

Test trains running through the Metro Tunnel

# IMPROVING ROAD AND RAIL TRAVEL

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We are delivering major road and rail projects right across the state as part of Victoria's Big Build. The Metro Tunnel, West Gate Tunnel and St Kilda Road bike lanes will get you where you need to go quicker, safer and easier.

## Better city connections one step closer

Trains are now doing test runs in the Metro Tunnel, in a landmark moment for the biggest rail project in Victoria since the City Loop.

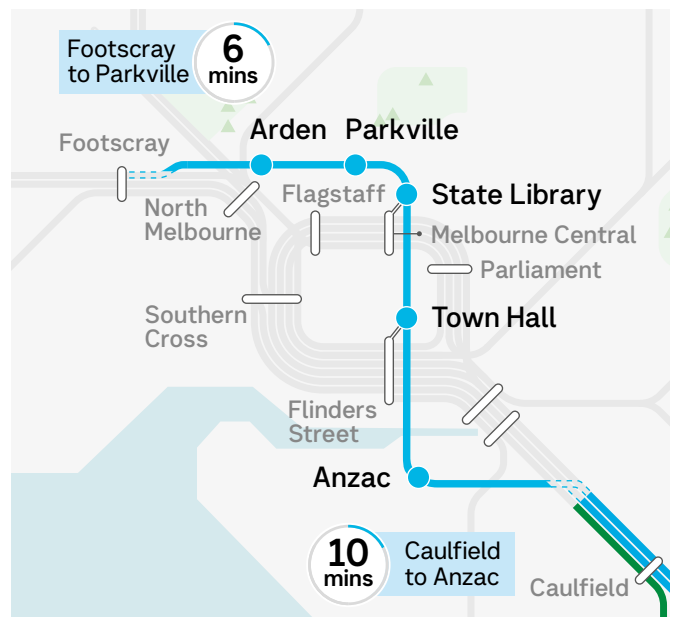
Over the coming months, the seven-carriage trains will run back-and-forth deep under the CBD and Yarra River, testing equipment and systems to ensure they are working seamlessly and safely.

In the second half of next year drivers and station staff will run services in the next stage of testing.

When the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025, Melburnians will have train access to St Kilda Road and Parkville's health and medical precinct for the first time.

The new Town Hall and State Library stations on Swanston Street will have direct connections to Flinders Street and Melbourne Central stations, so people can easily switch between services.

The new rail tunnel under the city will create capacity on Melbourne's rail network for half a million more passengers every week.



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# Transport disruptions in inner Melbourne

← Footscray

## Buses replace Route 82 trams

Between Moonee Ponds Junction (stop 32) and Footscray Station (stop 64)  
7–10 October



## Buses replace Route 19 trams

Between the Queen Victoria Market (stop 7) and Brunswick Rd (stop 19)  
21–30 November



## Wurundjeri Way and Dudley Street intersection closed in all directions

6 October – early December



## La Trobe Street closed eastbound

Between Elizabeth St and Swanston St  
Until mid-2024



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Brunswick

Royal Pde

The University of Melbourne

Arden St

Victoria

Queen Victoria Market

Dudley St

Wurundjeri Way

Flagstaff Station

La Trobe St

Melbourne Central Station

Lonsdale St

Southern Cross Station

Bourke St

Collins St

Flinders St

Flinders Street Station

Swanston St

## New tram stop in Parkville

A new tram stop is being built on Royal Parade for Route 19 trams as the Parkville Station precinct moves into its final phase of construction

The upgraded stop will help passengers switch easily between trains and trams when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025.

The new stop will be a short walk to the new Parkville Station entrance. Travel times between Parkville and the Anzac Station location on St Kilda Road will be cut from 25 minutes or more, to just eight minutes.

## Safe cycling on St Kilda Road

Sections of the new bike lanes on St Kilda Road from Linlithgow Avenue to Dorcas Street, and Toorak Road to St Kilda Junction are now open, creating safer travel for drivers and cyclists. A concrete kerb physically separates vehicles and bicycles to improve safety by eliminating the risk of colliding with open car doors.

The new lanes also improve cycling connections between some of Melbourne's major activity centres, including the CBD, Chapel Street and Domain precincts.

Works on the remaining bike lanes will continue until the Metro Tunnel Project is complete in 2025



3500

Cyclists use the road each day

View inside the West Gate Tunnel



## Better connections to the west

Tunnelling has finished on the West Gate Tunnel – a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge that will take thousands of trucks off local roads.

Footscray Road reopened in June after more than 400 massive concrete segments were lifted into place to build the new elevated road. The bridge over rail lines at Dynon Road reopened in August after works were completed to widen and strengthen it, ready to join a new exit ramp from the West Gate Tunnel.

Major work is about to start on widening Wurundjeri Way, and linking it to a new city bypass that will take traffic off Spencer and King streets.



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Artist's impression of M80 Ring Road Interchange, Greensborough

## Paving the way for a better public transport network

Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) will slash travel times, ease congestion and open up access to key employment, education and health destinations across Melbourne.

Construction is now underway on SRL East from Cheltenham to Box Hill, with trains running by 2035.

SRL will improve the public transport network and will develop the neighbourhoods around each station, providing more housing, services and new public and open spaces.

## Better journeys around Melbourne

We've duplicated 3.5 kilometres of track on the Hurstbridge Line, allowing for more train services, less crowding on peak trains, and better connections to the rest of the public transport network.

On the Hurstbridge Line, that means 40 extra services each week including 25 at peak times providing passengers more travel options into the city.

These works were delivered by Level Crossing Removal Project which is also removing 110 dangerous and congested level crossings across the state by 2030, with 72 already gone for good

## Bringing our road, bus and bike network together

North East Link will take traffic and trucks under, instead of through suburbs, with 6.5 kilometre tunnels from Watsonia to Bulleen improving our city's freeway network.

An overhaul of the Eastern Freeway and completion of the M80 Ring Road will also be delivered, connecting to the new North East Link when they all open in 2028.



Slashing travel times by 35 minutes



Taking 15,000 trucks off local roads each day



18 traffic lights skipped from the Eastern Freeway to the M80 Ring Road



10,000 jobs for Victorians

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