Tram network upgrade



Victoria and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne

Update 2 - September 2025

We're making the tram and road network safer and more reliable and getting it ready to meet future needs. These critical maintenance works will deliver upgrades to tram and road infrastructure along Victoria and Elizabeth streets.

As part of these works, we're also building a new central level-access tram stop on Victoria Street and expanding the existing side platform stops on Elizabeth Street, to service the new G-Class trams, improve accessibility and better connect passengers to Queen Victoria Market on routes 57 and 59.

While we complete these works, sections of Victoria and Elizabeth Streets will be closed during 24-hour works from 8pm, Monday 6 October to 4.30am, Monday 27 October 2025.

Major works

When

8pm, Monday 6 October to 4.30am, Monday 27 October 2025 (24-hour works) on:

- Victoria Street From Bouverie Street to Peel Street.
- Elizabeth Street From Therry Street to Queensberry Street.

What's happening

- Replacing old tram tracks and road surface through the intersection of Elizabeth and Victoria streets.
- Building new east-west tram tracks to enable flexibility, network resilience and a future tram connection from Swanston Street to the Arden precinct.
- Replacing tram tracks and a crossover along Elizabeth Street, north of Victoria Street
- Expanding tram platform stops at Queen Victoria Market on Elizabeth Street to better cater for passenger demand.
- Removing westbound left turn from Victoria Street into Elizabeth Street, and introducing a second westbound through lane, to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for pedestrians accessing Queen Victoria Market.
- Relocating and upgrading Stop 8 on Route 57 in Victoria Street, to a central levelaccess platform stop on Victoria Street, between Cobden and O'Connell streets.

What to expect

- 24-hour works.
- Full road closure of the Elizabeth Street and Victoria Street intersection.
- Full kerb to kerb road closure and fencing.
- Extremely high levels of noise are expected during the first week of the works.
- Detours for bike riders, pedestrians and traffic.
- Service changes to tram routes along Elizabeth Street.





Major works:

Road and parking



- Victoria Street will be closed from Bouverie Street to Peel Street.
 - Intersection of Bouverie and Victoria streets will be open.
 - Intersection of Leicester and Victoria streets will be closed.
 - Intersection of Victoria and Elizabeth streets will be closed.
 - Intersections of Victoria, Cobden and O'Connell streets will be closed.
 - Intersection of Peel and Victoria streets will be open.
- Elizabeth Street will be closed between Therry and Queensberry streets
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 There will be nightly closures to install underground conduits between 8pm and 4.30am, Sunday October 12 to Thursday October 16.
 - Inner lanes between Queensberry Street and Haymarket roundabout will be closed. Service lanes will remain open.
 - Intersection of Therry and Elizabeth streets will be open.
- Emergency services will be allowed access.

Cyclists



Bike lanes in Elizabeth and Victoria streets will be closed. Use Peel and Queensberry streets.

Public transport



There will be service changes to tram routes 19, 57 and 59 along Elizabeth and Victoria streets.

Closer to works, please visit: yarratrams.com.au/service-changes

Pedestrians



Mostly the footpaths will remain open during works. There may be closures in the sections where we are upgrading the footpaths. Temporary detours may be in place.

Please follow signage around works.

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.

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.



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Traffic Detours during Victoria and Elizabeth streets works

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Victoria and Elizabeth Street closure. Detours in place as shown in the map below. Please allow extra time to your journey.



