Major construction is continuing along the Sunbury rail corridor, between the Maribyrnong River and Tottenham station, in preparation for the Metro Tunnel. In addition, works are underway on the $2.1 billion Sunbury Line Upgrade which will deliver platform extensions, accessibility upgrades and new stabling along the Sunbury rail corridor. Works in September will focus on preparing for a major rail construction blitz commencing at the end of the month.

**Construction snapshot**

Works are now underway in preparation for a major rail construction blitz, taking place from **12am, Sunday 29 September to 8pm, Friday 11 October**. This 13-day period will see an unprecedented amount of 24/7 work completed along the Sunbury line. Works to progress the construction of the new turnback, platform and concourse at West Footscray station will take place while platform extensions, power upgrades, track and service installations occur between the Maribyrnong River and Sunshine station. These works can only take place when trains are not running and will enable trains to run through the Metro Tunnel when it opens.

During this construction blitz, we will install:

- 900 metres of new track between Tottenham and Footscray stations
- 3.7 kilometres of new drainage
- 4.5 kilometres of new communications and power services
- 10 kilometres of upgraded overhead wiring
- 28,000 tonnes of new rail formation including soil and crushed rock transported into the rail corridor
- A third platform at West Footscray station.

To reduce overall disruption on the Sunbury line and prepare for the upcoming construction blitz, we will be working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during September and October in the rail corridor in your local area.

**About this update**

A guide to the timing of works is included overleaf. Please be aware that this is a complex works program, which may alter.

The works undertaken during this time are **high-impact** and every effort will be made to work closely with the local community to manage impacts. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or would like to receive **SMS updates** during this time.
Earthworks
Work crews will move progressively west from Footscray to Tottenham, removing and excavating the existing rail formation including soil and ballast (crushed rock) in preparation for new infrastructure. These works will involve the use of heavy machinery, including large excavators, large trucks, rollers and graders that will result in high levels of noise.

Trackworks
During this construction blitz we will remove and lay hundreds of metres of new track that will service the Metro Tunnel. To complete these works, we will undertake tamping and regulating, a process which compacts and levels out ballast under the new laid track to align it to its final position. These works are expected to create high levels of noise and vibration.

Service installations
We will be installing 4.5 kilometres of supporting communications and power services along the rail corridor. These works will require the use of large excavators and boring rigs to dig through the ground, resulting in medium levels of noise and vibration.

Overhead structures and wiring
These works will involve the use of heavy machinery, including large excavators, large trucks, rollers and graders that will result in high levels of noise. Overhead structures and wiring could include large excavators, large trucks, rollers and graders. Excavators and boring rigs to dig through the ground, resulting in medium levels of noise and vibration.

Traffic and transport impacts

- An increase of construction machinery, including large grader and large trucks, will be travelling on local roads to access the rail corridor.
- Up to 50 car parking spaces will be temporarily closed on the south side of Rupert Street between Ashley Street and Hartley Avenue until mid-October.
- Up to 20 car parking spaces will be temporarily closed on the north side of Buckley Street between Windsor Street and John Street until mid-October.
- Lane closures will be in place along Sunshine Road from Tuesday 24 September until mid-November 2019. Please follow signage and allow extra time.
- Traffic controllers will be present at times to assist construction vehicle access, pedestrians and cyclist movements around construction sites.

Rail construction blitz pop-up sessions
We invite you to join us at one of our upcoming pop-up sessions in September at the following locations and times.

Members of the project team will be present to share information and answer questions about works and disruptions in your local area. Come say hello and grab a free coffee on us!

- Friday 20 September, 6am to 9am Tottenham station
- Friday 20 September, 6.30am to 9.30am West Footscray station and Footscray station
- Monday 23 September, 6.30am to 9.30am Middle Footscray station

What to be aware of

- Ground conditions in the local area contain basalt rock which will need to be broken to facilitate these works. Where possible, any rock breaking activities will be contained to day shifts, however at times, undertaking rock breaking activities at night may be unavoidable.
- Lighting towers powered by generators are required during nightworks within the rail corridor. Where possible, they will be positioned to face away from residential properties.
- Water carts will be used to dampen materials to minimise the spread of dust.

24/7 WORK AREAS
WEST FOOTSCRAY STATION
ONGOING 24/7 UNTIL OCTOBER 2019

During the construction blitz, we will be extending and upgrading platforms at West Footscray station as part of the Sunbury Line Upgrade. These works will allow new longer High Capacity Metro Trains to operate on the network and allow for 113,000 extra passengers to travel in peak periods per week. Significant progress has already been made at West Footscray station to date, with works on the new passenger platform and concourse already well underway.

Platform construction
- Current works continue at West Footscray station including installation of the new platform’s steel frame, capping stones and supporting electrical, hydraulic and communications equipment, followed by decking and reinforcement
- Concrete will then be poured to complete the main platform structure
- From October, works to install the platform canopy will commence
- Works will also take place during October to upgrade the existing platform at West Footscray station. The platform will be extended, a new driver’s walkway will be built, and raised boarding platforms installed to improve accessibility
- These works are expected to produce medium levels of noise and low levels of vibration.

Concourse construction
- Current works include installation of the concourse’s steel structure and precast stairs
- The new concourse’s external cladding will be lifted in place using a crane placed within the rail corridor. These works will take place when trains are not running
- To allow the safe completion of these works, a 2.5m wide section of the pedestrian overpass at West Footscray station has been temporarily closed until late 2019
- Access to the overpass will remain open at all times. Cyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to move through the narrowed overpass area slowly during busy times.

Buses replacing trains, 11.15pm Saturday 28 September to 9pm Friday 11 October
To ensure the 24-hour works can take place safely, buses will replace trains between Flagstaff and Sunshine stations on the Sunbury line from 11.15pm Saturday 28 September to 9pm Friday 11 October. For further details and to plan your journey, visit ptv.vic.gov.au

AFL Grand Final, Saturday 28 September
The project team have carefully planned the timing of these works to ensure impacts to those travelling to the AFL Grand Final day and evening are minimised.

Station car park closure
- The southern (Sunshine Road) West Footscray station car park has been temporarily closed until Saturday 19 October to facilitate delivery and storage of construction materials
- The site will also be used as a rail corridor access point to transport materials to locations along the Sunbury line
- Up to 20 car parking spaces will be temporarily closed in the northern (Cross Street) West Footscray station car park
- A temporary car park adjacent to the Tottenham station car park on Rupert Street is also open for the duration of Metro Tunnel works at West Footscray.

More information
To find out more about the Metro Tunnel Project and register for future email updates:

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