

Monthly construction update

Kensington

March 2021

Major construction is continuing in Kensington at the site of the future western Metro Tunnel entrance. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout March.

Construction snapshot

In March, works within the Kensington precinct will include:

- Egress building construction
- Tunnel entrance construction
- Signaling Equipment Room and Communications Equipment Room (SER/CER) construction
- Cross passage construction
- Rail corridor works
- Tunnel internal structure works
- Public realm works
- Ongoing survey and monitoring activities.

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au.

When are we working?



Normal construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
7am to 1pm, Saturdays.



Out of hours

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.



24 hours

24-hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities. The timing of these works is outlined in the construction information overleaf.

Health and safety

Works on the Metro Tunnel Project are progressing with strict COVIDsafe plans in place.

The health and safety of our workforce and community remains our top priority.

For more information and advice about the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Works in your area

Tunnel entrance construction

Childers Street

24-hours from 7am Monday to 7pm Saturday, until 31 March

Normal construction hours from 1 April to 30 April

- Major 24-hour works to construct the tunnel entrance are now complete. This includes excavation, installing waterproofing, steel reinforcement and timber formwork, concreting and tunnel entrance drainage works
- Some ongoing overnight works will continue until 31 March to undertake minor finishing and cleaning works at the tunnel entrance, in preparation for breakthrough of the western wall of the egress building (below ground)
- This will involve, using an excavator and crane to remove and lift materials, minor concreting works, minor concrete breakback with the use of an excavator, and general site cleaning activities
- The tunnel entrance walls and roof will help to reduce the noise of these activities
- The turnaround area adjacent to South Kensington station will not be used after 6pm for tunnel entrance construction
- There will be periods of concrete breakback using a jackhammer and saw cutter (7am to 6pm weekdays/1pm Saturdays only)
- Tunnel entrance construction works are expected to generate low levels of noise after 6pm weekdays/1pm Saturdays
- Noise from lighting towers will be minimised through the use of wired lighting and solar powered generators. Generators will be surrounded by noise blankets to reduce noise.

Egress building construction

Childers Street

- Ongoing until mid-2021
- Installing waterproofing membrane, formwork and reinforcement using a crane and hand tools
 - Pouring concrete to create the above-ground and internal walls of the structure. Some major concrete pours may take up to 12 hours to complete. Further advice will be provided to nearby properties in advance of any extended pours
 - Removing formwork using a crane and hand tools
 - Demolishing a temporary capping beam and breaking through the western wall of the egress building (below ground) to connect the tunnels to the tunnel entrance, using saw cutters and jackhammers. These works are scheduled to commence in mid-March and will generate periods of medium to loud noise. Further notification will be provided to nearby properties in advance of works occurring
 - Some oversized deliveries may occur at night, subject to permit conditions

- Utility investigation works will be undertaken in Childers Street, between Ormond and Tennyson streets, and Tennyson Street, between Childers and Altona streets to assist with planning for the egress building's future utility connections. This involves scanning, cutting through the road and footpath surface, using non-destructive digging trucks to locate underground surfaces and then reinstating the road and footpath surface. These works may include intermittent impacts to traffic, footpaths and on-street parking adjacent to the work area. See the 'traffic and transport impacts' section for further information.

Signalling Equipment Room and Communications Equipment Room (SER/CER) works

Hobsons Road and Childers Street

- Ongoing until mid-2021
- Installing the steel platform and architectural screens for the SER/CER buildings
 - Constructing a new access driveway into the SER/CER and removing the existing driveway on Kensington Road. This will involve concreting new roadside curbs and footpaths along Kensington Road and Hobsons Road
 - Undertaking excavation works and installing new drainage
 - Traffic controllers will be in place to assist with traffic and pedestrian movements on Kensington Road and Hobsons Road. Minor pedestrian detours will be in place while footpath and curb works occur.

Public realm works

Childers Street

- Ongoing until late-2021
- Ongoing works to reinstate the central and west sections of Childers Street
 - This includes earthworks to widen the existing rail embankment between the tunnel entrance and Kensington Road rail bridge, using an excavator and compaction roller machine
 - Demolishing existing pavements kerbs, and installing drainage pipes and pits along Childers Street
 - Constructing new footpaths, curbs, landscaping and parking bays, using excavators and concrete trucks
 - Constructing a small retaining wall on the corner of Childers Street and Kensington Road. This involves removing pre-existing steel foundations and installing new concrete foundations, earthworks and concreting works
 - There will be periods of concrete breakback using a jackhammer and saw cutter (7am to 6pm only)
 - These works will generate low to medium levels of noise, and low levels of vibration during compacting works.
 - In early-April, a dedicated update will be provided to the wider community outlining the updated urban design plans for the Childers Street precinct.

Signalling works

McLennan Drive and Bakehouse Road, Lloyd Street Business Estate

- 22 February to early-April 2021
- Works within the rail corridor, along McLennan Drive and Bakehouse Road to install steel posts and boxes which will contain new rail signalling cables
 - This will require short term closures of up to 15 parking spaces along McLennan Drive and Bakehouse Drive for approximately one week for each stage of works. It is expected these parking spaces will be required for up to 5 weeks
 - Sections of McLennan Drive and Bakehouse Road will be reduced to one lane to allow works in this area. Two-way vehicle access will be maintained, with traffic controllers assisting with vehicle movements.

Cross passage construction

From the Arden Station site to Kensington

- Ongoing until late-March 2021
- Lining the cross passage tunnels using steel reinforcement and concrete
 - All works will be completed from within the completed section of tunnels and are not expected to be audible at surface level
 - Further information about cross passages can be found at [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](https://www.metrotunnel.vic.gov.au).

Tunnel internal structure works

From the Arden Station site to Kensington

- Ongoing until April 2021
- Works to construct the tunnel invert (floor) commenced in February and are ongoing
 - This involves pouring concrete in 100-metre-long sections. Concrete will be transported from the Arden Station site via the tunnels

- Works commenced at the western tunnel entrance in Kensington and will move progressively east.

Rail corridor works

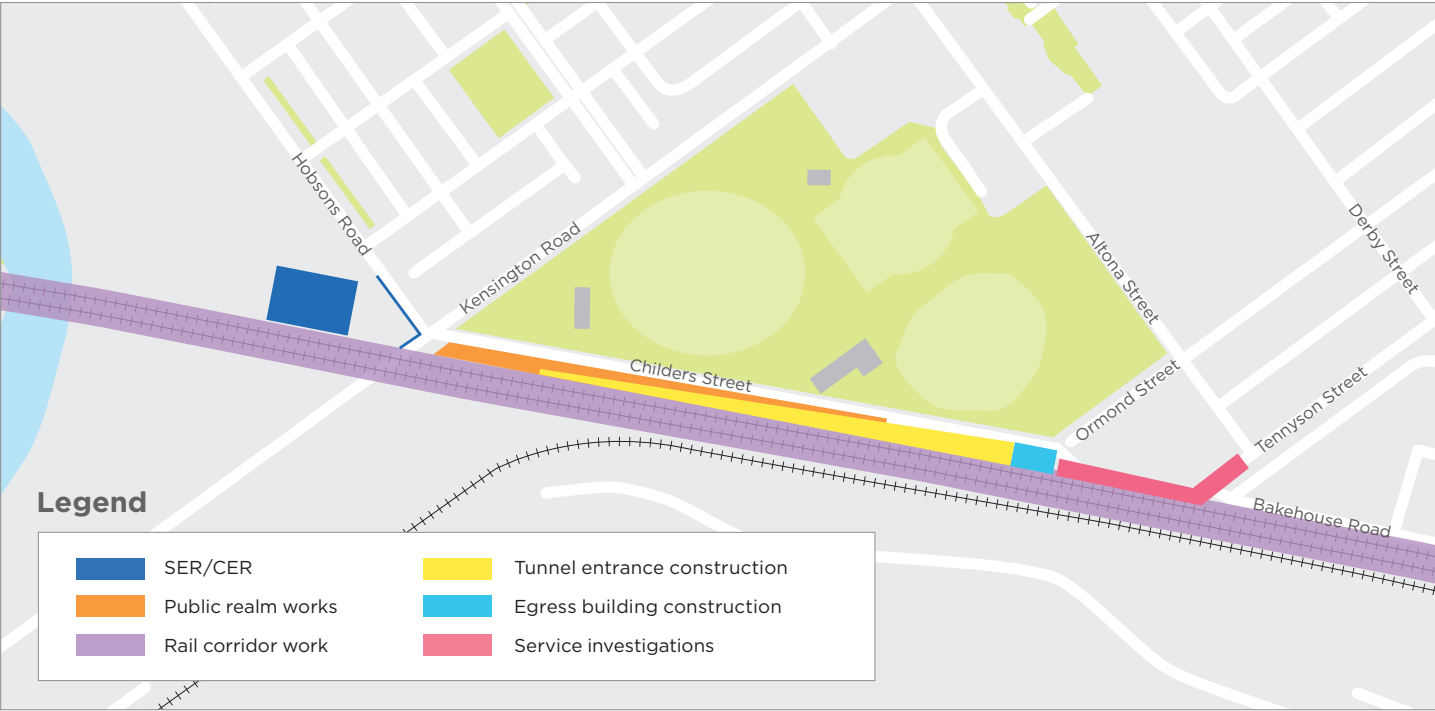
Within the rail corridor, between South Kensington station and Maribyrnong River

- Friday 2 April to Tuesday 6 April
- Friday 9 April to Monday 12 April
- Following the rail shutdown in February, works will take place within the rail corridor between South Kensington station and Maribyrnong River
 - Further information about rail corridor works will be provided in a separate notification in mid-March following the completion of current rail corridor works.

Rail corridor maintenance works

Within the rail corridor, between South Kensington station and Maribyrnong River

- 12am to 4am, weeknights as required
- Ongoing until mid-2021
- While tunnel entrance construction activities occur, occasional overnight track maintenance works may be required within the rail corridor to ensure trains can continue to operate safely on the network. This activity has been revised to continue to mid-2021 while work takes place adjacent to the rail corridor
 - Works will involve inspecting equipment and readjusting sleepers, crushed rock and tracks with power-operated hand tools and if required, a small excavator
 - An SMS reminder will be sent confirming when these works occur. If you would like to receive SMS updates, please contact 1800 105 105
 - Maintenance works may generate low to medium levels of noise.



Traffic and transport impacts

Egress building utility investigation works

- Utility investigations will involve the short-term intermittent closure of Childers and Tennyson streets down to one lane in the areas shown on the map. Traffic will be maintained in both directions via a shuttle flow arrangement
- Some on-street parking spaces on Childers Street may be temporarily impacted
- Sections of footpath adjacent to the works area may be temporarily closed, with local pedestrian diversions in place
- Signage and traffic controllers will be in place to direct vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians around the work area
- Over-height vehicle access to the Lloyd Street Business Estate will be maintained at all times.

Childers Street closure extension

- The closure of Childers Street will continue until mid-September 2021
- Over-height vehicles accessing the Lloyd Street Business Estate and Childers and Tennyson street residents (south of the truncation) are required to detour via Kensington Road, Derby Street and Tennyson Street

- Please visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au for further information.

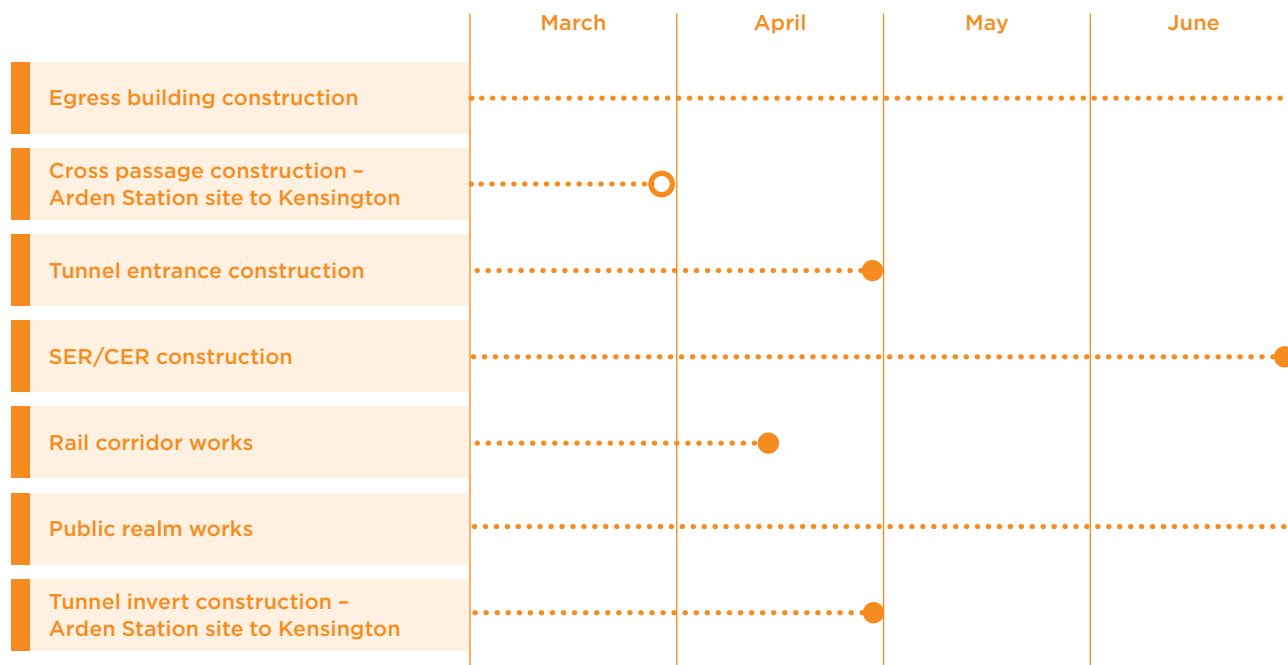
Hobsons Road car park closure

- In March, a full closure of the Hobsons Road car park is required to undertake SER/CER construction
- Two Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant parking spaces will remain open for public use at the Hobsons Road car park site
- The project team is undertaking regular monitoring of parking on local roads while the Hobsons Road car park is closed
- The project team is reviewing work plans for April and May to determine if off-street parking can be reopened safely.

Construction material deliveries

- Throughout February and early March, there will be an increase in the number of truck deliveries to the Hobsons Road site. Trucks will travel from Dynon Road, along Kensington Road, turning left into Hobsons Road to enter the site compound.

Look ahead for 2021



More information

To find out more about the Metro Tunnel Project:

 metrotunnel.vic.gov.au

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