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## Buses replacing trams along St Kilda Road

Drivers and tram users are being reminded to plan ahead as buses replace trams along St Kilda Road during the April school holidays as part of Metro Tunnel works to build the new Anzac Station under the road.

PTV CEO Jeroen Weimar today said people should allow up to 30 minutes extra travel time when using St Kilda Road between 1-17 April.

“These works will be disruptive but are absolutely vital to build the Metro Tunnel, which will deliver more services more often to Melbourne’s suburbs and reduce the number of car trips on the road each day,” said Mr Weimar

The school holiday works are necessary to reroute the road and tram tracks around a new construction site being established near the Domain Interchange. This will ensure St Kilda Road remains accessible while major excavation and above ground works take place there for up to four years.

Melbourne Metro Rail Authority CEO Evan Tattersall said, “There will be ongoing disruptions along St Kilda Road for the next four years but it will deliver decades of benefits for local residents and workers, including a new underground station that connects the precinct to the train network for the first time.”

The Metro Tunnel will connect this major residential and employment precinct to the train network and deliver more trains, more often to the suburbs, with 50,000 fewer car trips on Melbourne’s roads each day.

Buses will replace all St Kilda Road tram routes except route 58 (3, 3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 and 72 trams) along a 2 km stretch between Commercial Road and the Shrine of Remembrance, from 6 April - 17 April.

All route 58 trams will be replaced by buses for around 600 metres between Toorak Road West (Fawkner Park) and Park Street, from 1 April (8pm)- 17 April (last tram).

Full northbound lane closures on St Kilda Road will also take place nightly from 7-12 April, between 10pm- 5am, to allow overhead works to take place across the St Kilda Road/Park Street intersection.

Cycling and pedestrian access will be maintained during these works. More information is available on the VicRoads and PTV websites to help people plan their journey and identify alternative routes while customer service staff will be at affected stops.

The Domain Interchange will also be demolished as part of these works and be replaced by a newly-built stop on St Kilda Road just north of Park Street from 18 April.

For more information visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au).