

Tram stop accessibility upgrade

Tram stop upgrade at Balaclava train station
Carlisle Street between Nelson Street and Blenheim Street.
10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Thursday 10 May 2018

Public transport in Victoria is being made more accessible for people with disabilities.

As part of this programme, Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria are upgrading accessibility at the Balaclava train station tram stop.

City of Port Phillip's funding improvements to the streetscape and public space, which will be delivered at the same time as the tram stop upgrade. This will include extra trees, new paving and provision for new street lighting around the new tram stop.

Major works

Major works will be undertaken from 10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Thursday 10 May 2018 major work will occur 24 hours a day on Carlisle Street from Nelson Street to Blenheim Street.

Motorists

The new Balaclava train station tram stop will require the permanent closure of some on-street parking spaces. Yarra Trams and PTV have responded to community and business feedback by reducing the number of parking spaces to be lost from the original plan from 19 down to 15. This reduction is necessary to create a safe, accessible tram stop. More than 130 on-street parking spaces will remain available within a 10 minute walk of the Balaclava train station tram stop.

Schedule

Works	Dates	Noise levels	Traffic impacts
Preliminary Works	March – April	Low to medium	Traffic management at night as needed
Major Works	10pm 4 May to – 5am 10 May	24 hour works High during the day Low level noise at night	Road closures on Carlisle Street/Balaclava Road from Chapel Street to Orrong Road
Post Works	10 May - 1 June	Low	Possible lane closures for short periods

Please note: There will be some water mains replacement works undertaken by South East Water near the Balaclava train station tram stop on Carlisle Street between Nelson Street and Blenheim Street from 26 March. Please call South East Water on 1800 055 465 for any enquiries about this work.

Benefits

The Balaclava train station tram stop upgrade will deliver:

- An accessible tram stop with ramps to provide improved access for customers, including people in wheelchairs, parents with prams and elderly people.
- Raised platforms and real-time tram arrival information and better inter-connectivity for train and tram passengers to ensure passengers with disabilities can connect from tram to train.

Accessible tram tops

Public transport in Victoria is being made more accessible for people with disabilities and to comply with regulatory standards.

Accessible tram stops have ramps that make it easier to board and alight for passengers in wheelchairs, parents with prams and others with limited mobility. They also improve safety for people using trams.

There are now more than 420 accessible tram stops in Melbourne, built as part of an ongoing programme to modernise the tram network. These accessible stops feature improved lighting, granite and stainless steel finishes, raised platforms and real-time tram arrival information.

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Update 1

Tram improvement work

Tram track and overhead renewal

Carlisle Street and Balaclava Road between Westbury Street and Chaddesley Avenue.
10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Saturday 12 May 2018
(Preliminary work starts 11 April to 5 May 2018)

*(Tram stop accessibility upgrade work at Balaclava train station tram stop will occur simultaneously – please see page 4 of this notification)

As part of the modernisation of Melbourne's tram network, Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria are renewing tram tracks along Carlisle Street.

Preliminary works

There will be 35 tram poles replaced on Carlisle Street and Balaclava Road. Preliminary work for pole replacement works will be undertaken from Wednesday 11 April 2018.

These tram pole replacements will involve work on Monday to Thursday nights and Sunday nights as required. Each pole replacement will involve a few hours of medium to high noise work and then the works will move to the next location.

It is necessary to carry out these works at night when trams are not running in order to isolate the tram power cables and minimise disruption to the travelling public. Work will be predominantly carried out each night from 10pm to 5am, however the level of on-site work will vary during this time with some periods of low activity.

Preliminary rail welding will start from Monday 23 April to 5 May 2018. Affected residents and businesses will be notified.

Major works

Major works will be undertaken from 10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Saturday 12 May 2018 on Carlisle

Street/Balaclava Road from Westbury Street to Chaddesley Avenue (near Orrong Road). These works will continue 24 hours a day.

During this period, Yarra Trams will also be upgrading the Balaclava train station tram stop (page 4 of this notification).

Pedestrians

The work zone will be fenced off for safety. However footpaths will remain open to enable pedestrians to access businesses and residences.

Please note that there will be kerb to kerb fencing that will limit pedestrian crossings on Carlisle Street/Balaclava Road. These fences are required to ensure public safety.

Benefits

The tram tracks in the work-zone are more than 50 years old and needs to be renewed.

The new track will mean a smoother and quieter ride for tram passengers and less tram noise for residents.



Motorists

Preliminary works will take place from Monday 23 April to Saturday 5 May 2018. For preliminary work, lane closures will be in place but no roads will be closed.

Major works will take place from 10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Saturday 12 May 2018.

Due to the nature of the major works, Carlisle Street/Balacava road will be closed to traffic from Chapel Street to Orrong Road. The Carlisle Street/Hotham Street intersection will be closed for approximately three days from 10pm Friday 4 May and will reopen 5am on Tuesday 8 May.

Information regarding local access arrangements will be provided to affected residents.

Please note: There will be no access to driveways and No through roads on Carlisle Street/Balacava Road during the major works road closure. Residents are advised to park in side streets away from the work zone during the construction period, noting local parking conditions.



Tram passengers

Routes 3/3a and 16 will be affected.

Buses will replace trams during this time. There will be temporary bus replacement tram stops setup along Inkerman Street in St Kilda and Inkerman Street and Hawthorn Road in Caulfield North.

For more details closer to the time, please visit yarratrams.com.au/servicechanges



Noise and dust

Associated noise and dust from machinery, vehicles and work crews is unavoidable, but Yarra Trams will do all we can to keep this to a minimum. The noisiest work will occur between 6am and 10pm; however there may be a need to conduct noisy work outside these hours to ensure that the major works are completed by 5am on Saturday 12 May 2018.



Local Community

Access to shops and local facilities will remain unchanged during the works period. We advise allowing some extra time when moving around the area while work is being done.

As this work is necessary to maintain a safe tram network as required by the Rail Safety Act 2006 (Vic), Yarra Trams will not compensate any third parties for any losses incurred during the project.



Schedule

Works	Dates	Noise levels	Traffic changes
Preliminary Works	April to 5 May	Low to medium	Lane closures at pre-welding sites
Pole Installation works	April (night works only)	Low to high at specific locations	Possible lane closures for short periods
Major Works	10pm 4 May – 5am 12 May	24 hour works High during the day Low level noise at night	Road closures on Carlisle Street/Balacava Road from Chapel Street to Orrong Road
Post Works	21 May – 26 May	Low	Possible lane closures for short periods

Area 1 – Tram stop upgrade

Balacava Road between Nelson Street to Blenheim Street, Balacava

12:01am Saturday 5 May until 5am Thursday 10 May 2018.

- Closure of the road from Chapel Street to Westbury Street starts from 10pm Friday 4 May to Saturday 12 May 2018
- No on-street parking on Balacava Road between Nelson Street and Blenheim Street

Area 2 – Carlisle Street and Balacava Road tram track renewals

Westbury Street to Chaddesley Avenue

12:01am Saturday 5 May until 5am Saturday 12 May 2018.

- Closure of the road along Balacava Road and Carlisle Street from Chapel Street to Orrong Road starts from 10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Saturday 12 May 2018
- Access to traffic at the Hotham Street intersection will be restricted from 10pm Friday 4 May to 5am Tuesday 8 May 2018 – Please follow detours in place during this period.
- The Carlisle Street/Hotham Street intersection will reopen to traffic at 5am Tuesday 8 May 2018.
- Please note there will be no on-street parking within the work zone from 10pm Friday 4 May 2018. Cars parked in this area after this time will be towed.
- Cul de sac streets (no through roads) will have no access along Carlisle Street and Balacava Road. Residents in cul de sac streets (no through roads) should relocate their cars to streets with access away from the work zone, noting local conditions.

The following streets will have no vehicle access during the project:

- Westbury Close
- Carlisle Avenue
- Hawksleigh avenue
- Kilwinning Court
- Goathlands Street
- Springfield Avenue
- Balmoral Court
- Lempriere Avenue
- Allan Road
- Chaddesley ave

