator with a hammer attachment. This is expected to generate some periods of high-level noise. Works are planned to progress 24/7 until August 2024.

Pedestrian crossing reopened

You may have noticed that in December we reopened the Flinders Street pedestrian crossing, between St Paul's Cathedral and Federation Square.

This pedestrian crossing has been closed for a number of years due to Town Hall Station works occurring at the Federation Square site.

Pedestrians are now able to continue along the eastern footpath of Swanston Street / St Kilda Road, without disruption, improving access to Federation Square and tram stop #13.

Surface works requiring Flinders Lane and alley way closures

Flinders Lane, Cocker Alley, Scott Alley and Royston Place



When we'll be working

Work hours:

- Ongoing until **early-March 2024**
- **Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 12:30am**
- **Saturday, 6:30am to 1:30pm.**

Closure hours:

- Flinders Lane will be closed during the above work hours, however the Project team will reopen it to traffic, when it is safe to do so, outside of these hours
- Flinders Lane may also be reopened when crews are unable to work due to wet weather
- Cocker Alley and Scott Alley will remain closed **24 hours, 7 days a week.**

The timing of work may change depending on weather.

What we'll be doing

In January we commenced works to prepare the laneways around the Flinders Quarter site for pedestrian access into the new Town Hall Station. Both Cocker Alley and Scott Alley will become station entrances while Royston Place will become a service point for the station's waste facility.

The works include:

- Widening the Flinders Lane southern footpath so more pedestrians can safely access the new station when it opens
- Releveling and paving the laneways
- Installing essential utility services and key equipment that will be used to operate the station

- Installing a traffic management system in Royston Place to assist waste and delivery vehicles into the laneway.

What to be aware of

- The section of Flinders Lane between Swanston Street and Royston Place is currently closed as of 15 January for up to eight weeks
- Cocker Alley and Scott Alley are currently closed as of 15 January for up to eight weeks and arrangements are in place for businesses and tenants during this period
- Royston Place will be closed for up to two weeks and arrangements will be in place for businesses, carpark and residential access during this time
- Access to residential buildings will be maintained
- Emergency egress from the Nicholas Building onto Cocker Alley will be maintained.

Traffic arrangements

- Flinders Lane will be closed to vehicles between Swanston Street and Royston Place. Drivers travelling from Russell Street down Flinders Lane will be able to access driveways and delivery areas under traffic management
- Driveway access will be maintained to properties between Russell Street and Regent Place, and vehicles exiting carparks on Flinders Lane will be required to travel east to Russell Street under traffic management and a detour using Flinders Street or Collins Street
- For access to properties on Flinders Lane between Swanston and Elizabeth streets, drivers will need to enter Flinders Lane via Elizabeth Street
- Cyclists should observe detour routes and will be able to access properties or delivery areas under traffic management.

Pedestrian arrangements

- Pedestrian access will be maintained along Flinders Lane on the northern footpath
- Residential building access will be maintained to properties on Flinders Lane
- Cocker Alley, Scott Alley and Royston Place will be closed to pedestrians during works. Alternative arrangements will be made with residents and businesses during this time.

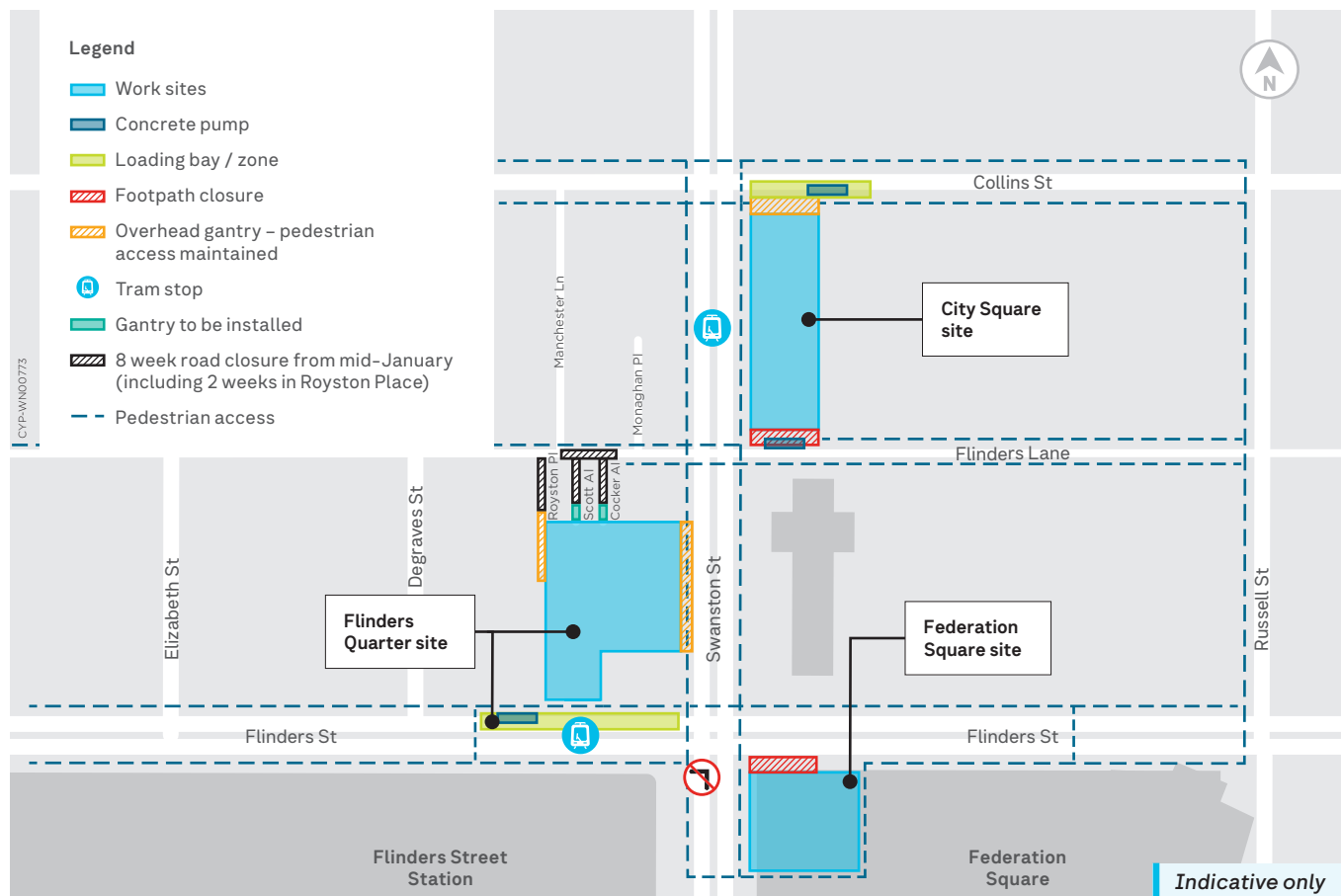
Noise and vibration

- Some of the work, such as demolition of the paving and excavation to install utilities, will create high levels of noise. The project team will make every effort to schedule noisy work at times when there is minimum impact to the community
- The majority of these works will take place from 7am to midnight, Monday to Saturdays, with some works required beyond these hours where necessary
- There will be some periods of high-level noise and vibration during day shifts and some periods of medium level noise beyond these hours.

Parking

- During these works parking spaces on Flinders Lane between Swanston Street and Royston Place will be unavailable
- As part of these works, we are widening the southern footpath along Flinders Lane outside Cocker and Scott alleys, so more people can use the footpath to access Town Hall Station when it opens
- Two parking spaces will be permanently removed (one loading bay in front of Ashdown House and one disabled parking space in front of Bible House) to accommodate the wider footpath
- The two disabled parking spaces in front of Ross House will remain.

Works area map



First Metro Tunnel station completed

After nearly six years of construction, Arden Station is finished, making it the first of the Metro Tunnel's five new stations to reach this significant milestone.

This marks a huge step towards the Metro Tunnel opening to passengers in 2025.

Over the coming months, it will be used to test station systems such as passenger information displays, platform screen doors and ventilation.

Arden Station will become the centrepiece of a new bio-medical and health sciences precinct for North Melbourne, accommodating up to 34,000 jobs and around 20,000 people by 2051.

To see photos of the finished Arden Station, visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



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