

# Media Release

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## MAJOR TRAM WORKS TO IMPROVE ROUTE 58

The Andrews Labor Government is carrying out major tram works along Route 58 in Melbourne's inner north, creating a more reliable and comfortable journey for passengers.

The \$3.7 million works between Grantham Street and Dawson Street in Brunswick West will take place from Friday 22 May, until Monday 1 June.

The works will include replacing 1.2 kilometers of tram tracks, upgrades to overhead wires, and works to underground cables.

Yarra Trams crews will work around the clock to minimise disruption to passengers and the local community.

During the works, buses will replace trams from Royal Park to the Bell Street and Melville Road terminus. Trams will continue to operate from Royal Park to the Toorak Road and Glenferrie Road terminus.

A number of road closures will be in place during the works. Dawson Street between Daly Street and Grantham Street, and Grantham Street between Dawson Street and Brunswick Road will be closed to through traffic from 10pm Friday 22 May, to 2am Thursday 28 May.

Grantham Street between Dawson Street and Park Street will be closed to through traffic from 2am Thursday 28 May, to 2am Saturday 30 May. Grantham Street between Union Street and Park Street will also be closed to through traffic from 2am Saturday 30 May, to 5am Monday 1 June.

Yarra Trams has notified residents, emergency services and businesses in the area about the works so they can plan ahead. Temporary signage will advise drivers, passengers and locals of alternative arrangements during works.

Essential infrastructure projects are continuing during the coronavirus pandemic, with extra safety precautions in place to support crews and ensure public health and safety.

This includes adhering physical distancing requirements, as well as specific guidelines from the Department of Health and Human Services.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Melissa Horne

*"We're getting on with these works so we can give passengers better services and get them where they need to go."*

*"Route 58 is one of our busiest tram routes and these upgrades will mean the system can cope with that demand."*