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TRAM STOP UPGRADE

Construction of easy access stops on Nicholson Street between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street Monday 8 April to Friday 17 May 2019

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) in partnership with Yarra Trams will be undertaking works to install new platform stops along Route 96 on Nicholson Street between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street in Brunswick East.

These works are part of a broader plan to make all tram stops fully accessible on Route 96, which is the busiest tram route in Melbourne. These new stops will make it easier for passengers using wheelchairs, parents with prams, elderly people and others with limited mobility to get on and off the trams.

Works	Dates	Noise	Roads
Preliminary works (commenced)	Monday 8 April to Friday 10 May 2019	Medium to high Monday to Friday 6am to 10pm	Localised temporary footpath closures Temporary closure of on-street parking on Nicholson Street as required Temporary vehicle access restrictions to properties
Major works	Saturday 11 May to Friday 17 May 2019	High level noise 24 hrs/day	Nicholson Street will be closed to all traffic during major works between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street, Brunswick East Pedestrians will have restricted access at times on Nicholson Street during major works

^{*}Preliminary works at Stop 24 between Miller Street & Glenlyon Road have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.









Preliminary works



From 8 April preliminary works will take place to set up the work site. Excavation of curb and part of left lane will take place. These activities will have some impacts on road conditions along Nicholson Street and will require localised, partial lane closures and changes to property access.

Major works



Major works will take place on Nicholson Street between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street, Brunswick East in May. In order to minimise disruptions to the community, works will be undertaken in stages and subject to minor changes. Please refer to the map.

Major works will include breaking out of concrete, excavation, removal of old poles, concreting and asphalting of new tram stop and installation of associated infrastructure such as permanent signage, tram shelters and passenger information displays.

Public transport changes



Route 96 trams will not be affected by the preliminary works in April. Stop 24 will be temporarily closed throughout all works. Passengers please use stop 25 or stop 23 as alternatives.

Buses will replace trams during major works 11 May to 17 May 2019.

Stop 26 at Victoria Street will be removed as part of the works due to the relocation of the Albert Street Stop 25. Stop 26 permanently removed from 11 May 2019.

The closest stops will be **Stop 25** – approximately 175m south of the former Stop 26, or **Blyth Street terminus** – approximately 200m north of the former Stop 26.

For more details closer to the time, including bus replacement routes, please visit yarratrams.com.au/servicechanges

Local businesses



The businesses on Nicholson Street 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. Parking will be restricted during works. Please park in nearby side streets noting local parking restrictions.

Pedestrians



Some sections of the footpath will be closed to undertake these works. Pedestrian detours will be in place; please follow signage around the work zone.

Motorists



Due to the nature of the works, there will be some temporary parking restrictions on Nicholson Street between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street, Brunswick East during April preliminary works. Local vehicle access under traffic management will be maintained on Nicholson Street at this time.

Nicholson Street will be closed between Brunswick Road and Blyth Street, Brunswick East during major works 11 May to 17 May 2019. Information regarding local access arrangements will be provided to affected residents and businesses closer to the commencement of works.

Noise and dust



Associated noise and dust from machinery, vehicles and work crews is unavoidable. In order to finish these works as quickly as possible, works will take place 24 hours a day and will generate high levels of noise during major works 11 to 17 May. If work was kept to a 'day time only' schedule, the disruption to tram services, motorists and the community would be substantially longer. We apologise for the inconvenience this work causes and appreciate your understanding.

Fully accessible tram stops



There are now more than 420 fully accessible tram stops in Melbourne, built as part of an ongoing programme to modernise the tram network.

The Route 96 tram stop upgrades will deliver fully accessible tram stops to provide improved access and safety for customers in this area, including people in wheelchairs, parents with prams and elderly people.

Local community



Access to shops and local infrastructure will remain unchanged during the works. Yarra Trams encourages you to allow some extra time when moving around the area while work is being done.

As this work is necessary to maintain a safe tram network as required by the *Rail Management Act* 1996 (Vic), Yarra Trams will not compensate any third parties for any losses incurred during the project.





