

Construction update



Town Hall Station

February 2025

The Metro Tunnel Project's Town Hall Station is moving towards the final phase of construction, including works on the station entrances, fit-out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

Opening later this year, the Metro Tunnel will create a new end-to-end rail line from Sunbury in the west to Cranbourne/Pakenham in the south-east, with bigger and more modern trains, and five new stations.

Works snapshot: February 2025

Construction works within the Town Hall Station precinct during February 2025 include:

- Station entrance construction and underground build-out works at the City Square, Flinders Quarter and Federation Square sites
- Ongoing construction of above ground service buildings at City Square
- Tower crane removal and bluestone reinstatement works on Swanston Street outside City Square
- Removal of the Collins Street loading bay and reinstatement of the southern footpath near the site entrance
- Campbell Arcade restoration works
- Removal of the acoustic shed at Federation Square
- 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 **Royale Galette** and **Croque Monsieur** located at **241 Flinders Lane, Melbourne**.

We look forward to promoting more local businesses as the project continues

Town Hall Place development

This year, Lendlease will commence work on Town Hall Place, the over station development being built at the Flinders Quarter site.

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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

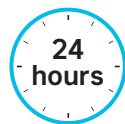
24 hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities



Escalators leading to the top of the City Square entrance

Upcoming works in your area

City Square site



24-hours, Monday to Sunday

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:

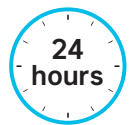
- Construction of the passenger concourse structure which involves the use of a mobile crane, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake internal finishes and mechanical plant installs
- Construction and fit-out of two above ground service buildings which will be located north-east and south-west of City Square, housing lift bays and tunnel exhaust shafts
- Installation of the station entrance canopy at the northern end of the site
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Concrete pours involve regular deliveries, the use of concrete trucks, concrete pumps and concrete finishing equipment
- Ventilation equipment will operate during all works below ground, and site lighting will be required for evening and overnight works
- There will be regular truck movements via the Collins Street and Flinders Lane loading bays
- These works will generate low to medium levels of noise.

Public realm works around the Town Hall Station precinct

As the project progresses toward completion, crews are now undertaking works to remove construction equipment and reinstate paving and footpaths around the sites in preparation of Town Hall Station opening in 2025.

In February works continue to remove the remaining tower crane on Swanston Street at City Square. Works will also take place to reinstate the footpath on Collins Street and construct stairs which passengers will use to access the City Square station entrance via Collins Street.

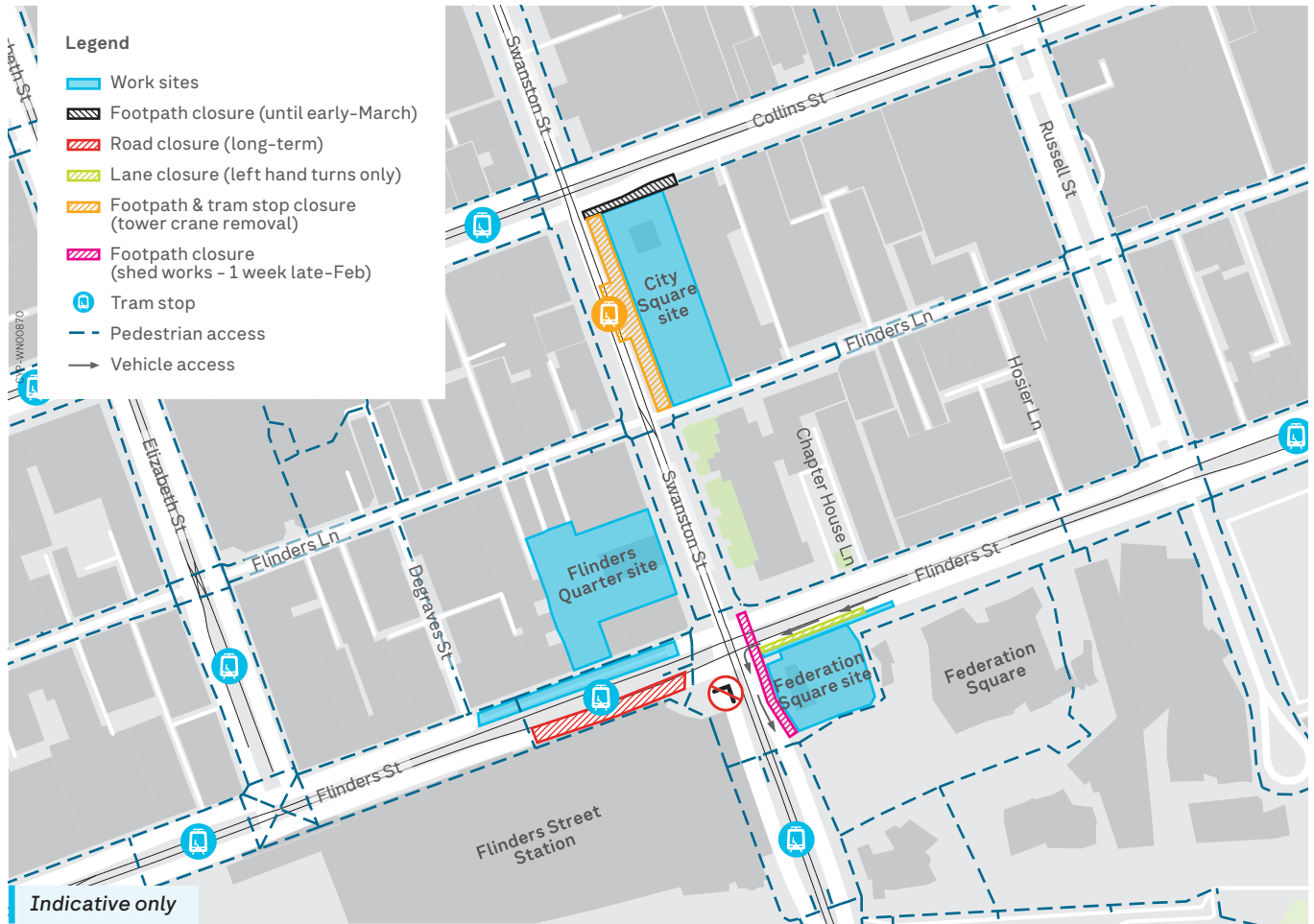
Collins Street southern footpath works



24-hours, ongoing until April 2025

- Works continue to demolish a concrete structure below the Collins Street southern footpath at the City Square site entrance
- Works along the Collins Street footpath will include pavement demolition, drainage works, installation of new services, light pole installation, signage installation, traffic signal updates, and pavement reinstatement works
- During this time the Collins Street footpath at the site frontage (refer to map for location) will be closed to pedestrians from early-February until early-March
- Pedestrians will need to use the northern footpath to continue along Collins Street.

Works area map



Swanston Street tower crane removal and footpath reinstatement works

24 hours

24-hours, ongoing until April 2025

- Works continue to remove the tower cranes from Swanston Street and reinstate the footpath
- These works will require the closure of the City Square/Swanston Street southbound tram stop (Stop #11) and footpath from early-February until early-April
- Intermittent closures of the southbound bike lane will be required
- Please refer to the map for location of closure and available pedestrian detours
- These works will generate some high-level noise and vibration during some stages
- There will be some day and night-time closures of Flinders Lane at the City Square site entrance to allow for tower crane load out.

Flinders Quarter site

24 hours

24-hours, Monday to Saturday
12pm to 12am, Sundays (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 steel fixing, formwork installation and concrete pours including hydro scabbling
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- 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 up to 12 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 will operate 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 site entrance
- Due to road permit requirements, large plant will occasionally be delivered and demobilised from the site outside of standard construction hours
- Works continue on the above ground structures within the site which will provide exhaust and ventilation functions to the station below. These works include steel fixing and concrete pours and will take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- In February works will take place to extend the steel gantry above the footpath on Swanston Street. These works will require some intermittent narrowing of the footpath and some night-time closures.

Campbell Arcade

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



- Works continue to restore Campbell Arcade and construct the underground pedestrian connection between Town Hall and Flinders Street stations
- Fit-out works include tiling, plastering and installation of station infrastructure such as Myki gates.

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
- Removal of the acoustic shed
- These works will generate periods of noise and regular truck movements to and from the site
- To bring down the shed and build the station entrance, a long-term traffic arrangement is in place so a crane can be positioned on Flinders Street, outside Federation Square
- An additional lane of Flinders Street westbound is now occupied by the Project, with the remaining lane for vehicles turning left onto St Kilda Road only (refer to map for location). Vehicles seeking to continue westbound will need to detour at or before Russell Street
- There will be overnight closures of Flinders Street westbound between Russell and Swanston streets from 9pm to 5am on 3, 4, 5 February
- There will be a closure of the Flinders Street pedestrian crossing between St Paul's Cathedral and Federation Square for up to one week in late-February.

Dress rehearsals for the Metro Tunnel are underway

The Project kicked off its final year with a 10-day testing blitz that saw more than 2,600 train trips through the Metro Tunnel. Trains travelled between Hawksburn and West Footscray through the new tunnels along the Sunbury and Cranbourne/Pakenham lines at a frequency between 8 and 12 per hour. The frequency is expected to increase in the coming months as we refine our testing.

The 10-day blitz was an opportunity for Metro Trains staff to become more familiar with the project, with another 46 train drivers trained to operate the new High Capacity Metro Trains (HCMTs) – taking the total number of trained drivers to around 200. This work is part of a new phase known as Trial Operations.

Trial Operations are a 'dress rehearsal' for the project that involves station staff, operators, maintenance staff and drivers rehearsing the operation of the Metro Tunnel and its stations.

The team will conduct more than 100 exercises to demonstrate the project's complex systems and technology are working as designed. Everything is rehearsed, from opening and closing each of the 5 new underground stations, to major incidents such as intruder detection and mass train and station evacuation exercises so staff are prepared for every possible scenario.

To find out more about Trial Operations, visit metro.tunnel.vic.gov.au

Degraves Street Subway reopened

The Degraves Street Subway at Flinders Street Station is back with new lifts to improve accessibility for people switching platforms.

Since it closed two and a half years ago, Metro Tunnel crews have completed extensive restoration and upgrade works in both the subway and adjoining Campbell Arcade, including:

- Installation of six new lifts between platform and subway level
- Full ceiling replacement
- Upgrades to lighting, ventilation, fire, and security systems
- Restoration of original tile work and key heritage features.

When Town Hall Station opens later this year, Degraves Street Subway will be the connecting point between the two stations, allowing passengers to change between them without having to touch on or off.



New lifts between platform and subway level

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