Major works on the Metro Tunnel are underway to support construction of the new State Library Station at the northern end of Swanston Street in the CBD.

Franklin Street East and A’Beckett Street shafts
Shaft excavation works are continuing 24 hours a day inside the acoustic sheds at Franklin and A’Beckett streets.

This month, increased activity can be expected around A’Beckett Street as we remove oversized equipment, materials and staff amenities.

When
- 7am-7pm, Monday to Friday
- Demobilisation and shaft works will take place 24/7.

Franklin Street West sites
The westbound lanes on Franklin Street (between Swanston and Stewart streets) have closed to traffic for up to two years to support construction of the new State Library station. For further information please see the Franklin Street Site Establishment and Traffic Changes works notification at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au.

What we are doing
Works to establish a construction support site west of Stewart Street are ongoing.

This involves:
- Delivering materials to the site
- Removing temporary fencing and installing hoarding
- Installing water treatment tanks and a silo for potable water.

Construction of a piling platform at the shaft site west of Swanston Street.

This involves:
- Using non-destructive digging trucks to locate underground services
- Saw cutting and excavating
- Placing crushed rock.
**Preparation for commencement of piling works**

This involves:

- Installing a covered pedestrian walkway over the southern Franklin Street footpath between Swanston and Stewart streets
- Delivering and assembling piling rigs, a crane and an excavator.

**When**

- 7am – 6pm, Monday to Fridays
- 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.

**What to be aware of**

- The southern footpath on Franklin Street (between Swanston and Stewart streets) will temporarily close from 17 October for up to three days to facilitate installation of the pedestrian walkway
- Access to businesses and residential buildings will be maintained at all times
- There will be high levels of noise during service investigation works and excavation activities
- Traffic management will be in place to safely guide pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists around worksites.

**La Trobe Street site**

**What we are doing**

- Ongoing archaeological investigations on the western side of the site
- Scaffold removal along the northern footpath of La Trobe Street and the corner of La Trobe and Swanston streets

To facilitate piling, demolition of the basement of the building formerly located at 200 La Trobe Street is required.

This involves:

- Material and equipment deliveries
- Installing steel for structural support during removal of basement floor
- Using a 32 tonne excavator with a hammer attachment to demolish the slab
- Installing scaffold stairs and a vehicle ramp to allow safe access for workers.

**When**

- 7am – 6pm, Monday to Friday
- 7am – 1pm, Saturdays
- 7am – 6pm on Saturday 20 October (scaffold removal work).

**What to be aware of**

- Closures of the northern La Trobe Street footpath and Swanston Street footpath between La Trobe and Little La Trobe Streets will be required for scaffold removal work to take place safely (see map)
- Oversized equipment deliveries will be required to take place overnight, outside of peak time, to minimise disruption to motorists
- Access to businesses and residential buildings will be maintained at all times
- These works are anticipated to generate medium levels of noise
- Traffic management will be in place to safely guide pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles around work areas.

**Little La Trobe Street**

**What we are doing**

Service investigation works will take place shortly on Literature Lane and Little La Trobe Street.

Building demolition works will take place between 12-18 Little La Trobe Street and will take up to 12 weeks to complete. We will provide a separate notification for the service investigation and building demolition works closer to the date.

**Groundwater monitoring**

**What we are doing**

Works to install and commission a groundwater monitoring system to allow for maintenance of groundwater conditions during construction are ongoing. These works are being carried out as a combination of day and night works on the east and westbound lanes of Victoria Street, and on the north and southbound lanes of Bouverie Street.

For further information please see the Groundwater Monitoring Update October at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au.

**Groundwater monitoring**

Monitoring of existing wells is ongoing. Wells located on footpaths are monitored during the day and wells under the road surface on Victoria and Franklin streets are monitored outside of peak traffic times under lane closure. Wells are located at Victoria, Franklin and Therry streets.

**Road reinstatement works**

Works are continuing for the reinstatement of the westbound lanes on Victoria Street, near the Therry Street intersection. This work involves:

- Asphalting
- Cutting into the road surface and reinstatement of the road
- Line marking
- Readjusting traffic signals.

**When**

Groundwater monitoring

Wells are checked on a monthly or quarterly basis within the following times:

- 7am – 6pm, Monday to Friday (wells located on Therry and Victoria Street footpaths)
- 9.30am – 4pm, Monday to Friday (wells located on Victoria Street westbound)
• 7pm – 11pm, Sunday to Thursday (well located on Franklin Street eastbound lane, adjacent to Franklin Street West shaft site).

Road reinstatement
The majority of road reinstatement works will take place during the day; however, some work will take place overnight to minimise disruption to motorists.

• Between 1am – 5am, Sunday 21 October to Tuesday 23 October.
• 5pm-10pm, Monday 22 October.

What to be aware of

Groundwater monitoring
• These works involve the use of a generator and compressor and are expected to generate low levels of noise
• Equipment used includes in-well pumps, additional support equipment (pelican cases, small water storage containers) and a support vehicle
• Works and equipment will be set up at the start of each shift and packed up at the end of the shift
• Traffic management will be in place to safely guide pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles around the work areas

Traffic impacts
• One lane will be maintained in each direction on Victoria Street
• Therry Street will be closed to traffic on Victoria Street between 1am and 5am from Sunday 21 October to Tuesday 23 October
• Medium to high levels of noise may be experienced during during road cutting, resurfacing and traffic signal works. These are expected to take place between 1am-12pm Sunday 21 October and from 5pm-10pm, Monday 22 October.

Queensberry Street Signal Works
On Thursday 18 October between 10pm and 5am, traffic signals will go on flash at the Queensberry Street intersection for a period of up to 5 minutes while new traffic signal hardware is installed. Works will start at Rathdowne Street followed by Lygon, Swanston and Elizabeth streets. Traffic management will be in place at each intersection.