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Detours and disruption as tram works peak on Sydney Road

Roads to close and buses to replace trams



The scene outside the tram depot on Monday afternoon.

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Motorists and public transport users will face major disruption on sections of Sydney and Moreland roads in coming weeks from construction works around the Brunswick Tram Depot.

Detours will be in place and buses will replace trams on most of Sydney Road for a fortnight from Friday.

The section of Moreland Road between Sydney Road and the Upfield skyrail will also be closed for most of September.

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The works are the culmination of a \$115 million project to upgrade and modernise the tram depot, including reopening it for trams to exit directly onto Sydney Road.

Other works include an accessible tram stop in Moreland Road.

Already completed is a staff car park underneath the skyrail behind the depot and refurbishment of staff and administration facilities inside the depot building.

The section of Sydney Road between Davies and Mitchell streets will be closed to all traffic from 9pm on Friday until early on September 4 when works to install tram tracks and overhead wires for the new tram depot exit will take place in stages of 24 hours.

No vehicle traffic or on-street parking will be available during this period.

The most significant disruption will be to tram services on the #19 route. [Buses will replace trams](#) between Brunswick Road and North Coburg from last service on Friday until September 4.

The buses will divert around the work zone by travelling along Mitchell Street, Holmes Street, Moreland Road and Blair Street.

Trams will continue to run from Brunswick Road to the city.



Trams parked in Royal Park, where they are being stabled while the Brunswick Depot and track works are underway. This has caused buses to replace trams on the #58 route to West Coburg.

From Friday until October 5, the #58 tram service to West Coburg will also be interrupted as part of the route in Royal Park will be required for outstabling while the Brunswick depot tracks are being replaced.

During this time buses will also replace trams for a large part of the route via Grantham Street and Melville Road. Buses will operate from Queensberry Street in North Melbourne to the end of the line at Bell Street, diverting around Royal Park.

[Transport Victoria](#) is warning of very high noise levels during the first few days and nights of works while existing tram tracks are removed and underground materials are excavated.

During the rest of the works, noise levels will vary from medium to high with the noisiest works done during the day if possible.

Activities may include saw cutting, excavation and construction vehicle movements.

Moreland Road between Sydney Road and Colebrook Street will close from 9pm on September 12 until October 2 to allow the installation of a pair of level-access tram stops and track and overhead works.

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During this period the #6 tram route from Moreland Station to Glen Iris will also be impacted with buses replacing trams for the section of Moreland Road to and from Holmes Street.

Less inconvenient for motorists but annoying for cyclists, Cameron Street, which runs parallel to the Upfield line behind the tram depot, will be completely closed from Friday night to October 5.

The Upfield shared path will continue to be closed to bikes and pedestrians during these works.

More information about detours and alternative public transport services are available from [Transport Victoria](#) and [Yarra Trams](#).

First used in 1887, Brunswick is one of nine suburban depots on the Yarra Trams network and is home to trams on routes 1, 6 and 19.

The current depot buildings opened in 1936 and are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register as a site of significance.

The redevelopment will allow the number of trams stabled at the depot to increase by about 30% and for trams to exit directly onto Sydney Road rather than via Cameron Street and Moreland Road at peak times.

The project has cost \$115 million. [Planning began in 2022](#) and the project was originally intended to be completed 12 months ago.

Transport Victoria and Yarra Trams did not respond to questions from *Brunswick Voice* about what alternative arrangements had been put in place to reduce disruption and inconvenience for residents and businesses immediately adjacent to the works.

This story has been updated with extra information about the cause of the interruption to the #58 tram service.

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