

Construction update

Kensington

August and September 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 August and September.

Construction snapshot

In August and September, works within the Kensington precinct will include:

- Public space works
- Egress building fit-out
- Testing and commissioning works
- Rail tunnel fit-out.

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

When are we working?

Normal construction hours



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

Some activities may be required to continue slightly past these hours. All efforts will be made to complete activities as scheduled.



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.

Construction partner:



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Works in your area

Public space works

Childers Street

Ongoing until late 2023



- Continuing further streetscape upgrades, including the installation of rain garden beds, paving, asphalt, seating, decking and further bike storage hoops around the station precinct
- These works will involve the use of a non-destructive digging (NDD) truck, a small excavator and crews with handheld machines
- NDD uses high-pressurised water to dig the ground without damaging any existing underground services
- From mid-August, temporary power infrastructure located adjacent to the flood wall will be removed
- During these works, there will be a temporary closure of the southern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street
- Pedestrians will be detoured via the northern footpath on Childers Street and access to South Kensington Station will be maintained
- Further information will be provided closer to these works.

Egress building fit-out

Childers Street

Ongoing until late 2023



- Decommissioning and removal of a temporary power pole on Childers Street and temporary power infrastructure connected to the egress building
- To enable the safe removal of the temporary pole and overhead wires, a one-day closure of Childers Street will be required in mid-August
- During the one-day full closure of Childers Street, a vehicle and cyclist detour will be in place via Kensington Road, Derby and Tennyson streets
- During these works, there will be a temporary closure of the southern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street
- Pedestrians will be detoured via the northern footpath on Childers Street and access to South Kensington Station will be maintained
- Further information will be provided closer to these works.

Rail tunnel fit-out

Decline structure on Childers Street and within the tunnel

Ongoing until late 2023



- Work inside the tunnel will continue 24/7
- Rail tunnel works will continue within the decline structure and tunnels to support the testing of High Capacity Signalling technology
- Construction plant and materials will travel to and from the tunnel and decline structure via Childers Street and Hobsons Road
- Traffic management will be in place for the duration of all works to maintain safe passage for construction activities and assist vehicle and cyclist movements.

City of Melbourne is installing a new irrigation system in Childers Street

The irrigation system will provide water to the nearby trees, improving their growth and health for years to come. Works to install the system commenced in June 2023 and are expected to be completed by late 2023. Work hours are 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

To find out more call **9658 9658** or visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects



Indicative only

Traffic and transport impacts

- In mid-August, there will be a one-day closure of Childers Street and closure of the southern pedestrian footpath to enable the removal of the temporary power pole and overhead wires on Childers Street near the egress building. During these works, a vehicle and cyclist detour will be in place via Kensington Road, Derby and Tennyson streets. Pedestrians will be detoured via the northern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street and access to South Kensington Station will be maintained. Further information will be provided closer to these works
- Works to remove temporary power infrastructure adjacent to the flood wall will take place from mid-August. During these works, there will be a temporary closure of the southern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street. Pedestrians will be detoured via the northern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street and access to South Kensington Station will be maintained. Further information will be provided closer to these works
- Construction vehicles will continue to access the tunnels via the construction site access point in the wall opening near the west end of Childers Street
- Traffic controllers will be present on Childers Street near the corner of Kensington Road and Childers Street to maintain vehicle movements and ensure the safe delivery and removal of materials.

Look ahead for 2023

	August	September	October
Public space works			
Egress building fit out			
Rail tunnel fit out			

Program is indicative and subject to change

High Capacity Signalling technology testing

- Out of hours High Capacity Signalling testing will continue intermittently on the Sunbury Line throughout 2023.
 - 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 metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

Train testing kicks off in the Metro Tunnel!

A landmark moment for the project occurred in July with the first test trains entering the Metro Tunnel.



During the first journey, two next-generation High Capacity Metro Trains entered the twin 9km tunnels at the South Yarra tunnel entrance and travelled 1.7km to Anzac Station, directly under St Kilda Road.

The journey was years in the making and marks the start of the project's next major testing phase. Over the coming months, crews will run trains back and forth between the five stations. The basics, such as lining the trains up with the platforms, will be tested first. The team will then gradually increase the complexity, from one train at low speed using minimal power through to multiple trains at greater speeds.

Various equipment and systems will be tested to make sure the Metro Tunnel is safe and ready to open to passengers in 2025. To find out more, visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



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