

Monthly construction update

Mernda Line

November 2019

Installation of trackside equipment for the Metro Tunnel's High Capacity Signalling test site, along the Mernda Line between Epping and South Morang stations, will begin in November.

Please read the information in this update to familiarise yourself with the impacts of the works, including planned closures of the Mernda Line.

Construction snapshot

To enable these works to happen with minimal disruption to regular train services, we will need to work out of hours throughout November.

For safety reasons, these works will require closures of the Mernda Line and shared user path that runs alongside it.

In November, works along the Mernda Line will include installing:

- Cables, cable trays and trackside equipment
- Two Relocatable Equipment Buildings at the Epping Train Depot and at 323 McDonalds Road, Epping, and
- Installation of location cases on the north side of Hendersons Creek (off the shared user path). These specialised cabinets house signalling and cabling equipment and connection points.

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. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.



24 hours

24-hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities and during rail occupations. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.

Works in your area

Cable pulling

Between Epping and South Morang stations
10pm to 6am, Sunday 3 November to Wednesday 13 November



- New signalling cables, required to run High Capacity Signalling, will be installed and pulled from Epping to South Morang stations
- These are low noise level works which require the use of a cable winch.

Foundation installations

Epping Depot, 323 McDonalds Road and shared user path near Hendersons Creek
7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, Sunday 3 November to Friday 8 November



- Installing the foundations to enable the Relocatable Equipment Buildings and location cases to be installed.

Rail corridor works

Epping to South Morang stations
Friday 8 November to Monday 11 November



- Excavation, drilling and rock breaking to install trackside equipment in the rail corridor
- All rock breaking will stop by no later than 10pm
- Cable pulling will continue through the night
- During these works the entire length of the shared user path from Epping to South Morang stations will be closed to the public. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Cable pulling

Epping to South Morang stations
7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 7am to 1pm Saturday, Ongoing from Wednesday 13 November to Friday 22 November



- Cable pulling activities outside of the rail corridor along the South Morang shared user path
- These works will require vehicles and machinery to use the shared user path. To keep everyone safe, sections of the shared user path will be closed to the public while these works are being completed. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Rail corridor works

Epping to South Morang stations
Friday 22 November to Monday 25 November



- Excavation, drilling and rock breaking to install trackside equipment in the rail corridor
- All rock breaking will stop by no later than 10pm
- Installation of the Henderson Creek location boxes and Relocatable Equipment Buildings
- Cable pulling will continue through the night
- During these works the shared user path from Epping to South Morang stations will be closed to the public. Traffic management and detours will be in place.

Construction impacts

During excavation works we may encounter sub-surface rocks that will require some rock breaking. We will attempt to carry out these rock breaking activities during daytime construction hours. No rock breaking activities will extend past 10pm.

What to be aware of

- For the safety of rail passengers and our workers, some works can only be done when trains are not running
- The shared user path running alongside the rail line will be closed at times during November. It will be fully closed from Friday 8 to Monday 11 November and from Friday 22 to Monday 25 November. There will also be times throughout the month when sections of the shared user path need to be closed
- Signage and traffic management will be in place to safely detour cyclists and pedestrians around the shared user path closures
- Traffic management will be in place to control increased traffic around Border Drive, where machinery will access the rail corridor via the hi-rail pad on Border Drive, opposite Yunupingu Court
- Use of portable, low noise emitting, petrol powered light towers will be required. Where possible they will be positioned to face away from residential properties
- Works are expected to generate varying levels of noise.

If you are concerned about noise or other construction impacts and would like to talk to a member of the project team about how we could help you, please call 1800 105 105.

Travel changes

To ensure the 24-hour works can take place safely, buses will replace trains on two weekends in November.

From 8pm on Friday 8 November to last train on Sunday 10 November

- buses will replace trains from Keon Park to Mernda.

From 8pm on Friday 22 November to last train on Sunday 24 November

- buses will replace trains from Thornbury to Mernda.

For further details and to plan your journey, visit ptv.vic.gov.au

