

# Works Notification

## Weekend and out of hours works on the Mernda line Epping to South Morang

**From Friday 2 October to Friday 30 October 2020**

Installation of trackside equipment and testing of next-generation High Capacity Signalling for the Metro Tunnel is continuing on the Mernda line in October.

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

Out of hours and weekend works will continue intermittently on the Mernda line throughout October to allow the Metro Tunnel Project to install trackside equipment and conduct critical testing of High Capacity Signalling technology.

These works will include a weekend closure of sections of the Mernda line and impacts to the shared user path near Pindari Avenue.

### What we are doing

- Testing new trackside and train equipment
- Testing new signalling technology
- Installing trackside and signalling equipment
- Works will require the use of an excavator, hand-held power tools, light vehicles and trains that will be testing the new technology on the track.

### When

#### Weekend excavation works at Pindari Avenue

**7am to 7pm**

- Saturday 3 October to Sunday 4 October

#### Night testing works

**7pm to 4am**

- Friday 2 October to Monday 5 October
- Sunday 11 October to Friday 16 October

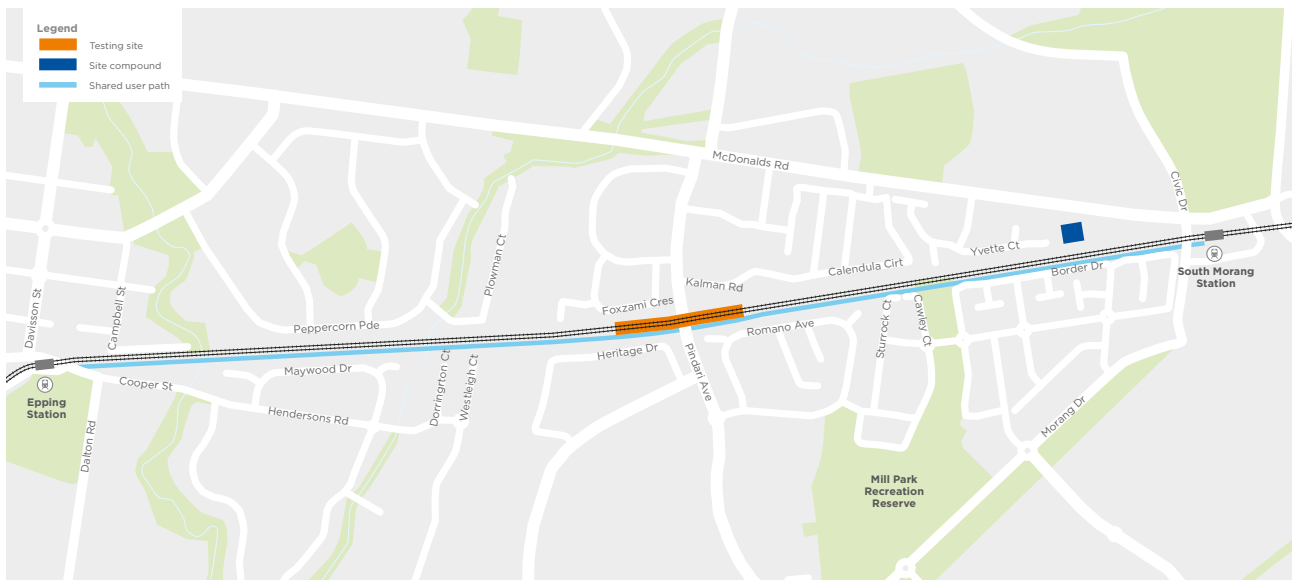
- Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October
- Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October.

### Construction impacts

During the weekend excavation works, we may encounter ground conditions that contain rocks. If rock is encountered, it will need to be broken to facilitate excavation 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.

### What you should be aware of

- These works are expected to generate medium to high levels of noise
- During weekend works at Pindari Avenue, the shared user path that runs alongside the rail corridor between Epping and South Morang station will remain open for use. However, traffic management will be in place during this period to enable safe movements of light vehicles that will be accessing the path to enter the rail corridor
- Testing works will require the use of trains at night, when trains are not normally running. The trains will use horns as required
- The 323 McDonalds Road, South Morang site compound will be used for parking and pre-start activities.



## Travel changes

- To ensure these works can take place safely, buses will replace trains at times on part of the Mernda line from 2 October to 30 October 2020
- Buses will replace trains between Epping and Mernda stations from 8.50pm on 2 October to the first train on Monday 5 October

- From 8.50pm to last train from Monday 11 October to Friday 30 October – buses will replace trains intermittently between Epping and Mernda stations
- Passengers should allow an additional 30 minutes travel time.

To stay up-to-date with bus replacement timetables for October and to plan your journey visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)

## Health and safety

The Metro Tunnel Project is a critical state infrastructure project under Stage 4 restrictions, allowing work to continue with strict health and safety measures in place.

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority and we have measures in place to protect the safety of our construction workforce, including temperature screening, additional protective equipment including masks, daily health screening of workers, enhanced cleaning, staggered shifts and break times, and physical distancing.

Our workforce numbers across Victoria's Big Build have already been significantly reduced to support directions from the Chief Health Officer, and we are continuing to manage the number of staff and visitors attending our worksites.

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

## Keeping you informed


To help support the Victorian Government's stage 4 coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions while still making sure people know what's happening in their area, we've temporarily changed the way we'll notify you about upcoming works.

We are using the following channels instead of hand delivering information into your letterbox at this time.

Please sign up to our email updates via the Metro Tunnel Project website ([metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)) so we can continue to keep you informed about works in your area.

## More information

To find out more about the Metro Tunnel Project:

 [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](http://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)

 1800 105 105 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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