

# Tram network upgrade

Swanston Street, between Victoria and Elgin streets, Carlton

December 2023

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The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and Yarra Trams regularly carry out maintenance and renewal works across the tram network to improve operations and passenger experience. The tracks and tram powerlines along Swanston and Elgin streets have reached the end of their lifecycle. To continue to deliver a safe and reliable tram service to the area, they must be replaced.

**Swanston Street, between Victoria and Elgin streets, will have disruptions, including a full road closure in some sections from 9pm, Friday 2 February to 5am, Thursday 22 February 2024.**

	Track works	Tram powerline works
<b>When</b>	From 9pm, Friday 2 February to 5am, Thursday 22 February 2024 (24-hour works)	From 7am to 7pm, Saturday 3 February to Wednesday 21 February 2024 (day works)
<b>What's happening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Setting up site and traffic management.</li> <li>– Excavating the old and installing new road surface and tram tracks.</li> <li>– Road and line marking.</li> <li>– Reinstating the site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Setting up site and traffic management.</li> <li>– Removing old and installing new overhead tram wires.</li> </ul>
<b>What to expect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Full kerb to kerb fencing and road closures.</li> <li>– Extremely high levels of noise (e.g. concrete, steel and asphalt cutting, excavation of tracks and unloading of materials).</li> <li>– Detours for bike riders, pedestrians and traffic.</li> <li>– Service changes to tram routes along Swanston Street.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trucks, machinery and contractors on site.</li> <li>– Traffic and bike lanes will be closed progressively along Swanston Street.</li> <li>– Service changes to tram routes along Swanston Street.</li> </ul>



## Track works



**From 9pm, Friday 2 February to 5am, Thursday 22 February 2024 (24-hour works)**

- Setting up site, traffic management and kerb to kerb fencing.
- Excavating the old and installing new road surface and tram tracks.
- Installing new driver facilities in the tram reserve at Melbourne University terminus.
- Road and line marking.
- Reinstating the site.

## Road and parking



- Swanston Street will be closed between:
  - Queensberry Street and Lincoln Square South
  - Church and Elgin streets.
- Elgin Street will be closed between Swanston and Cardigan streets.
- These sections of Swanston and Elgin streets will have full kerb to kerb fencing and road closures.
- Intersection of Queensberry and Swanston streets will remain open throughout the works.
- Traffic management and signage will direct traffic.
- **Access for emergency services will be maintained as required.**

## Noise and dust



Construction will occur 24-hours a day.

Noise and dust are unavoidable, but we will work to minimise this as much as possible and complete the noisiest works between 6am and 10pm.

Extremely high levels of noise are expected during the first week of the works, while the tracks are dug out and rubble removed. For the rest of the works there will be short periods of high level noise.

## Tram powerline works



**From 7am to 7pm, Saturday 3 February to Wednesday 21 February 2024 (day works)**

- Setting up site and traffic management.
- Removing old and installing new overhead tram wires.

## Road and parking



- Traffic and bike lanes will be closed progressively along Swanston Street between:
  - Victoria and Queensberry streets
  - Lincoln Square South and Church Street.
- Traffic and bike lanes will remain open between 7pm and 7am.
- Traffic management and signage will direct traffic.
- **Access for emergency services will be maintained as required.**

## Noise and dust



Mostly low levels of noise, with some periods of high levels of noise are expected. These works are not expected to generate any dust.

**Work dates:**  
Friday 2 February to  
Thursday 22 February 2024



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## Track and tram powerline works

### Public transport



There will be service changes to tram routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 and 72.

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### Pedestrians



Footpaths will remain open around the works area. There may be temporary footpath closures around the works, with local detours in place.

Look out for the pedestrian crossing signage along the works site to cross safely.

### Open for business



Businesses located around the works area will remain open during the works. Please continue to support your local businesses during these essential infrastructure works. Pedestrian access to these businesses will remain open at all times.

### Waste collection



Council waste collection will occur as per your normal schedule. Please place your bins out on the kerb as normal.

For residents and businesses with private waste collection, please inform your contractors about the works.

### Close out works

Once the major works are complete, we will need to do some close out works. This work may include pole installation and removal, permanent line-markings and any remedial work picked up post major works.

We appreciate your patience while these works are completed.

## About the project

Yarra Trams in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) delivers ongoing maintenance and renewal works across the Melbourne tram network to ensure a safe and reliable tram service for future generations.

Yarra Trams invests about \$65m in the network annually, carrying out a range of maintenance and renewal works aimed at improving operations and passenger experience.

Tram tracks and tram powerlines along Swanston and Elgin streets in Carlton have reached the end of their lifecycle. To continue to deliver a safe and reliable tram service to the area, they must be replaced.

Doing these works together allows us to limit impacts to the community through fewer road closures and deliver the benefits of renewed tram infrastructure sooner.

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