

Construction update

Kensington

October and November 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 October and November.

Construction snapshot

In October and November, works within the Kensington precinct will include:

- Public space works
- Egress building fit-out
- Testing and commissioning works
- Rail tunnel fit out
- 24-hours rail maintenance works
- Out of hours use of the 5-39 Hobsons Road project support site.

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.



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:

Works in your area

Public space works

Childers Street

Ongoing to late 2023



- Continuing the installation of rain garden beds, paving, asphalt, 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
- Major works at the Metro Tunnel's western entrance are nearing completion. As part of the final stages of works, crews will complete the tunnel entrance flood wall on Childers Street to its final height and install further sections of 'A Day in Our Park', a creative design treatment by artist Stephen Banham
- In November and December, precast panels will be installed to the flood wall using a temporary crane on Childers Street. These precast panels will be approximately 50cm in height
- To prepare for these works, a small team will be progressively working in sections along the flood wall in October and November to install fixtures with an elevated work platform in use
- Following installation of the precast panels, the creative design will be applied in early 2024
- To ensure the safety of pedestrians and road users, the southern pedestrian footpath and approximately eleven on street parking spaces will be temporarily closed on Childers Street
- While aiming to minimise impacts for local traffic, these works will be progressively staged with a combination of lane and road closures required at times during normal construction hours. Further information on impacts to local traffic and temporary detour routes will be provided closer to these works
- These activities are expected to generate medium levels of noise with intermittent periods of high levels of noise.

Egress building fit out

Childers Street

Ongoing to late 2023



- Internal fit out works are nearing completion, with testing and commissioning activities underway
- Removal of a temporary power pole on Childers Street. During these works, a temporary partial closure of Childers Street and partial closure of the southern pedestrian footpath on Childers Street will be required to enable the removal of the temporary pole. Further information will be provided closer to these works.

Rail tunnel fit out

Western tunnel entrance 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
- 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 the 5-39 Hobsons Road project support site During this time, there may be short term increased movement of construction vehicles and materials between Hobsons Road and Childers Street
- Some construction access to the tunnel will be required from Childers Street and the Hobsons Road site during these works with traffic management on Childers Street to ensure the safe removal or delivery of materials.

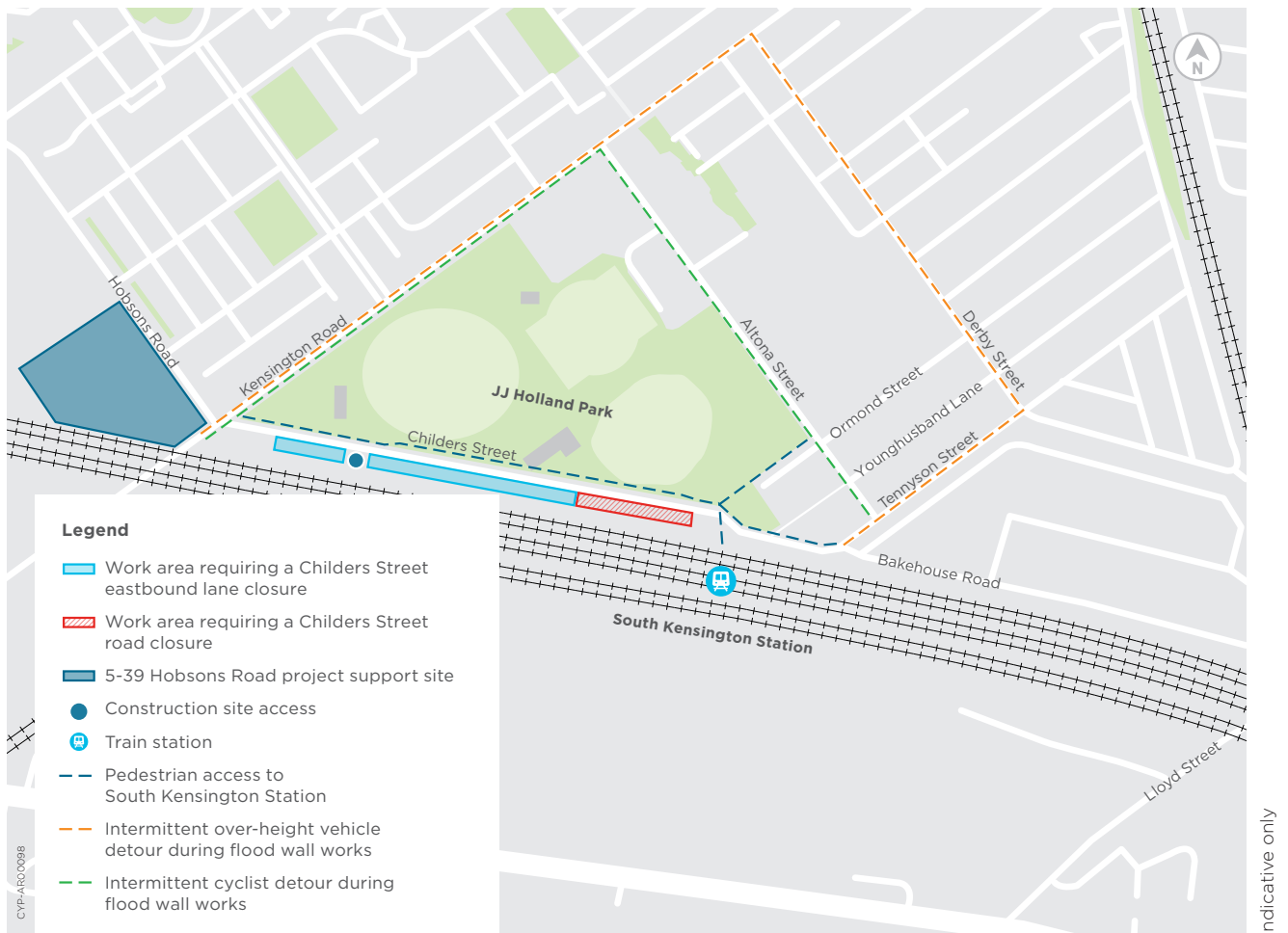
Rail tunnel works

Sunbury Line from North Melbourne Station to Sunshine Station

Sunday 29 October to Thursday 2 November
Thursday 23 November to 27 November



- To prepare the Sunbury Line for future services via the Metro Tunnel, 24/7 works will take place on the Sunbury Line between North Melbourne and Sunshine stations
- These works will involve rail maintenance activities, removing and relocating existing rail and signalling assets and upgrading signalling software along the rail corridor
- There will be periods when High Capacity Signalling testing will be suspended to allow for minor works within the tunnel
- The 5-39 Hobsons Road project support site and Childers Street rail access point will be in use intermittently during normal and out of hours construction periods. During this time, there may be short term increased movement of construction vehicles and materials between Hobsons Road and Childers Street
- Generator-powered lighting towers will be required at night for safety. Where possible, they will be directed away from residential properties
- For the safety of rail users and our workers, these activities can only be performed when trains are not running on the Sunbury Line. Metro Tunnel works will not impact the Werribee and Williamstown lines during this time
- More information about the upcoming rail works will be provided closer to the date.



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

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 bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Look ahead for 2023


	October	November	December
Public space works			
Egress building fit out			
Rail tunnel fit out			
Flood wall works			


Program is indicative and subject to change

Traffic and transport impacts

- In early-October, 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 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 on the tunnel entrance flood wall will take place from early November. To ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians the southern pedestrian footpath and eleven on street parking spaces will be temporarily closed on Childers Street. While aiming to minimise impacts for local traffic, a combination of lane closures and road closures will be required at times on Childers Street between early November and Mid-December within normal construction hours. During these periods, the Tennyson Street detour will be in place. Further information on impacts to local traffic and temporary detour routes will be provided closer to these works
- Construction vehicles will continue to access the tunnels via the construction gate in the wall opening near the west end of Childers Street, close to Kensington Road
- In November and December, The Hobsons Road laydown site and facilities will intermittently be in use during normal construction hours and some out of hour works
- 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.

More information

 metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

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