

Tram network upgrade



Bourke and Spencer streets, Melbourne

Update 2 – February 2026

We're completing critical works to replace ageing tram tracks on Bourke and Spencer streets near Southern Cross Station.

The works will take place from 9pm, Sunday 15 February to 5am, Thursday 26 February 2026.

The intersection at Bourke and Spencer streets will be closed.

The tram renewal works will help to make our tram and road network safer, more reliable and prepared to meet future needs.

Major works

When

9pm, Sunday 15 February to 5am, Thursday 26 February 2026 (24-hour works).

What's happening

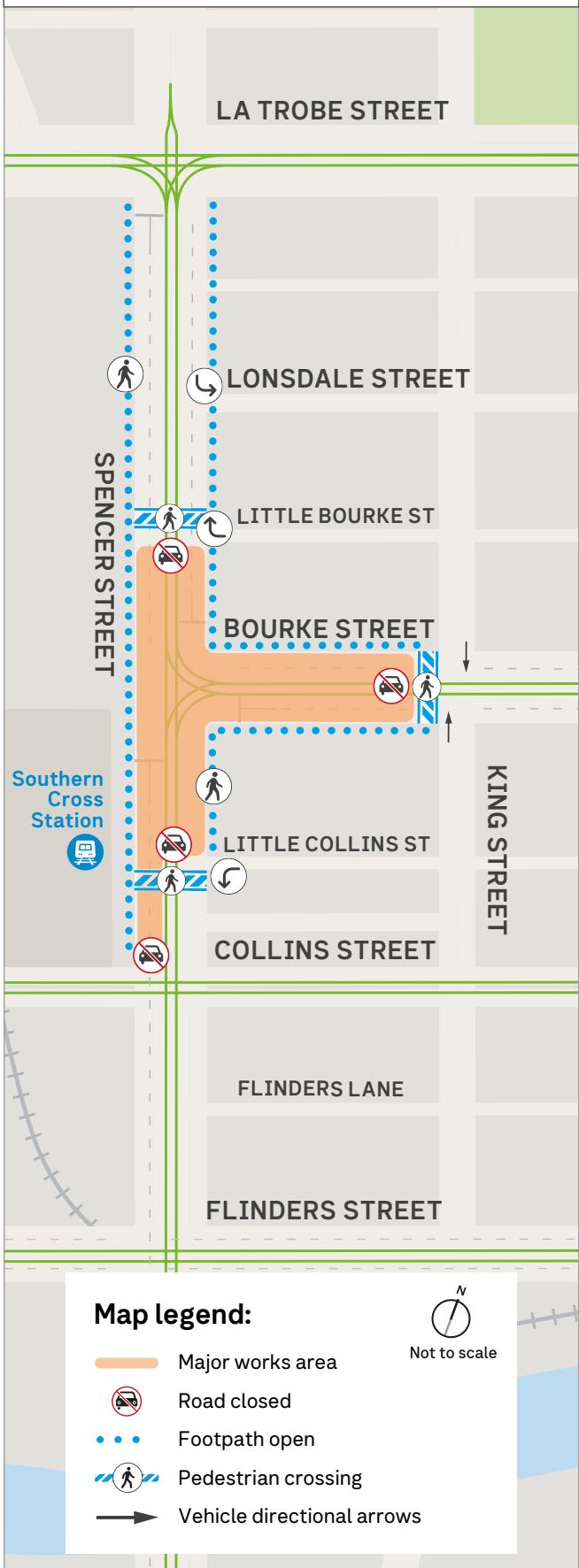
- Replacing tram tracks and road surface in sections on Bourke and Spencer streets.
- Installing new poles and overhead wires.

What to expect

- 24-hour works.
- Extremely high noise levels for the first week of the works.
- Changed traffic conditions, including road closures along Bourke and Spencer streets.
- Changes to tram routes 86 and 96.
- Businesses will remain open.

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Road and parking



- The intersection of Bourke and Spencer streets will be closed.
- Bourke Street will be closed between King and Spencer streets.
- Spencer Street will be closed between Little Bourke and Little Collins streets.
- Little Bourke and Little Collins streets will remain open to all east west traffic.
- Local access out of Cosgrove Lane will be maintained under traffic management.
- Please follow the signage and traffic management around the works.
- Emergency services will have access.

Public transport



There will be service changes to tram routes 86 and 96. Please visit: transport.vic.gov.au/bourke-street

Pedestrians



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

Open for business



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

Noise and dust



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.

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.



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Italiano	93215444	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	93215445
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About the project

To find out more:

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Traffic detour during Bourke and Spencer streets works

