

# Construction update



## Town Hall Station

March 2024

Construction of the Metro Tunnel Project's Town Hall Station has entered a new phase, including works on the station entrances at Swanston and Flinders streets and at City Square, as well as the fit-out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

### Works snapshot: March

Construction works within the Town Hall Station precinct during March 2024 include:

- Station entrance construction within the City Square and Flinders Quarter sites
- Station build-out works
- Station passenger area and operational rooms construction and fit-out
- Campbell Arcade restoration works including fit-out of the underground passenger connection to Flinders Street Station
- Lift installations within the Degraes Subway at Flinders Street Station
- Surface works in Flinders Lane and the adjoining alley ways
- Train testing through the tunnel.

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 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 **Ginger Olive Restaurant**, located at **Shop 2/38 Manchester Lane, 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



The first test train entering the Metro Tunnel, July 2023

## Upcoming works in your area

### City Square site

**24-hours, Monday to Friday  
7am to 2pm, Saturdays (as required)**



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 which involves the use of the tower cranes, concrete pumps, and other tools and equipment to undertake steel fixing, waterproofing, formwork installation and concrete pours
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Concrete trucks will access the loading bays on Collins Street and Flinders Lane. 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 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 operation will be required 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 Collins Street and Flinders Lane loading bays

- These works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise
- Steel crypt branches will be installed via the Flinders Lane and Collins Street loading bays to support upcoming ground floor placements
- There will be some service investigation works within the Collins Street loading bay at night. This work will require the use of a non-destructive digging truck and will generate some periods of medium level noise during the night.

### Flinders Quarter site

**24-hours, Monday to Friday  
7am to 10pm, Saturdays and 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 shotcreting, steel fixing, waterproofing, formwork installation and concrete pours including hydro scabbling
- Installation of infrastructure to support mechanical, electrical and plumbing services
- Works are continuing to complete pile demolition involving excavators on the lower level of the site in preparation for the ground floor concrete pour
- Concrete pours involve regular deliveries via the loading zone on Flinders Street, and the use of concrete trucks, pumps and finishing equipment

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- Ventilation equipment operation will be required 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 driveway
- Due to road permit requirements, large plant will occasionally be delivered and demobilised from the site outside of standard construction hours
- There will be some service investigation works within the Swanston Street western footpath at the site entrance during the night. This will include the use of an NDD truck and require overnight footpath closures with diversions in place
- There will be some modification works undertaken to the overhead gantry on Swanston Street. These works will require overnight footpath closures at the site entrance on Swanston Street
- There will be investigation works on the facades of buildings on Flinders Street between Swanston and Degraves. These works will require overnight footpath closures and will generate some periods of medium level noise.

#### Scott Alley and Cocker Alley gantry installation

- Works to install overhead protection gantries on Scott and Cocker alleys will take place in March
- These gantries ensure the laneways are safe to access while above ground construction is underway
- These gantries will cover approximately five metres overhead from the site boundaries and will allow above ground construction at the site to take place whilst the laneways remain operational
- Once the protection gantries are installed, they will not impact on the operation or access to the laneways, or encroach on windows, doors or balconies of surrounding buildings
- Works will include the use of rattle guns, hand tools and the tower crane to erect steel to form the gantry
- These works will generate some periods of medium to high level noise. Every effort will be made to undertake noisier works during daytime hours.

#### Degraves Subway signage remediation

- The heritage signage which sits above the two staircases, which lead into Degraves Subway from Flinders Street was removed in February to be refurbished
- Once refurbishment is complete the signs will be reinstated. During reinstatement a partial footpath closure will be required outside of regular work hours.

## Flinders Street Station



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

- Works to restore Campbell Arcade and construct the future underground pedestrian connection between Town Hall Station and Flinders Street Station, known as the 'Flinders Link', are ongoing
- Works to install lifts between the Degraves Subway and platform level at Flinders Street Station will continue. These works will be carried out behind the blue hoarding on the Flinders Street Station platforms.

## 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
- There will be regular truck movements to deliver and remove equipment and construction materials
- Works to excavate the escalator shaft at Federation Square commenced in February. The work will take place within the acoustic shed, however some excavation works will involve an excavator with a hammer attachment. This is expected to generate some periods of high-level noise. Works are planned to progress 24/7 until August 2024.

# Surface works requiring Flinders Lane and alley way closures

## Flinders Lane, Cocker Alley, Scott Alley and Manchester Lane



### When we'll be working

#### Work hours:

- Ongoing until **early-March 2024**
- **Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 2:30am**
- **Saturday, 6:30am to 1:30pm.**

#### Closure hours:

- Flinders Lane and the southern and northern footpaths will be closed during the above work hours, however the Project team will reopen it to traffic, when it is safe to do so, outside of these hours
- Flinders Lane may also be reopened when crews are unable to work due to wet or hot weather
- Cocker Alley and Scott Alley will remain closed **24 hours, 7 days a week**
- The entrance to Manchester Lane off Flinders Lane will be closed from **8pm to 2:30am** nightly while re-paving works take place for up to one week in early March.

The timing of work may change depending on weather.

### What we'll be doing

In January we commenced works to prepare the laneways around the Flinders Quarter site for pedestrian access into the new Town Hall Station. Both Cocker Alley and Scott Alley will become station entrances while Royston Place will become a service point for the station's waste facility.

To date we have completed a scope of works that included demolition of old bluestone and concrete, utility installation and re-leveling of Scott and Cocker alleys.

In March we will conclude works by reinstating final bluestone and constructing kerbs on Flinders Lane. We will also be repaving the entrance to Manchester Lane off Flinders Lane.

Please note previously notified works in Royston Place have been postponed and will occur at a later date. Information regarding these works will be provided closer to the time.

### What to be aware of

- The section of Flinders Lane between Swanston Street and Royston Place is currently closed until early March
- Cocker Alley and Scott Alley are currently closed until early March and arrangements are in place for businesses and tenants during this period
- Access to residential buildings will be maintained
- Emergency egress from the Nicholas Building onto Cocker Alley will be maintained
- During works to re-pave the entrance to Manchester Lane, the laneway will be closed to pedestrians from 8pm to 2.30am nightly. Access to businesses and carparks will be via Collins Street. Access will be maintained to the Ginger Olive restaurant from Flinders Lane and Manchester Lane (via Collins Street).

### Traffic arrangements

- Flinders Lane will be closed to vehicles between Swanston Street and Royston Place. Drivers travelling from Russell Street down Flinders Lane will be able to access driveways and delivery areas under traffic management
- Driveway access will be maintained to properties between Russell Street and Regent Place, and vehicles exiting carparks on Flinders Lane will be required to travel east to Russell Street under traffic management and a detour using Flinders Street or Collins Street
- For access to properties on Flinders Lane between Swanston and Elizabeth streets, drivers will need to enter Flinders Lane via Elizabeth Street
- Cyclists should observe detour routes and will be able to access properties or delivery areas under traffic management.

### Pedestrian arrangements

- Pedestrian access will be maintained along Flinders Lane on the northern footpath during the day until 8pm
- From 8pm to 2:30am, both the southern and northern footpaths on Flinders Lane will be closed to pedestrians between Swanston Street and Royston Place, with access to businesses and apartments maintained
- Cocker Alley and Scott Alley will be closed to pedestrians during works. Alternative arrangements will be made with residents and businesses during this time.
- Pedestrian and vehicle access onto Manchester Lane will be via Collins Street from 8pm to 2.30am weeknights.

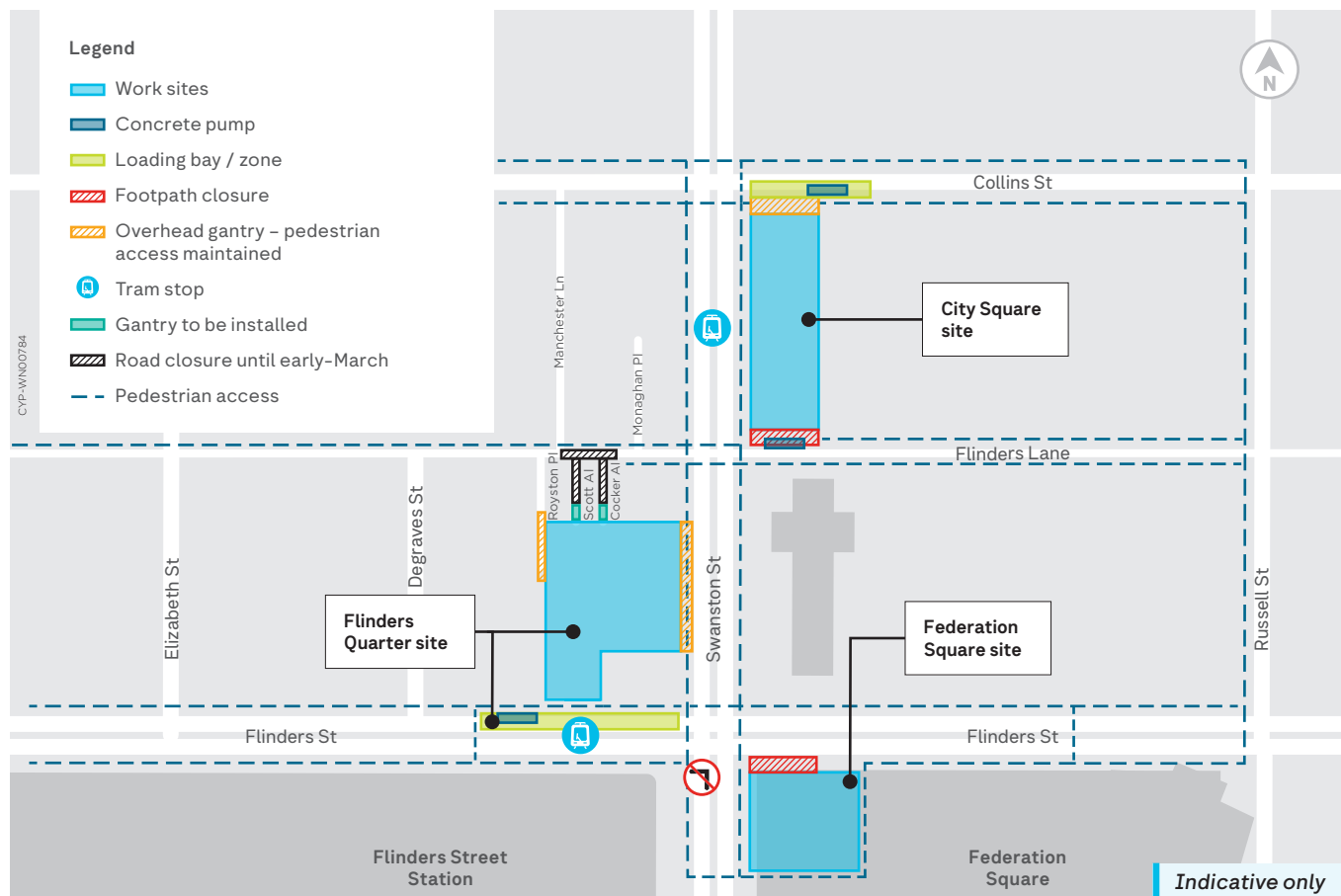
### Noise and vibration

- Some of the work, such as demolition of the paving requiring saw cutting, will create high levels of noise. The project team will make every effort to schedule noisy work at times when there is minimum impact to the community
- The majority of these works will take place from 7am to 2.30am, Monday to Saturdays, with some works required beyond these hours where necessary
- There will be some periods of high-level noise and vibration during day shifts and some periods of medium level noise beyond these hours.

### Parking

- During these works parking spaces on Flinders Lane between Swanston Street and Royston Place will be unavailable
- As part of these works, we are widening the southern footpath along Flinders Lane outside Cocker and Scott alleys, so more people can use the footpath to access Town Hall Station when it opens
- Two parking spaces will be permanently removed (one loading bay in front of Ashdown House and one disabled parking space in front of Bible House) to accommodate the wider footpath
- The two disabled parking spaces in front of Ross House will remain.

# Works area map



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