Construction is continuing along the Sunbury rail corridor, between the Maribyrnong River and Tottenham station, in preparation for the Metro Tunnel and High Capacity Metro trains. In addition, works are underway on the $2.1 billion Sunbury Line Upgrade which will deliver platform extensions, power upgrades and new stabling along the Sunbury rail corridor. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming Metro Tunnel and Sunbury Line Upgrade works in your area.

Construction snapshot
Current and upcoming works along the Sunbury line include:

• Ongoing construction of a new platform and concourse at West Footscray station
• Installation of new communications and power services
• Installation of new overhead wiring infrastructure
• Construction of a train driver’s walkway at West Footscray station
• Platform upgrades at Middle Footscray and Tottenham stations
• Out of hours and 24/7 works in the rail corridor.

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 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.

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WORKS IN YOUR AREA

Platform construction

West Footscray station
Ongoing until March 2020

• Installation of the new platform canopy is complete, with works underway to asphalt the platform surface and install bins, seats, line marking and tactile
• Installation of the new platform ramp is continuing, with a concrete pour of the ramp footings scheduled to take place in late February followed by structure erection and pouring of the concrete deck
• These works are expected to produce medium levels of noise and low levels of vibration.

Concourse construction

West Footscray station
Ongoing until March 2020
In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working 11pm Saturdays to 6am Sundays in March 2020

• Construction of the new concourse walls, facade and roofing has commenced. Current works include installation of structural steel, roofing, services and internal and external cladding
• Installation of a lift to service the new platform is ongoing. Current works include lift fitout, testing and commissioning
• Modifications to the existing pedestrian overpass are continuing. This involves the removal of existing perforated screens, enabling construction of the new concourse. 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 July 2020
• 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
• In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working overnight on several Saturday evenings throughout March. This is to allow a crane to lift the new concourse façade into the rail corridor. These works can only take place when trains are not running
• These works are expected to produce medium levels of noise and low levels of vibration.

Lighting pole installation

Rail corridor between West Footscray and Tottenham stations
1 March to late April 2020

• Works will take place to feed wire into lighting poles that have been constructed to service the new track between West Footscray and Tottenham stations
• Workers on rail mounted elevated platforms will use hand tools to complete installation
• These works are expected to create minimal levels of noise.

Train driver’s walkway

West Footscray station
9pm, Friday 6 March to 4am, Monday 9 March 2020

• We will soon commence construction of a train driver’s walkway that will allow drivers and staff to move safely from trains to the platform when trains are parked between live track
• Upcoming works include installing small concrete piles to form the foundations of lighting poles and laying cable conduits that will carry power to them
• This will involve trenching and drilling into the ground with an excavator, pouring concrete and installing new equipment in the rail corridor
• These works are expected to produce medium levels of noise and vibration.

Drainage works

Rail corridor between Middle Footscray and West Footscray stations
9pm, Friday 6 March to 4am, Saturday 14 March to 5am, Monday 16 March 2020

• Works will take place to install communications and power services along the rail corridor between West Footscray station and the Maribyrnong River
• Services will be installed in excavated trenches, in routes bored underground, and on posts installed and secured with concrete
• Non-destructive digging will first investigate ground conditions and confirm the area is free of underground services
• Construction machinery will access the rail corridor via Sunshine Road, Cross Street, John Street, Windsor Street, Raleigh Street, Victoria Street and Irving Street
• Between 9pm, Friday 6 March and 4am, Monday 9 March the westbound lane and adjacent footpath on Irving Street will be narrowed to allow construction vehicles to access the rail corridor at Footscray station. Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions with pedestrian detours in place
• These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration, with periods of high noise during rock breaking activities.

Services installation

Rail corridor between West Footscray station and the Maribyrnong River
In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working 24/7 from 9pm, Friday 6 March to 4am, Monday 9 March 2020

• Works will take place to install communications and power services along the rail corridor between West Footscray station and the Maribyrnong River
• Services will be installed in excavated trenches, in routes bored underground, and on posts installed and secured with concrete
• Non-destructive digging will first investigate ground conditions and confirm the area is free of underground services
• Construction machinery will access the rail corridor via Sunshine Road, Cross Street, John Street, Windsor Street, Raleigh Street, Victoria Street and Irving Street
• Between 9pm, Friday 6 March and 4am, Monday 9 March the westbound lane and adjacent footpath on Irving Street will be narrowed to allow construction vehicles to access the rail corridor at Footscray station. Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions with pedestrian detours in place
• These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration, with periods of high noise during rock breaking activities.
Sunbury Line Upgrade works
During the upcoming scheduled weekend closure of the Sunbury rail line we will undertake a number of upgrades between Footscray and Calder Park as part of the Sunbury Line Upgrade. These works will improve accessibility and allow more modern High Capacity Metro trains to operate on the network.

Overhead wiring works
Rail corridor between Footscray and Tottenham stations
9pm, Friday 6 March to 4am, Monday 9 March 2020

- New overhead wiring foundations and structures will be installed between Footscray and Tottenham stations
- Foundations will be constructed through bored piling. Non-destructive digging will first investigate ground conditions and confirm the area is free of underground services before excavators drill holes in the ground and remove excess soil
- A reinforcement cage is then installed and concrete poured in to create the pile
- Rail mounted cranes will be used to lift new steel overhead wiring structures into the rail corridor. Workers on elevated platforms will then use hand tools to complete installation
- Machinery will access the rail corridor via Leunig Place and Sunshine Road
- Between 6pm, Saturday 7 March and 6pm, Sunday 9 March, the westbound lane on Cross Street between Errol St and the Princes Highway will be closed to allow concrete trucks and a pump to operate adjacent to the rail corridor. Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions using a shuttle-flow arrangement, with traffic controllers present to direct vehicles and cyclists
- These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration.

Rail corridor between West Footscray and Tottenham stations
From late March to May 2020

- Works will continue from late March to construct overhead wiring foundations in the rail corridor between West Footscray and Tottenham stations
- These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration.

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.

Traffic and transport impacts
- Excess material from construction activities will be transported to a site compound on Ashley street, Braybrook
- Traffic controllers will be present at times to assist construction vehicle access, pedestrians and cyclist movements around construction sites.

Construction site and laydown areas
Construction site compounds have been established at the following locations:
- Ashley Street, Braybrook
- Cross Street, Footscray.
These sites will be used throughout Metro Tunnel construction for the delivery, storage and assembly of materials, worker amenities and construction vehicle parking. In addition to normal construction hours, these sites will be used to support out of hours works as required.

Travel changes
To ensure the 24-hour works can take place safely, buses will replace trains on sections of the Sunbury Line from 8.30pm Friday 6 March to the last service on Sunday 8 March.

For journey planning and service information please visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.