

# IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS AND TRADERS

## TRAM IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN SWANSTON STREET BETWEEN FRANKLIN AND A'BECKETT STREETS Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May 2012



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Dear Resident/Trader,

As part of the City of Melbourne's Swanston Street redevelopment project, Yarra Trams will be renewing tram tracks and building the foundations for a pair of accessible tram stops on the weekend of 5 and 6 May 2012.

These works will be done in Swanston Street between Franklin Street and A'Beckett Street. Please note that Swanston Street will be closed to traffic between La Trobe Street and Victoria Street.

Below is a table summarising the preliminary major works to be conducted:

Date & time	Location	Nature of works	Noise level
Monday 30 April and Tuesday 1 May 11.30am - 5am	Swanston Street between La Trobe and Franklin Streets	Pre-works: Delivery of rails	High
Wednesday 2 May to Friday 4 May 11.30am - 5am	Swanston Street between La Trobe and Franklin Streets	Pre-works: Pre-welding and preparation of rail	Moderate
Saturday 5 May and Sunday 6 May 2am-6am	Swanston Street between Franklin and A'Beckett Streets	Major works: Saw cutting of concrete and existing rail	High
Saturday 5 May and Sunday 6 May 6am-6pm	Swanston Street between Franklin and A'Beckett Streets	Major works: Removal of existing rail and construction of new tracks and accessible stops	Very high on Saturday then moderate to high

### Pre-works

Pre-welding and preparation of lengths of rail will take place in Swanston Street between La Trobe Street and Franklin Street in the week prior to the track works.

These pre-works will be done overnight and are expected to create intermittent noise. The noisiest works will be during the delivery of the rails on the Monday and Tuesday nights.

## Major works

The major works to renew the tram tracks and establish the foundations for a pair of accessible stops will begin in the early hours of Saturday 5 May.

Saw cutting of concrete and the existing rail will begin at approximately 2am. There will be significant noise and dust as saw cutting crews move along the worksite.

From approximately 6am, heavy excavators will start to break the road surface to allow for the removal of the existing tram tracks. This work is very noisy and dusty and will continue throughout Saturday until approximately 6pm.



Once the old rail has been removed, construction of the new tracks and accessible stops will begin. While not as loud as the excavation works, there may be the need to do some noisy works during construction and there will be constant noise associated with the movement of machinery and equipment.

Works are scheduled to be completed by approximately 5am on Monday 7 May.

## Ongoing works

The City of Melbourne will continue streetscape improvement works on this section of the Swanston Street Redevelopment project with a range of improvements due for completion in September 2012.

## Road closures – construction weekend

Swanston Street will be closed to all traffic between La Trobe Street and Victoria Street. Both A'Beckett Street and Franklin Street will be closed to traffic heading east-west across Swanston Street.

Motorists and cyclists are advised to take alternative routes to and from the city.

*\*For information about permanent changes to authorised vehicle access and parking permits on Swanston Street please visit: [melbourne.vic.gov.au/swanstonstreet](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/swanstonstreet)*

## Tram service changes

The following tram service changes will apply during the works on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May:

Routes 1 and 8 from East Coburg and Moreland will terminate in Lygon Street at Stop 112 Elgin Street.

All Swanston Street services heading towards Melbourne University will terminate at Stop 8 Melbourne Central.

A tram replacement bus service will operate between Stop 8 Melbourne Central and Stop 113 Lytton Street and Lygon Street. Buses will operate via La Trobe, Elizabeth, Lonsdale, Russell and Lygon Streets in both directions.

You can view the latest service changes at [yarratrams.com.au](http://yarratrams.com.au), call PTV on **1800 800 007 (6am-midnight daily)** or follow Yarra Trams on Twitter for the latest disruption information **@yarratrams**.

Yarra Trams welcomes customer feedback on **1800 800 007 (6am-midnight daily)**.

We thank you for your patience and regret any inconvenience caused by these improvement works which are essential to the efficient and safe operation of the tram network.

If you would like find out more about the Swanston Street Redevelopment project please visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/swanstonstreet](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/swanstonstreet) or call **9658 9658** during business hours.