Major works on the Metro Tunnel are now underway in Parkville to support the construction of the new underground station.

**Pedestrians and cyclists**

*Grattan Street between Royal Parade/ Elizabeth Street and Leicester Street*

- Works are now underway to install a new footpath and covered pedestrian walkway on the north side of Grattan Street, outside the University of Melbourne’s Medical Building. These works will continue until early July.
- During installation of the covered pedestrian walkway, there will be intermittent closures of the northern footpath for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
- Traffic controllers will be on site to direct pedestrians and cyclists.
- Works will be staged to maintain access to the front of the Medical Building.
- Once complete, this walkway will be for pedestrian access only; there will be no access for cyclists.
- This will be the last covered pedestrian walkway to be installed in this section of Grattan Street.

*Grattan Street (south side)*

- Pedestrian walkways in front of the Alan Gilbert Building and Peter Doherty Institute are now complete.
- For the safety of all users, cyclists will be required to dismount and walk their bikes through the pedestrian walkway.
- Cyclists are encouraged to use Pelham and Queensberry streets as alternative routes.
- The centre pedestrian crossing across Grattan Street will remain open until the completion of the covered pedestrian walkway on the north side.
- Pedestrian access will also be maintained via Royal Parade and Leicester Street.
- The Metro Tunnel Project team will undertake pedestrian modelling once changes are implemented to ensure best possible pedestrian routes are in place.
- Pedestrians and cyclists are urged to follow signage to ensure their safety during construction of the new station.

**Construction update**

**City Ford demolition**

From early July, the City Ford site located on the corner of Elizabeth and Pelham streets, will be demolished and converted to a construction laydown area, site office and truck waiting bay.

**What to be aware of**

- The majority of the existing buildings will be demolished and used for truck parking, a weighbridge and wheel wash bay. These works will take approximately one month to complete.
- The building located on the north-west corner of the existing site will be retained and refurbished to be used as a site office. These works will follow demolition and take up to two months to complete.
Demolition works are expected to generate audible noise and some vibration.

Trucks will enter and exit the site via Elizabeth and Berkeley streets.

Dust will be managed onsite with water sprays.

Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained around the worksite, however at times localised diversions will be in place. Signage will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists safely around the works.

During demolition works, hazardous materials such as asbestos may need to be removed. It is not an unusual or unexpected occurrence to find these materials, as it was common for asbestos to be used in older buildings. Licensed asbestos contractors will be engaged to ensure the safe removal of any potential asbestos and maintain the safety of the pedestrians, site and surrounding area. The community will be notified ahead of any hazardous material removal.

Site establishment

Further hoarding installation is required along Royal Parade at the western edge of the construction site; in front of Gatekeeper’s Cottage and within University Square Plaza. Access to the car park lifts will be maintained at all times.

Service proving along the piling line on the northern side of Grattan Street between Leicester Street and Royal Parade. This will involve non-destructive drilling (NDD).

What to be aware of

NDD works will generate audible noise.

When

Mid-June to mid-August 2018.

Piling works

Piling works are underway at Grattan Street between Leicester Street and Royal Parade.

Up to five piling rigs will install up to 1-2 piles per day per rig.

Approximately 500 piles will be installed at a depth of around 32 metres.

Piling works will continue until late September 2018.

Heritage removals

In order to best protect the sensitivities and infrastructure of heritage listed items in close proximity to the Parkville Station construction site, applications for the removal of a number of heritage listed items have been lodged with Heritage Victoria.

Subject to approval from Heritage Victoria, work will commence for the removal of:

- Bluestone kerb and channel at the intersection of Grattan Street and Royal Parade. Also included in this work will be the removal of the corner post, fence and bluestone wall from within University of Melbourne land.
- Existing vegetation within Gatekeeper’s Cottage, heritage registered land.
- University of Melbourne’s main gates, pillars and a portion of the fence (Gate 10).

What to be aware of

The removal and storage of all heritage listed items will be overseen by a Heritage Victoria approved Heritage Conservation Consultant and carried out by a suitably qualified heritage removal specialist.

All heritage listed items will be returned and reinstated at the completion of the Metro Tunnel construction.

Heritage interpretation information will be installed on the fencing, in line with Heritage Victoria permit requirements.

When

- From mid-July to end of August 2018
- 7am-6pm, Monday to Friday
- 7am-1pm Saturdays
- No works on Sundays or public holidays, unless otherwise notified.

Where out of hours work is required, we will notify you ahead of works occurring.
Groundwater monitoring
Groundwater monitoring will be undertaken at 26 locations between Flemington Road and Swanston Street to better understand local groundwater conditions and groundwater levels.

What to be aware of
• Groundwater monitoring involves using a tape to measure water levels and a small pump to collect samples of the groundwater from existing wells
• Testing will take up to two hours at each location

• These works are expected to generate low level noise
• Signage will be in place to direct traffic, cyclists and pedestrians safely around the work areas as required
• All sites will be restored to their original or similar condition once all works are complete.

When
• From early June to late July 2018
• 7am-6pm, Monday to Friday
• 7am-1pm, Saturdays

More information
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