

# Construction update

## Kensington

April and May 2023

Works to construct the Metro Tunnel's western entrance in Kensington are progressing. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout April and May.

### Construction snapshot

In April and May, works within the Kensington precinct will include:

- Childers Street public space and station forecourt construction works
- Egress building fit-out
- Rail tunnel fit-out
- 24-hour rail works.

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

# Works in your area

## Public space works

### Childers Street

Ongoing to June 2023



- Works to construct new public spaces around South Kensington Station will continue throughout April and May
- Continuing the installation of the new station entrance canopy
- Continuing further streetscape upgrades, including the installation of new tree pits and rain garden beds, paving, seating, decking and the remaining bike storage hoops, pathways and lighting around the station precinct
- The opening of the pocket park and forecourt area will be announced at a later date
- Installing new lighting within the forecourt area, which will require the temporary closure of Childers Street for up to one day in April. Further information will be provided ahead of the closure
- Constructing the remaining mudstone retaining walls and installing additional garden beds in the pocket park and public spaces either side of the egress building will continue in April
- These works will involve the use of a non-destructive digging (NDD) truck, excavators, a crane, elevated work platforms (EWPs), compaction equipment and crews with handheld machineries
- NDD uses high-pressurised water to dig the ground without damaging any existing underground services
- These activities are expected to generate medium levels of noise with intermittent periods of high levels of noise and vibration. There will be an increase in deliveries and construction vehicles accessing the site via Childers Street.

## Egress building fit-out

### Childers Street

Ongoing until late 2023



- Ongoing installation of carpentry, doors, fire services, electrical equipment, switchboards and lifts
- Ongoing fit out of the substation, including mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Using a crane to install two electrical switchboards onto the roof of the egress building. To carry out this work safely, we will need to temporarily close Childers Street for one day in mid-May. We will provide further information about these works closer to the date

- Removal of temporary power services and electrical infrastructure servicing the egress building. To carry out this work safely, we will need to temporarily close Childers Street for one day in late May. We will provide further information about these works closer to the date.

## Rail tunnel fit-out

### Decline structure on Childers Street and within the tunnel

Ongoing until late 2023



- Rail tunnel cabling and fit out works are continuing within the tunnel and decline structure
- Ongoing delivery and installation of fit-out materials within the decline structure
- Deliveries of materials to the decline structure will continue to support the 24/7 rail tunnel fit out works
- Due to the size of some loads, traffic controllers will be required on Childers Street to ensure safe delivery of materials to site and to maintain two-way vehicle movements via contra flow on Childers Street.

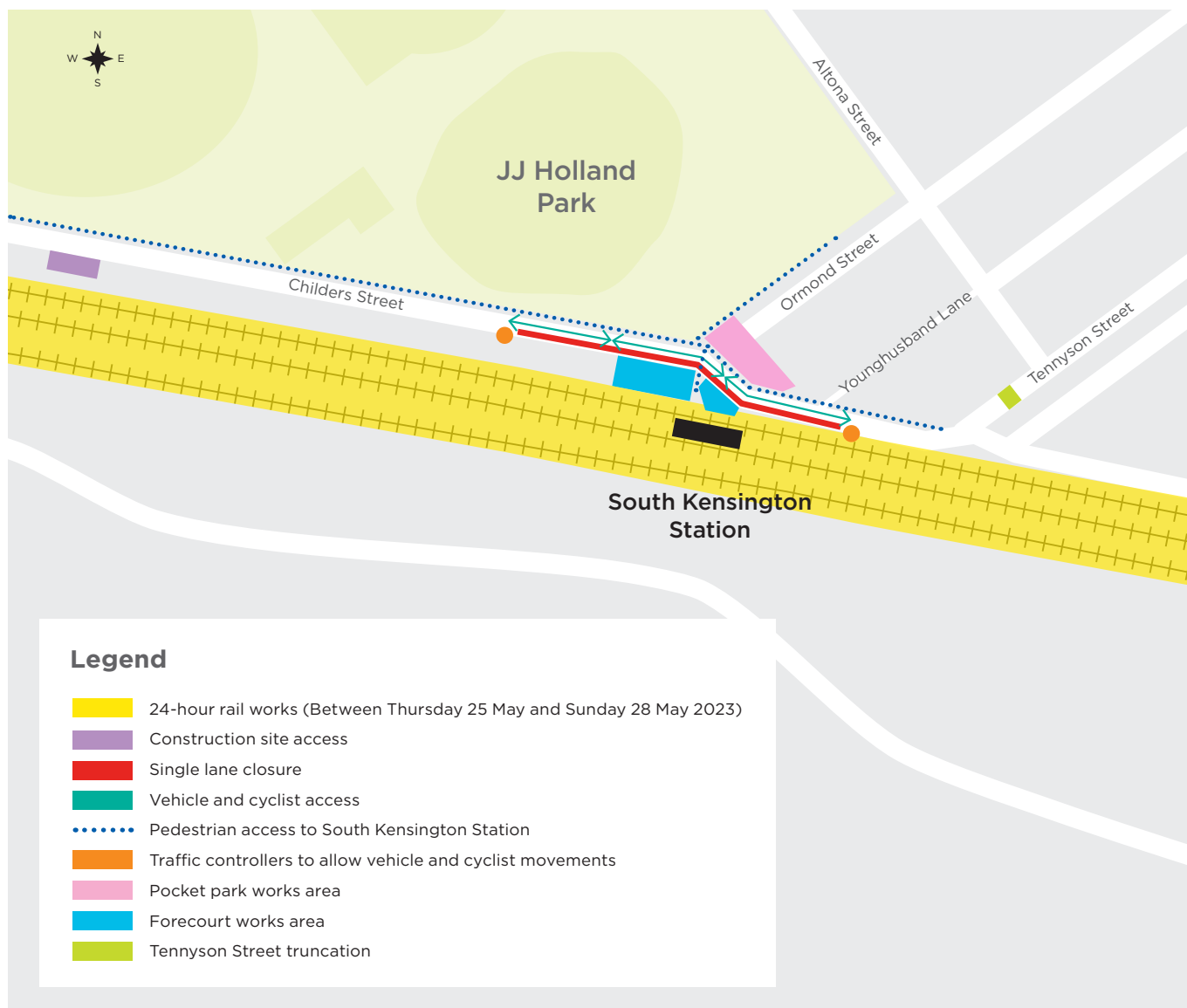
## 24-hour rail works

### Rail corridor between North Melbourne and Sunshine stations and between North Melbourne and Newport stations

8pm Thursday 25 May to 4am Sunday 28 May 2023



- Relocating and installing new tracks on sections of the rail corridor near the western tunnel entrance, laying crushed rock and tamping the track into position
- Installing underground service conduits and rail signalling assets
- Completing rail maintenance works within the rail corridor
- Testing and commissioning newly installed signalling assets
- These works will involve the use of excavators, EWPs, NDD trucks, a crane, tippers, cable trucks, machine hand tools and crews with signalling equipment
- These works are expected to generate medium levels of noise with intermittent periods of high-level noise.



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## Three month look ahead

	April	May	June
Childers Street public space and station forecourt construction works			
Egress building fit-out			
Rail tunnel fit-out			
24-hour rail works		○●	

### Traffic and transport impacts

- Works to undertake lighting installation on sections of Childers Street will take place in April. To ensure the safety of road users and to avoid traffic delays, a temporary closure of Childers Street will be required for up to one day. Further information including temporary detour routes will be provided ahead of the closure
- A temporary full closure of Childers Street for one day will be required in mid-May to allow the craning of two switchboards onto the roof of the egress building. Further information will be provided prior to the commencement of these works
- Traffic management will be in place on Childers Street to allow vehicle and cyclist movements
- A temporary full closure of Childers Street for one day will be required in late-May to allow the removal of temporary electrical poles near the egress building. Further information will be provided prior to the start of these works
- Traffic controllers will be present on Childers Street near the corner of Kensington Road to maintain safe vehicle movements during the delivery of materials
- Construction vehicles will continue to access the tunnels for fit out works via the construction gate near the west end of Childers Street, closer to Kensington Road.

### High Capacity Signalling technology testing

- Out of hours testing will continue intermittently in the rail corridor throughout 2023 to enable High Capacity Signalling testing.
- 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](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au).


### Travel changes

To ensure 24-hour and out of hours works can take place safely, buses will replace trains on sections of the Sunbury Line from **8pm Thursday 25 May to 3am Sunday 28 May** and on the Werribee and Williamstown lines from **8pm Thursday 25 May to 4am on Friday 26 May**.

For further information and to plan your journey, please visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](https://ptv.vic.gov.au) or call **1800 800 007**.

### More information

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

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