Major construction of the Metro Tunnel is continuing at and around the Arden Station site. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout July and August.

**Construction snapshot**

Work at and around the Arden Station site during July and August involves:

- Tunnelling between North Melbourne and Parkville
- Station box construction, including concreting of the internal station walls, concourse level and station roof, and removal of struts
- Slurry treatment plant, water treatment plant and concrete batching plant operation
- Out of hours oversize deliveries to and from site
- Utility investigations on Laurens, Barwise and Queensberry streets
- Surveying, and sampling and testing of groundwater and soil
- Transporting concrete from the concrete batching plant to other Metro Tunnel Project construction sites
- Site investigations, site establishment and piling for the North Melbourne electrical substation.

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

Some activities may be required to continue slightly past these hours. All efforts will be made to complete activities as scheduled.

**Out of hours**

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours. The timing of these works are outlined in the construction information overleaf.

**24 hours**

24 hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities. The timing of these works are outlined in the construction information overleaf.
WORKS IN YOUR AREA

Tunnelling
From North Melbourne to Parkville
Ongoing until late 2020

- The project’s second TBM, Meg, commenced tunnelling towards Parkville in June. Both TBMs are now tunnelling from the Arden Station site towards the Parkville Station site.
- To support tunnelling, the operation of the slurry and water treatment plants and transportation of excavated material will occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- On average the TBMs will move around 10 metres every 24 hours.
- During tunnelling, the project team will undertake survey and monitoring activities at ground level along the tunnel alignment.
- Property condition surveys have been of ered to eligible properties in the alignment area based on a detailed environmental assessment.
- Properties located near tunnelling works will be contacted with further information before tunnelling occurs in their area.

Cross passage construction
From the Arden Station site to Kensington
Ongoing until early 2021

- Cutting through the tunnel walls using a wall saw.
- Using a small excavator to mine between the tunnels, and spraying concrete (shotcrete) to support the ground.
- Installing waterproofing membrane and lining the cross passage tunnels using steel reinforcement and concrete.
- Each cross passage is expected to take approximately six months to construct.
- Works will occur concurrently at different cross passage sites.
- All works will be completed from within the completed section of tunnels and are not expected to be audible at surface level.
- Further information about cross passages can be found at [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au).

Utility investigation works
Laurens, Barwise and Queensberry streets,
North Melbourne
Ongoing until late 2020

- Service investigations will be undertaken intermittently in Laurens, Barwise and Queensberry streets.

Traffic and transport impacts

- Up to 200 trucks per day are expected to travel to and from site. Construction vehicles and trucks will access the site via Laurens and Arden streets.
- All trucks carrying excavated materials will be covered, and water carts and street sweepers will be used to reduce the spread of dust.
- Rumble grids have been installed to remove debris from the wheels and carriages of vehicles to minimise the spread of dirt on local roads.

Utility investigation works

- Utility investigations will involve the intermittent closure of Laurens and Barwise streets down to one lane. Traffic controllers will be in place to direct cyclists and pedestrians.
- Site establishment activities, including installation of site fencing and hoarding, and delivery of worker amenities, plant and equipment.
- A piling rig will be delivered to site in late J uly. The delivery will occur at night, subject to permit conditions.
- Earthworks to construct a piling support platform to ensure the stability of the piling rig. This involves the use of NDD trucks, excavators and a vibrating roller.
- Piling is expected to commence in late J uly and will continue until the end of August.

Station box construction
Arden Station site
Ongoing

- Removing steel struts from within the station box using hand tools and cranes.
- Constructing the internal walls, concourse level and station roof using cranes, concrete trucks and pumps.
- At times, these activities may need to be undertaken at night and are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise.
- Concrete pouring activities may commence before 7am and extend beyond 6pm, Monday to Saturday. This may include the early arrival of concrete trucks to site and operation of the concrete batching plant.
- Oversized deliveries will occur at night, when roads are quieter and subject to permit conditions.
- Unless otherwise notified, construction vehicles will enter and exit the site via Arden Street after 6pm.

Site maintenance activities
Arden Station site
Ongoing

- Ongoing site maintenance activities including modifications to laydown areas and existing gates and hoarding on Laurens and Arden streets.
- Survey, and sampling and testing of groundwater and soil.
- Testing and maintenance of site equipment and plant.

Traffic and transport impacts

- This involves the use of non-destructive drilling (NDD) trucks to locate underground services and then reinstating the road surface and line marking.
- These activities are expected to generate periods of medium to loud noise.
- These works may include intermittent impacts to traffic, footpaths and on-street parking. See the ‘traffic and transport impacts’ section overleaf and map (left) for further information.

North Melbourne substation
Site establishment and construction
North Melbourne
Ongoing until early 2021

- Service investigations using non-destructive drilling (NDD) trucks to locate underground services.
- Site investigations including survey and soil sampling.
- Short holds of traf c on the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail will be required intermittently while large construction vehicles travel along the narrow section of the existing access track near Arden Street. Traffic controllers will be in place to direct cyclists and pedestrians.
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Program is indicative and subject to change

Health and safety
The health and safety of our workers is our key priority as we continue to deliver the Metro Tunnel Project, as is supporting social distancing measures in line with current health advice. We have strict protocols in place to protect the safety of our construction workforce, including enhanced industrial cleaning arrangements, provision of personal protective equipment and measures to reduce staff contact, including staggered shifts.

For more information and advice about the outbreak of Coronavirus, please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Business support
Now more than ever, local businesses near our construction sites need your support. In these uncertain times, businesses are doing it tough. Where possible, and in line with Government advice, please continue to shop local, and show your support.

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

- metrotunnel.vic.gov.au
- 1800 105 105 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
  Press 2 and follow the prompts
- facebook.com/metrotunnel
- Subscribe to eNews or construction notification emails: metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/subscribe

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