

Notice of works



Port Melbourne substation

Community Update 1 – February 2026

We're revitalising Melbourne's tram network to meet the city's future needs and growing demand. Upgrades to our tram fleet and infrastructure will make travel more reliable, efficient and convenient. First, we need to increase the power supply to the tram network in Port Melbourne by building a new substation in the rail reserve near the tram line and Bridge Street.

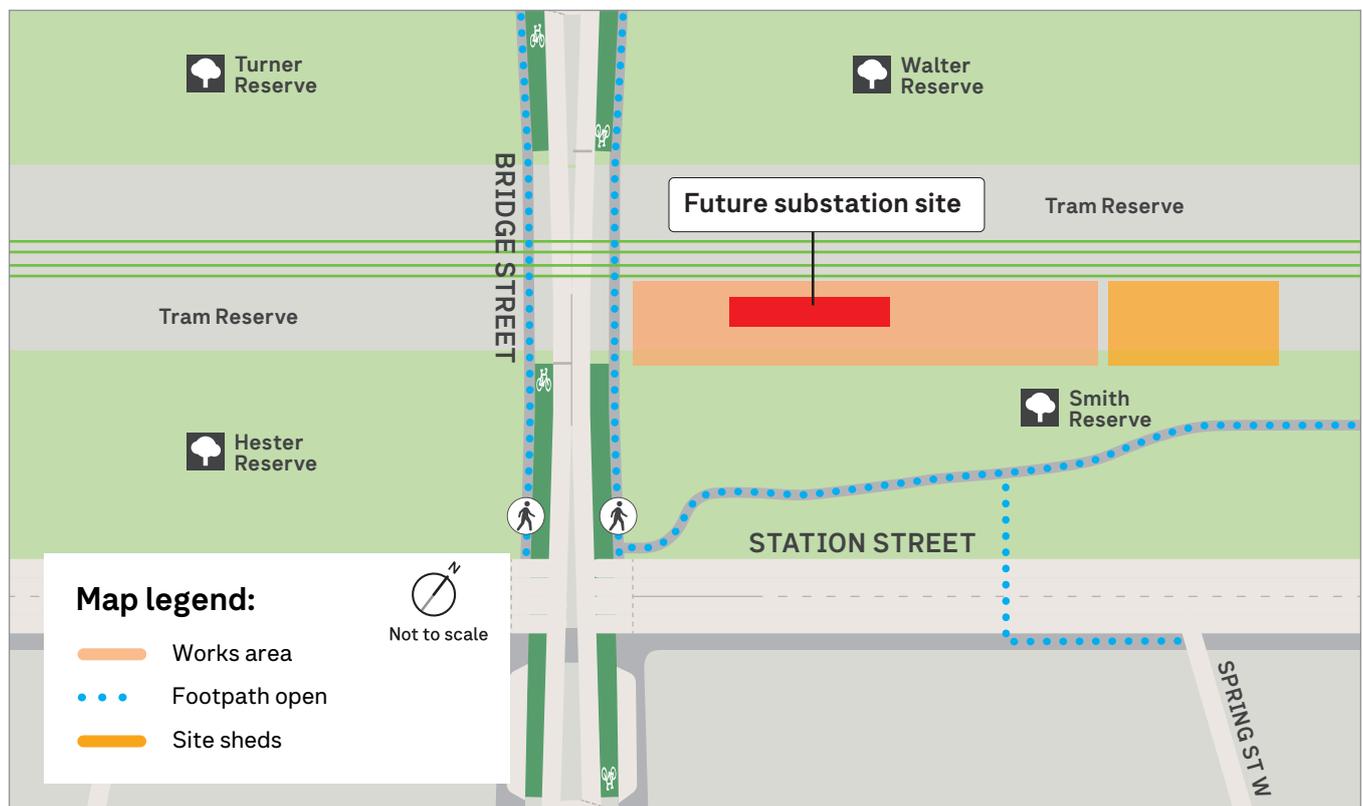
Upgrading the tram power supply on Route 109 will lead to smoother rides and reduce sudden stops, which can be uncomfortable and add to delays in journeys and traffic congestion

The new substation will take about a year to build and will be completed in three stages:

- **Stage 1:** Service installation and site mobilisation – February 2026.
- **Stage 2:** Construction of the new substation and equipment installation – February 2026 to November 2026.
- **Stage 3:** Testing, commissioning and completion of the new substation – December 2026 to January 2027.

Most of the work will occur **7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday** and **7am to 3pm, Saturday**.

For any work outside of these hours we will provide advanced notification.



What to expect

Stage one: Service installation and site mobilisation

When: February 2026

During this stage we will:

- Mobilise the site.
- Locate underground services through non-destructive digging.
- Install services such as gas, water, communications, and power to the substation.
- Low levels of noise are expected.

Throughout this period, you may notice more vehicles around the area.

Stage two: Construction of new substation and equipment installation

When: February 2026 to November 2026

During this stage we will:

- Construct the structural footings and foundations.
- Construct the substation and building façade.
- Install the new electrical equipment.
- Undertake pre-commissioning works in preparation for the substation to be ready for use.

During construction, there will be an increase in workers and vehicles around the site. At times we may need to close the footpath and install localised detours. Access to properties will not be affected by the works and there will be no disruption to power supply.

All works will be conducted during work hours and there will be medium levels of noise.

Stage three: Testing and commissioning

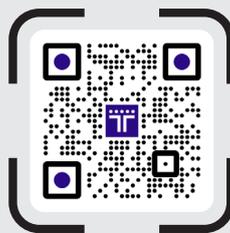
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- Once the substation building is complete and all equipment is installed, testing will commence, and the substation will be commissioned.
- Most of this work will occur inside the substation.

Tram services will not be disrupted throughout the project.

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