

# Bridge strengthening works High Street, Northcote

Information update  
November 2021



From 12am Sunday  
28 November to 5am  
Monday 6 December,  
High Street in  
Northcote will be  
closed between  
Westgarth Street  
and Hoddle Street  
for essential bridge  
upgrade and tram  
track renewal works.

## About the project

The Victorian Government is investing \$1.3 million to upgrade the bridge over the Merri Creek on High Street in Northcote.

The bridge is more than 100 years old. By completing this important upgrade, we'll be ensuring the bridge can service Melbourne's transport network for the next 100 years.

Due to the road closure, there will be impacts to tram and bus services.

These works are part of the Securing the Safety and Productivity of Victoria's Road Network program.

The program includes funding for bridge upgrades across metropolitan Melbourne to allow all vehicles and tram classes to move across the network without restriction.

## What we're doing

As part of this upgrade, we will:

- Demolish the existing pavement and tram track slab
- Build a new bridge deck
- Construct the track slab and placement of tram tracks
- Reinststate the pavement and reconstruct the kerbs.

## Noise

Our crews will be working day and night to complete these works as quickly as possible. There will be medium to high level noise while we demolish the existing bridge deck, particularly in the first 1 – 3 days.

Where possible, we'll look to complete noisy works during daytime working hours.

# Bus impacts and detours



## Public transport changes

### Trams

Buses will replace trams on Route 86 between the Clifton Hill interchange and Dundas Street except for stop 26 Walker Street from the last service on Saturday 27 November until the first service on Monday 6 December.

For more information about these changes including bus replacement routes, please visit [yarratrams.com.au/servicechanges](http://yarratrams.com.au/servicechanges)

### Buses

Bus routes 250 and 251 will also be impacted by the road closure with bus stops closed along Westgarth Street, High Street and at the Clifton Hill interchange.

Buses will be detouring around the work zone using Heidelberg Road and Jeffrey Street to move between Victoria Road and Rushall Crescent.

Temporary bus stops will be in place on Rushall Crescent.

For more information about these changes, visit the PTV website at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 800 007.

## Local access

During works, there will be some changes for local residents living in the area. Residents will only be able enter the work zone from Westgarth Street to access their properties.

Traffic management will be on-site to assist local residents enter and exit the work zone.

### Pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to move through the work zone while we complete this important upgrade.

The work zone will be fenced off for safety, however the footpath on the north side of the bridge will remain open to allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely along the bridge.

Access to the Merri Creek trail will be maintained with signage in place to guide pedestrians and cyclists.

### Supporting local business

During works, it's business as usual for local traders.

If your favourite local business is trading along High Street in Northcote or Queens Parade in Fitzroy North, please plan ahead and allow some extra time.

## Pre-works

Prior to the new bridge deck being installed, we'll need to complete some initial investigations and survey work.

We'll be completing this work during November in the lead up to the project.

These works will be completed at night under lane closures and will cause only minor disruptions to the community.

### Find out more

For further information about the works, visit the VicRoads website at [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au) and search 'High Street bridge upgrade'.

For information relating to public transport changes, visit the PTV website at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or phone **1800 800 007**.

Alternatively, you can get in touch with the project manager, Simon Chang directly on 0433 774 666.

### Interpreting

Please call the Victorian Interpreting and Translating Services on **9280 0783**, then ask for **13 11 71**.



# Tram impacts and detours

