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# Initial and Early Works at Heatherton

Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) is a city and State-shaping project that will transform Victoria's public transport system, connecting our suburbs and making travel easier and more convenient.

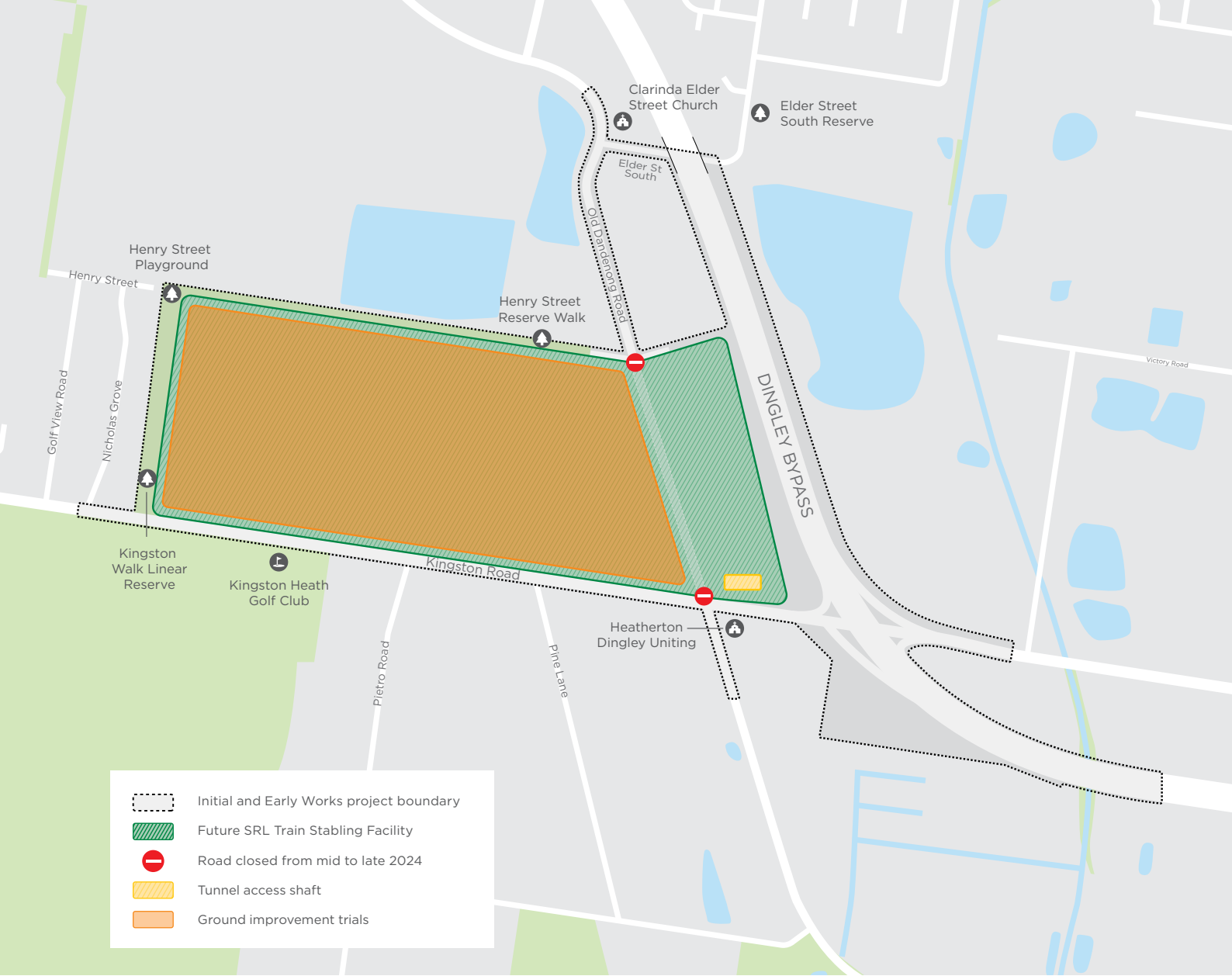
SRL East will connect our growing health, education, retail and employment precincts in Melbourne's east and south east between Cheltenham and Box Hill.

As part of SRL East, a train stabling facility will be built in Heatherton. The stabling facility is a critical part of the SRL East network and needs

to be constructed near the start of the rail line to allow SRL's fleet of high-tech trains to run services efficiently each day.

Before we start major construction for SRL East, we are undertaking Initial and Early Works at each of the sites from Cheltenham to Box Hill, including Heatherton.





## What are Initial and Early Works?

Initial and Early Works involve activities such as utility relocations, site establishment, minor road modifications, site levelling and ground improvement works.

These works help prepare project areas for major works while minimising the impact on the local community, businesses and road users during the Main Works.

The Initial and Early Works package is being delivered by Managing Contractor, Laing O'Rourke.

## SRL East Project Timeline

### September 2021

Initial Works community consultation

### November 2021 – May 2022

Environment Effects Statement (EES) consultation including Early Works

### December 2021

Initial Works approved

### September 2022

Early Works approved

### 2022

Initial and Early Works package begun

### 2025

Initial and Early Works finish  
Main Works begin

## Initial and Early Works to be undertaken at Heatherton

Planned works	What the works involve
<b>Utility relocations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Relocating underground utilities including power, telecommunications, water, gas and the Westernport Altona Geelong oil pipeline to a new location away from the SRL site</li><li>– Above ground power lines will be relocated underground.</li></ul>
<b>Road modifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Closing Old Dandenong Road between Kingston Road and Henry Street from mid to late 2024</li><li>– Modifying the intersection of Old Dandenong Road and Kingston Road to facilitate the road closure</li><li>– The Department of Transport and Planning will re-route the 631 bus route prior to the closure of Old Dandenong Road.</li></ul>
<b>Site establishment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Establishing temporary site facilities for project staff and lay down areas for construction materials</li><li>– Activities include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic barrier and fencing installation</li><li>• Tree and vegetation removal</li><li>• Hazardous material removal</li><li>• Excavation and earthworks to clear and level the area</li><li>• Drainage installation.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Ground improvement trials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Site-levelling, drainage, and testing different ground preparation techniques. These trials will help inform the chosen ground preparation methods for the stabling facility.</li></ul>
<b>Tunnel access shaft construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Excavating the tunnel access shaft</li><li>– Creating foundations in the ground for the tunnel access shaft and construction of concrete beams to create a walled structure around the area. The shaft will allow the tunnel boring machines to be lowered into the ground to bore the SRL East twin tunnels.</li></ul>
<b>Site investigations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Obtaining information about the existing ground conditions and identifying the location of utility services. This data helps inform project planning and construction methods.</li></ul>

## Planning approvals

Initial and Early Works have been assessed and approved via two separate planning pathways. Initial Works were approved under Clause 52.30 - State Projects planning provision.

Early Works were approved as part of the SRL East Environment Effects Statement. The assessment of these works found that the environmental effects will be manageable.

## Managing impacts

As with any major infrastructure project, surrounding residents and businesses may experience some disruption during project works.

Suburban Rail Loop Authority is committed to minimising and managing disruption for local residents, business and communities as much as possible. However, we do anticipate some potential impacts including:

- Changes to traffic conditions for drivers (including temporary speed reductions and lane closures), cyclists and pedestrians
- Some noise, vibration and dust from construction activities, machinery and vehicles
- Removal of vegetation and trees, where required
- Potential short-term impacts to driveway access and on-street car parking.

Before works start, we will notify and engage with residents and businesses about activities planned in their area, what to expect and how any disruptions will be managed.

## Your questions answered

### Will you notify the community about these works?

We will notify local residents and business about what to expect and how disruptions will be managed using works notifications, signage, advertising and notices on our website, social media channels and email newsletters.

### Will there be traffic impacts?

Yes, some works will require changes to traffic conditions. We will notify the local community ahead of these changes. Traffic management and speed reductions will be in place where required.

### Will homes and businesses be affected during the works?

Access to all residential properties and businesses will be maintained wherever possible throughout works.



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### More information

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