

# Construction update



## State Library Station

April 2024

Construction of the Metro Tunnel Project's State Library Station has entered a new phase, including works on the main station entrance building, fit-out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

### Works snapshot: April

Construction works within the State Library Station precinct during April include:

- Main station entrance construction and build-out works
- Construction and fit-out of the underground passenger connection to Melbourne Central Station
- Station passenger area and operational rooms construction and fit-out
- Train testing through the tunnel
- Reinstatement of community space
- Franklin Street East shed removal works.

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

### Business support

While the new State Library 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 **Samut**, located at **Ground Floor, 46 Little La Trobe Street, Melbourne**. 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



Main station entrance at Swanston and La Trobe Streets

## Upcoming works in your area

### La Trobe Street site

**24-hours, Monday to Friday**  
**7am to 12am, Saturdays and Sundays**



**Swanston Street concrete pump operation**  
**24-hours, Monday to Sunday,**  
**ongoing (as required)**

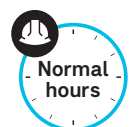
When State Library Station opens, the main station entrance on Swanston Street will lead into an expansive underground passenger foyer, with lifts and escalators transporting passengers down to the customer and ticketing area, towards the train platforms.

Works being undertaken over the next month includes:

- Construction of the main entrance building including floors, walls and columns which involves the use of a crawler crane, elevated work platforms, forklifts, generators, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake steel fixing, waterproofing, formwork installation and concrete pours
- 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 multiple concrete pumps in use to achieve the volume required
- Utilities works will commence within the existing La Trobe Street eastbound closure from late-April. This involves excavation using a vacuum truck, installation of water and drainage services, including a large gross pollutant trap (GPT), connection of new services to the existing network and disconnection of redundant services. It is likely that there will be some disruption to services. Impacted stakeholders will be contacted directly
- Ventilation equipment operation will be required during all works below ground, and site lighting will be required for evening and overnight works

- Regular truck movements to deliver and remove equipment and construction materials are required
- Intermittent footpath closures will be in place on the western Swanston Street footpath adjacent to the La Trobe Street site, to facilitate overhead works, scaffold and gantry removal, and concrete pours (see map)
- To support a program of critical works to construct the station entrance, site reconfiguration works are expected to take place at Swanston Street, adjacent to the site. These works will involve changes to pedestrian access. More information will be provided ahead of the works commencing
- Some works at the La Trobe Street site will generate high levels of noise. Please contact the project team if you have any concerns.

### Melbourne Central Station



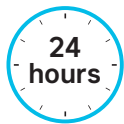
**7am to 6pm, Monday to Fridays**

- Construction and fit-out of the underground passenger connection between the new State Library Station and Melbourne Central Station
- Works include installation and fit-out of escalators, service relocations, and slab, tile and wall removal.

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## Little La Trobe Street site

7am to 1am, Monday to Friday  
7am to 6pm, Saturdays



**Road closure of Little La Trobe Street**  
24-hours, Monday to Sunday, ongoing

Works continue to build the above ground structures that will provide critical cooling towers required for final power energisation and station operation.

To support these critical works, a long-term closure of Little La Trobe Street directly adjacent to the work sites is now in place. Motorist access into Little La Trobe Street and Literature Lane is maintained via Elizabeth Street (see map).

Non-Metro Tunnel works are continuing under a northbound lane closure on Elizabeth Street. Motorist access to Little La Trobe Street during these works will be from a southbound direction only.

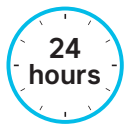
Key activities taking place during this closure in April include:

- Concrete barrier, hoarding and signage installation
- Aboveground structure works involving the use of trucks, cranes, elevated work platforms, rattle guns and hand tools, and other tools and equipment required for the delivery and installation of pre-cast elements, roof steel and sheeting, cladding and glazing for building façades and installation of acoustic and external louvres
- Set up and use of a mobile crane on the road surface within the road closure
- Service works involving the use of a non-destructive digging truck
- Reinstating the kerb and gutters
- Changes to parking spaces on Little La Trobe Street are now in place. Please follow the signage and direction from traffic controllers.

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## A'Beckett Street site

24-hours, Monday to Sundays, ongoing

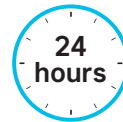


- Works continue on the construction and fit-out of the lower station passenger areas and operational rooms including steel and concrete deliveries, unloading of materials within the A'Beckett Street acoustic shed, use of a mobile crane, trucks and hand tools
- Strut removal works will recommence in early-April within the acoustic shed
- Concrete pours at this site are ongoing.

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## Franklin Street sites

24-hours, Monday to Sunday, ongoing



**Franklin Street westbound road closure**  
24-hours, ongoing until mid-2024

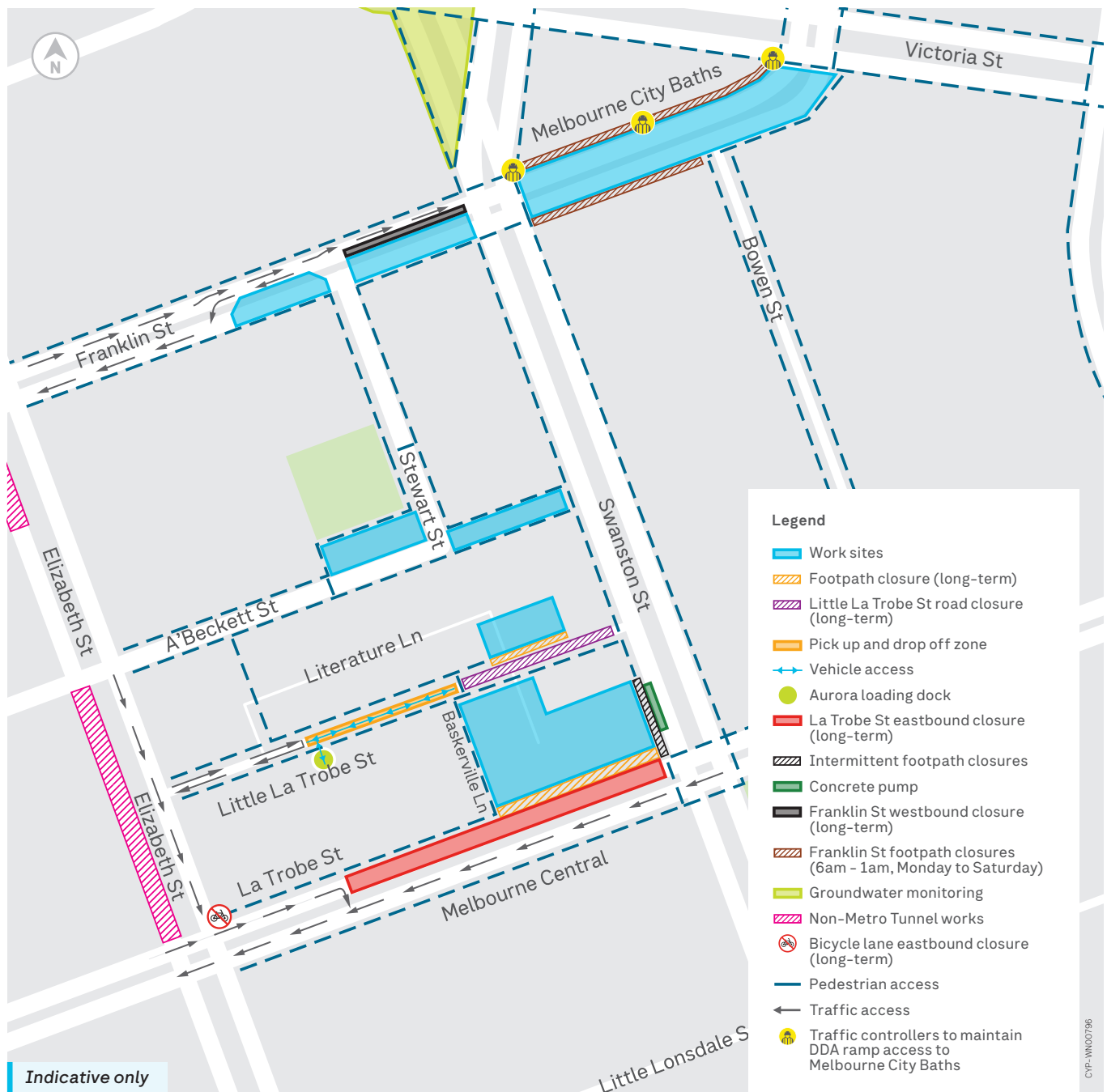
**Franklin Street East shed demobilisation**

**Franklin Street footpath closures between Swanston and Victoria streets**  
6am to 1am, Monday to Saturday, ongoing

Works continue to build a station entrance on Franklin Street, and construct and fit-out the station passenger areas and operational rooms, as well as aboveground ancillary structures.

- These works include steel tying, waterproofing and concreting to construct slabs and walls, as well as fit out, mechanical, electrical and plant works
- Delivery of steel and concrete using trucks and unloading materials within the acoustic sheds is ongoing. Truck access to the Franklin Street East site is from Victoria and Swanston streets. Stop and hold arrangements are in place
- Works to demobilise the acoustic shed at the Franklin Street West site is complete
- Above ground structure works and works to remove a capping beam underneath the road surface will take place within the existing Franklin Street westbound road closure
- Capping beam removal works requiring the closure of the Franklin Street southern footpath between Swanston and Stewart streets are expected to commence in May
- Surface works requiring the closure of the Franklin Street northern footpath between Swanston and Stewart streets are expected to commence in June. More information will be provided ahead of these works commencing
- Works to demobilise the acoustic shed at the Franklin Street East site have commenced
- These works involve installing scaffold and overhead protection, removing the acoustic shed panels, and the steel frame using rattle guns, power tools, hand tools, elevated work platforms, trucks and cranes
- Mobile cranes will be set up around the site and used to lift steel sections onto trucks for removal. Cranes will remain in place even when they are not in operation
- Closures of the southern and northern footpaths adjacent to the Franklin Street East work site are in place for the de-cladding of the shed (see map)
- During steel frame removal, both footpaths will be closed simultaneously for safety reasons. These works are expected to commence in mid-April
- Local access arrangements during shed demobilisation works have been established with impacted stakeholders. Traffic management will be in place to safely guide pedestrians around the work area and provide DDA ramp access to Melbourne City Baths (see map).

# Works area map



## Groundwater monitoring

Victoria, Franklin, Swanston and Therry streets

Monday to Fridays, 7pm to 5am under lane closure (as required)

- Intermittent testing of previously installed groundwater wells on Victoria, Franklin, Swanston and Therry streets on the road and footpath is ongoing
- This involves setting up small, localised traffic controls on footpaths and overnight lane closures with traffic management in place
- These works will generate low levels of noise.



## Oversize deliveries

All sites

10pm to 7am, ongoing

- In addition to regular deliveries to site, out of hours deliveries will occur intermittently to minimise traffic disruption and to ensure the safety of the public and our workers.



## Goodbye to the Franklin Street West acoustic shed

A two-and-a-half month operation to dismantle the massive shed in Franklin Street West is now complete.

The shed went up in 2019 and has reduced noise, light and dust impacts during construction of State Library Station. The shed housed temporary ventilation systems for the underground levels and a gantry crane, which lifted in materials and equipment to the new station below.

Works to dismantle the remaining shed on Franklin Street, east of Swanston Street, has commenced and is expected to be completed by August.

When the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025, Franklin Street will be fully reopened between Stewart and Victoria streets, with a single vehicle lane in both directions, new separated bicycle lanes, and wider footpaths for socialising, outdoor dining, gardens, and public art.



Before and after of the Franklin Street West acoustic shed removal

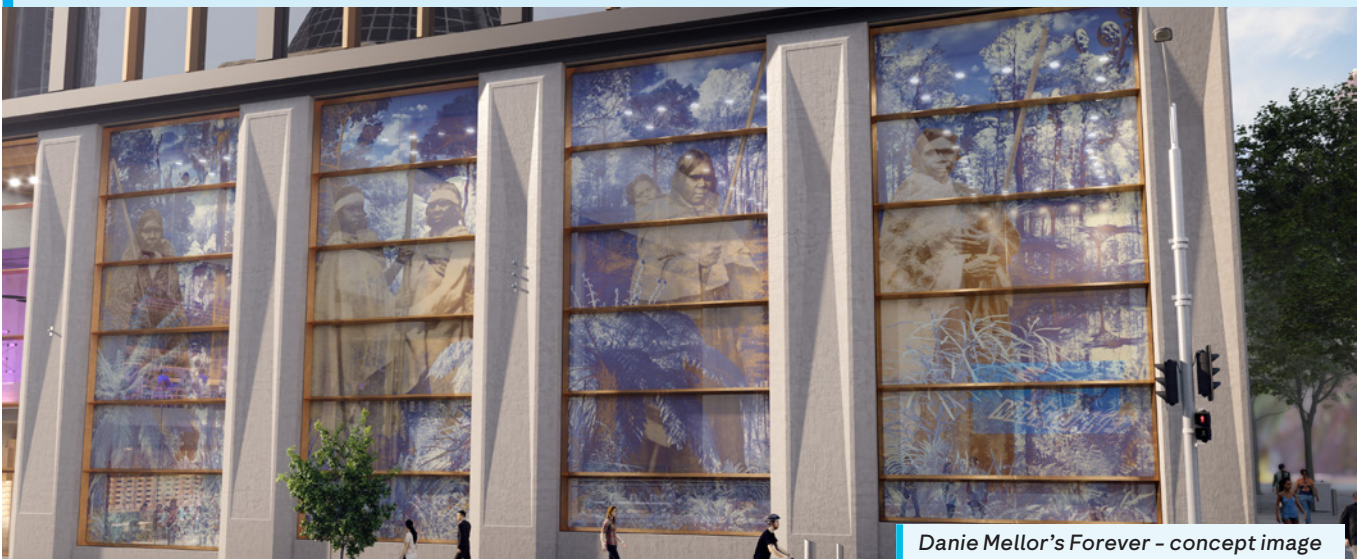
## Metro Tunnel's public artworks revealed

Major public artworks that will feature in Melbourne's five new underground train stations, as part of the Metro Tunnel's Legacy Artwork Program, have been revealed.

The creators of the works – Abdul Abdullah, Patricia Piccinini, Danie Mellor, Raafat Ishak and Maree Clarke – are among the nation's foremost artists, chosen by an expert advisory panel including leading figures from Victoria's creative industries.

Danie Mellor's large-scale installation, *Forever*, will be printed within the glass panels that form State Library Station's glazed façade on La Trobe Street. The artwork features historical photographic portraits of Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung women set in contemporary landscape imagery taken by Mellor on Wurundjeri Country.

To learn more and see concept images of the artworks, visit [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)



Danie Mellor's *Forever* - concept image

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