

Tram network upgrade



Union and Epsom roads, Ascot Vale

October 2025

We're renewing the tram tracks and making safety upgrades along Epsom and Union roads in Ascot Vale.

We're also building a new level-access platform stop on Union Road at Epsom Road to improve accessibility for passengers and prepare for the introduction of G Class trams. The upgraded stop will be larger and safer to better accommodate crowds during major events at Melbourne Showgrounds.

The new G Class trams can hold up to 150 passengers, almost double the capacity of existing trams on Route 57, and feature a more accessible low-floor design to make it easier for everyone to use public transport. The first G Class trams have begun testing, ahead of taking passengers on routes 57, 59 and 82 over coming years.

It's all part of our ongoing work to ensure the tram network meets future needs.

	Early works	Major works
When	24-hour rail welding works will start from 9pm, Thursday 6 November to 5pm, Friday 14 November, in Union Road, from Dunlop Avenue to Burrowes Street. Service investigation works will happen each day from 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 29 October to Friday 31 October. - In Union Road, at tram stop 33, within the tram reserve. - In Epsom Road, from Union Road to Ascot Street.	9pm, Friday 14 November to 4.30am, Monday 1 December 2025 (24-hour works) on: - Epsom Road – From Langs Road to Ascot Street. - Union Road – From Epsom Road to Bloomfield Road.
What's happening	- Identifying underground services. - Delivery and welding of rails. - Installing temporary site sheds.	- Replacing tram tracks and road surface in sections on Epsom and Union roads. - Building a new level-access platform stop on Union Road.
What to expect	- Nightly lane and intersection closures. - Mostly medium levels of noise during the night. - Vehicles, trucks, machinery and contractors on site.	- 24-hour works. - Changed traffic conditions, including road closures along sections of Union and Epsom roads. - Extremely high levels of noise during the first week of works. - Detours for bike riders, pedestrians and traffic. - Service changes to tram route 57 with buses replacing trams.

Early works:

Road and parking



Southbound parking and traffic lane on Union Road, between Dunlop Avenue and Burrowes Street will be closed. Traffic will be maintained in the central lane.

- Mostly low to medium levels of noise. Some periods of high levels of noise during the service investigation works.
- Access to properties will not be affected by the works.
- Footpaths will remain open, temporary detours may be in place at some times.
- Traffic management and signage will direct traffic. Please follow signage around works.
- On street parking may be restricted at some times for safety.

There will no impact to the Spring Racing Carnival.

Public transport



No changes to tram or bus services during early works.

Pedestrians



Footpaths will be open. Temporary detours may be in place. Please follow signage around works.

Noise and dust



Mostly low to medium levels of noise during the night.

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.

24-hour rail welding works:

9pm, Thursday 6 November to
5pm, Friday 14 November

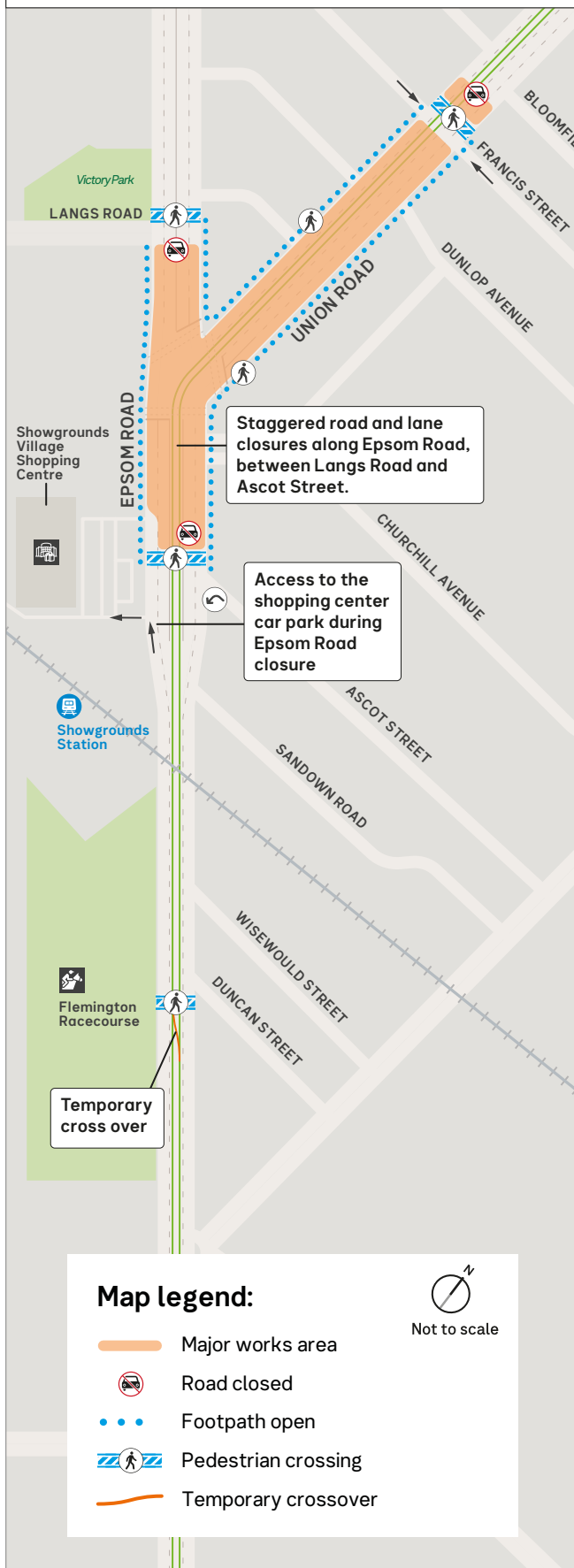
Day service investigation works:

9am to 3pm, Wednesday 29 to
Friday 31 October



Major works: 24-hour works

9pm, Friday 14 November to
4.30am, Monday 1 December 2025



Major works:

Road and parking



To minimise traffic impacts, Epsom Road will have staggered road and lane closures, between Langs Road and Ascot street:

Epsom Road will be closed to all traffic from 9pm, Friday 14 November to 5am, Monday 1 December.

Except:

- From 5am, Wednesday 19 November to 1am, Saturday 22 November (Westbound lane only)
- From 4am, Monday 24 November to 7am, Saturday 29 November.

Ascot Street remains open to left turn movements only onto Epsom Road.

Union Road will be closed between Epsom Road and Bloomfield Road.

Francis Street will remain open to east-west traffic.

Detours via Ascot Vale and Maribyrnong roads.

Detours will be in place for bike riders, please follow the detour signage.

- **Emergency services will have access.**
- **There will be no access to private driveways in the work area. Please move your cars and park in side streets before 8pm, Friday 14 November.**
- **Businesses and residents within the works area can leave their bins for collection in the usual spot. If needed, we will move it for collection and bring it back.**

Public transport



There will be service changes to Route 57. Buses will replace trams. Closer to works, please visit:

yartratams.com.au/service-changes

Pedestrians



The footpaths will remain open during works. Temporary detours will be in place. Please follow signage around works.

Major works continued

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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.

Traffic Detour during Union and Epsom road works

