Construction is continuing along the Sunbury rail corridor, between the Maribyrnong River and Tottenham station, in preparation for the Metro Tunnel. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming 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
- Construction of a train driver’s walkway at West Footscray station
- 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.
WORKS IN YOUR AREA

Platform construction
West Footscray station
Ongoing until August 2020

• The new platform ramp structure has now been built, with installation of perforated screens and handrails now underway.
• These works are expected to produce medium levels of noise and low levels of vibration.

Track construction
West Footscray station
Ongoing until late June 2020

In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working out of hours from 11pm, Sunday 14 June to 6am, Friday 19 June 2020

• Construction of track that will service the new platform at West Footscray station is ongoing.
• Current works include excavating within the rail corridor, building new track foundations with soil and ballast (crushed rock) and installation of new track.
• Between 11pm, Sunday 14 June and 6am, Friday 19 June we will be working out of hours each night to connect the new track into the network. This activity will involve using a crane, currently located in the Cross Street construction site, to lift construction machinery into the rail corridor. These works can only take place at night when trains are not running.
• Works will also take place during normal working hours on Tuesday 16 June and Wednesday 17 June to connect the new track into the network. This will involve tamping and regulating, a process which compacts and levels out ballast under the newly laid track to align it to its final position.

Concourse construction
West Footscray station
Ongoing until August 2020

• Construction of the new concourse structure and roof is complete, with works underway to install the concourse ceiling, lighting, handrail and Myki system.
• Installation of a lift to service the new platform is ongoing. Current works include lift fitout, testing and commissioning.
• 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 use hand tools to complete installation.

Drainage works
West Footscray station
Monday, 4 May to Monday, 25 May 2020

• Works will take place, using hand tools, to remove expired assets and install new drainage infrastructure servicing the new platform and track at West Footscray station.

• These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration, with periods of high noise during tamping activities.
• 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.

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Train driver’s walkway
West Footscray station
Ongoing until early June 2020

• Works are underway to construct a train driver’s walkway that will allow drivers and staff to move safely from trains to the platform when trains are parked away from the platform.

• These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration.

Lighting pole installation
Rail corridor between West Footscray and Tottenham stations
Ongoing until July 2020

In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working out of hours from 7pm Saturday 9 May to 7am Sunday 10 May 2020

• Works will 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 low noise levels.

Services installation
Rail corridor between West Footscray and the Maribyrnong River
Ongoing until August 2020

In addition to normal construction hours, we will be working out of hours from 7am Sundays until August 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.
• On Friday 8 May, a crane positioned in an empty lot on Buckley Street will lift new infrastructure into excavated trenches for installation.
• Construction machinery will access the rail corridor via Sunshine Road, Cross Street, John Street, Windsor Street, Victoria Street and Raleigh Street.
• These works are expected to create medium levels of noise and vibration.

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These works will at times require monitoring of a manhole on Barkly Street near Argyle Street, with traffic management in place.
• These works are expected to create low levels of noise.

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Traffic and transport impacts

- Excess material from construction activities will be transported to a site compound on the corner of Rupert and Ashley streets, Braybrook.
- Traffic controllers will be present at times to assist construction vehicle access, pedestrians and cyclist movements around construction sites.
- Please note the southern Raleigh Street car park is temporarily closed from 6pm Friday to 5am Monday each week until October 2020 to facilitate Metro Tunnel works. The car park is open to public traffic at all other times.

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.

Health and safety

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority as we continue to deliver the Metro Tunnel Project, as is supporting physical 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 about Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.