Works Notification

Communications and Signalling Equipment
Room works
Kensington

Commencing early October 2020

As part of the Metro Tunnel Project we will be installing a Communications Equipment Room (CER) and Signalling Equipment Room (SER).

The SER and CER will be constructed adjacent to the rail corridor at 1-39 Hobsons Road. The rooms will host important equipment to operate trains on the new Metro Tunnel. Commencing in early October, works will take place to install the foundations for the new buildings. Construction of the SER and CER will continue until mid-2021.

What we are doing

— Delivering a piling machine, requiring the use of an oversized vehicle
— Delivering concrete piles
— Installing 24 concrete piles which will be driven into the ground
— Installing two bored piles, involving the use of an excavator with an auger attachment to excavate the foundation
— Driven piles will be ‘broken back’ (levelled-off) using a jackhammer, saw cutter and small crane
— Installing steel, timber formwork and pouring concrete to construct pile caps.

When

Piling rig delivery
— Between 3am and 5am, Monday 5 October.

Driven piling, bored piling, concrete breakback and pile cap works
— 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
— 7am to 1pm, Saturdays
— Commencing Monday 5 October.

What you should be aware of

Piling rig delivery
— Before works start, an oversized vehicle will deliver a piling rig to the site. To minimise traffic disruptions, oversized deliveries are required to take place at night along major arterial roads
— The truck will travel north on Kensington Road from Dynon Road, turn left into Hobsons Road and reverse into the worksite
— Traffic controllers will assist the truck movements with a short hold of traffic while the truck reverses into the site
— During the delivery there will be periods of low level noise. Some light from construction vehicles may also be noticeable.

Driven piling, concrete breakback and pile cap works
— Driven piling works are expected to take up to three weeks, and will generate medium levels of repetitive noise and low levels of vibration
— Following the completion of piling works, a jackhammer will be used to level-off piles. These works will generate medium to high levels of noise and are expected to take up to three weeks.

Bored piling
— Two foundations are required to be installed close to the rail corridor. These works are required to be undertaken while trains are not running
— Bored piling works will generate low to medium levels of noise.
Health and safety

The Metro Tunnel Project is a critical state infrastructure project under Stage 4 restrictions, allowing work to continue with strict health and safety measures in place.

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority and we have measures in place to protect the safety of our construction workforce, including temperature screening, additional protective equipment including masks, daily health screening of workers, enhanced cleaning, staggered shifts and break times, and physical distancing.

Our workforce numbers across Victoria’s Big Build have already been significantly reduced to support directions from the Chief Health Officer, and we are continuing to manage the number of staff and visitors attending our worksites. For more information about coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Keeping you informed

To help support the Victorian Government’s stage 4 coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions while still making sure people know what’s happening in their area, we’ve temporarily changed the way we’ll notify you about upcoming works.

We are using the following channels instead of hand delivering information into your letterbox at this time. Please sign up to our email updates via the Metro Tunnel Project website (metrotunnel.vic.gov.au) so we can continue to keep you informed about works in your area.

Car parking closure

The Hobsons Road car park will be partially/fully closed throughout the following months to facilitate construction of new rail infrastructure in this area.

Late-September - November 2020
— Partial closure
— Up to 25 car parking spaces will remain open to the public during this time.

From November 2020
— Full closure
— Further information will be provided about alternative parking.