



WESTERN PORTAL PRECINCT TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT CHANGES, KENSINGTON FROM JULY 2018

The Metro Tunnel will untangle the City Loop so more trains can run more often across Melbourne.

The western entrance to the new Metro Tunnel will be located in Kensington, alongside the existing rail corridor near South Kensington station.

From July this year, a 160 metre-long section of Childers Street between the Bill Vanina Pavilion and Ormond Street will be closed to through traffic to enable stage one of construction. This closure is necessary to enable excavation of the tunnel boring machine (TBM) retrieval shaft and the construction of supporting infrastructure. These activities form stage one of works, which will be delivered by the contractor Cross Yarra Partnership.

Towards the end of 2018 the remaining length of Childers Street (from Kensington Road to Ormond Street) will be closed to enable stage two of construction. Stage two will involve construction of the decline structure and new track required to tie the Metro Tunnel into the existing Sunbury rail line. Stage two will be delivered by the Rail Infrastructure Alliance (RIA). Further information on RIA works will be available following the current procurement process and the appointment of a contractor.

Childers Street is expected to remain closed to through traffic until late 2022, however during this time dedicated access will be provided for residents on Childers Street and Tennyson Street (south of the truncation) and over-height vehicles accessing the western entrance of the Lloyd Street Business Estate.

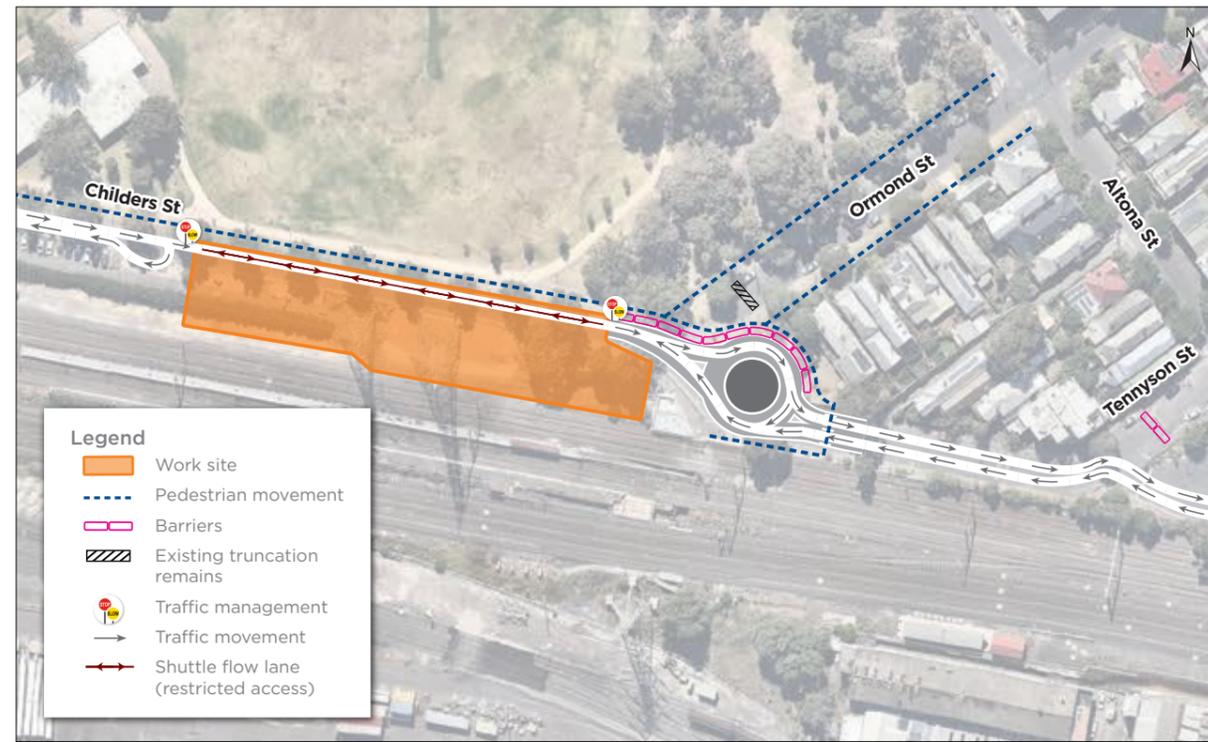
At a glance: Kensington traffic and transport changes



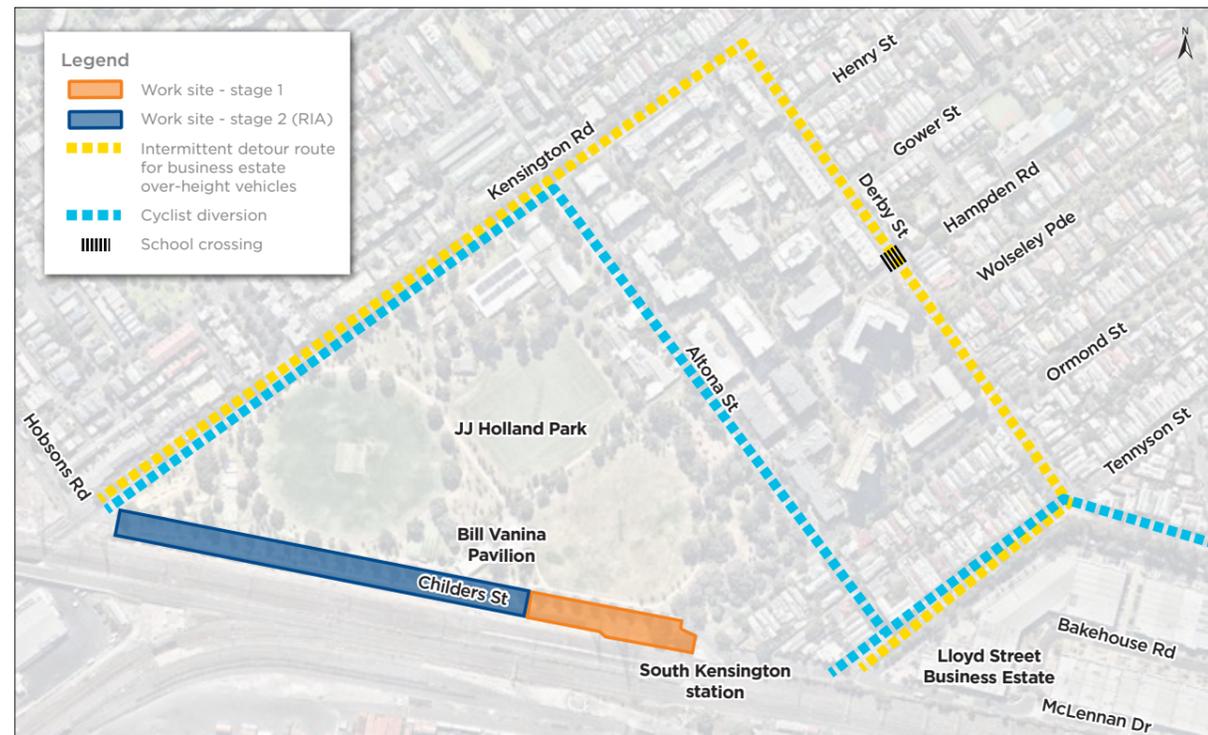
- Childers Street closed for up to four years
- Pedestrian and cyclist detours in place
- No public parking on Childers Street
- Long-term temporary parking provided at corner of Kensington and Hobsons roads
- Access maintained through construction site for residents on Childers Street and Tennyson Street (south of the truncation)
- Access maintained through construction site for over-height vehicles accessing the Lloyd Street Business Estate
- Temporary detour route along Derby and Tennyson streets for business estate over-height vehicles and residents of Childers and Tennyson Street during limited periods
- Construction traffic will enter and exit the Childers Street site from Kensington Road.

Western Portal Precinct site staging

Stage 1 - Childers Street closure



Detour routes



The above maps are indicative only.

Getting around the area during construction

Pedestrians

While Childers Street is closed to traffic, the shared use path on the southern side of Childers Street will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists. Pedestrians will need to use the pathway that runs along JJ Holland Park on the northern side of Childers Street.

Cyclists

Cyclists will be detoured via Kensington Road and Altona Street. Wayfinding signage will be in place to direct cyclists.

Parking

During stage one, parking will be maintained on Childers Street, west of the construction site. A U-Turn facility will be constructed to allow vehicles to turn around.

During stage two, once the full length of Childers Street has been closed to traffic, long-term temporary car parking will be provided at the corner of Hobsons and Kensington Roads. The temporary car park will be built ahead of the full closure of Childers Street.

South Kensington station

Access to South Kensington station will generally be maintained, however there may be times when the station is closed to facilitate major construction activities. We will provide advanced notification of any closures or train-replacement bus services.

During stage one of works vehicles can use the U-Turn facility to drop off or pick up passengers at South Kensington station.

Access for residents

Access to private properties on Childers Street and Tennyson Street (south of the truncation) will be maintained at all times during construction.

Temporary roundabout

A temporary roundabout will be constructed at the corner of Childers and Ormond streets. This will allow construction vehicles to enter and exit the work site from Kensington Road, travel along Childers Street and turn around within the construction site. This temporary roundabout is an important component of the traffic management strategy which will enable the project to uphold its commitment to keep construction trucks and vehicles off residential streets at all times. This work will involve some minor modifications to the southern end of the Ormond Street truncation, however Ormond Street will remain closed to through traffic during construction.

Lloyd Street Business Estate over-height vehicle detour

Over-height vehicle access to the eastern entrance of the Lloyd Street Business Estate is restricted by the two rail bridges located on Lloyd Street. Accordingly, the project is required to maintain over-height vehicle access to the Business Estate via Childers Street.

During the closure of Childers Street, a dedicated lane will be maintained within the worksite for use by construction traffic and over-height vehicles requiring access to and from the Lloyd Street Business Estate. However, there will be limited times when construction activities within the site mean that it is not possible for any vehicles to safely pass through the construction site.

During these limited times, a temporary detour route will be provided for over-height vehicles along Derby and Tennyson streets. This detour route will be actively managed by traffic controllers, to monitor these movements and ensure the safety of all road users and local residents.

It is important to note that this detour will only be required for limited times during construction, and not for the full duration of the Childers Street closure.

Maintaining access for over-height vehicles is crucial for businesses within the Lloyd Street Business Estate. Please note that only over-height vehicles accessing the Lloyd Street Business Estate will be detoured on local streets.

All construction traffic will enter and exit the Childers Street site from Kensington Road.

All standard vehicles and smaller trucks requiring access to the Business Estate will be required to use the Lloyd Street entrance.

Tennyson Street will remain truncated when the detour route is not in use.

This arrangement will remain in place throughout the closure until late 2022.

Keeping the community safe

The safety of our workers and the local community is our number one priority, both within our work sites and the wider Kensington area.

Entrances to the Childers Street worksite will be managed by gate keepers, who will ensure construction traffic, the Lloyd Street Business Estate's over-height vehicles and pedestrians are kept safe when moving through the area.

When the over-height vehicle detour route is in place to maintain access for over-height vehicles, additional safety measures will be in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.



These will include reduced speed limits and traffic controllers stationed along the detour route when in use to ensure trucks are able to turn safely and ensure pedestrians and cyclists can safely move around the area.

Getting ready

Some modifications to the road network are required to prepare both the over-height vehicle and bicycle detour routes. These changes have been designed to safely move people around Kensington while construction takes place.

These include:

- Modifying the truncation at the southern end of Tennyson Street to level the road and allow vehicles to access Childers Street and the Business Estate during times when the detour route is activated
- Installing removable barriers at the southern end of Tennyson Street to ensure it remains closed when the detour route is not in use
- Removing the traffic island on Kensington Road, just south of the Derby Street intersection
- Modifying the truncation at Altona Street to enable access for cyclists
- Some tree trimming on Derby and Tennyson streets may be required. Additional notification will be provided in advance.

What to expect

From early July, signage will be installed in the local area to notify road users of the upcoming changes and associated preparatory works.

Construction of the temporary roundabout is expected to commence in July 2018.

The first construction activity that requires use of the over-height vehicle detour via Derby and Tennyson streets is expected in October 2018. This detour is expected to be in place for several weeks.

We will provide residents, businesses and users of JJ Holland Park with notice of works to prepare the area for the closure of Childers Street before works commence.

Thank you for your input

During late 2017 and the first half of 2018, we received valuable feedback from residents and businesses in Kensington during the development of our transport solution.

Some of the feedback we incorporated into our approach includes:

- The importance of retaining and protecting all trees within JJ Holland Park
- Ensuring Ormond Street is not used to detour over-height vehicles during construction due to the high volume of pedestrians accessing both JJ Holland Park and South Kensington station
- Installation of concrete barriers around the northern edge of the temporary roundabout at the corner of Childers and Ormond streets to separate pedestrians from large vehicles.

More information

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