

# Media Release

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## **HODDLE STREET SHUTS TO KICK OFF MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION BLITZ**

Victoria's busiest arterial road will be closed for eight days in January as part of a massive summer construction blitz to reduce congestion, remove level crossings and deliver the major transport projects Victoria needs.

Hoddle Street will be closed in both directions between the Eastern Freeway and Victoria Parade from 12:30am Sunday 7 January 2018 to 11:30pm Sunday 14 January 2018 while construction crews work around-the-clock, taking advantage of the quieter holiday period.

This early work is necessary for the Streamlining Hoddle Street project, which will deliver more green time at traffic lights, shorter queues and more reliable journeys.

The eight-day shutdown is the quickest and safest way to tear up, relay and strengthen parts of Hoddle Street – accelerating work and sparing drivers three months of ongoing, rolling road closures.

Detoured traffic will be prioritised and traffic signals adjusted to improve traffic flow and minimise congestion.

The Hoddle Street upgrades are part of a huge summer works program to transform Victoria's transport network.

From Boxing Day until 30 December, lanes will be closed on the West Gate Bridge for maintenance works.

All metropolitan train lines will be operating from Christmas Day through to New Year's Day to get people around the city to enjoy the festive season, Boxing Day test and New Year's Eve celebrations.

Buses will replace trains on sections of the Frankston line from 2-9 January and on sections of the Cranbourne/Pakenham and Gippsland lines from 2-17 January. Buses will replace trains on a section of the Hurstbridge line from 18-23 January, as works continue to duplicate track and remove two level crossings.

Partial road and lane closures will be in place on major roads and arterials as work continues on the M80 (Western Ring Road) CityLink Tulla Widening, the Monash Freeway and level crossing removals.

Trams will not run on Lygon Street between Elgin and Weston Street from 3-16 January for track renewal works.

In January, St Kilda Road will see a series of temporary lane reductions in each direction between Toorak Road West/Kings Way and Dorcas Street. Trams will be unaffected.

These temporary works are ahead of this stretch of St Kilda Road being reduced to one lane in each direction for up to four years, as the Metro Tunnel's new Anzac Station is built.

Flinders Lane will close for four days from 10 January and 11 days from 30 January between Swanston and Russell street, to allow trucks to safely remove rubble and equipment to build the new Town Hall Station.

In February, Grattan St will be closed for a number of years, in both directions between Royal Parade and Leicester Street as work begins on the new underground station at Parkville.

Motorists and public transport users are being urged to plan ahead, allow more time to complete their journey and consider alternatives. For more information, visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au) and [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au).

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### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan

*“Shutting down a section of Hoddle Street isn’t a decision we take lightly – but it’ll allow construction crews to get the best start to this project during school holidays and spare drivers from three months of ongoing closures.”*

*“Five construction crews will be working along this key stretch of road in double shifts, around the clock to begin transforming Hoddle Street and get started on these vital upgrades.”*

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan

*“We’re getting on with the job of removing more dangerous and congested level crossings, getting ready for major works on the Metro Tunnel and upgrading old signalling systems so Victorians can get home safer and sooner.”*

*“This is going to be a significant period of disruption and we thank people for their patience as we get on with delivering the infrastructure upgrades our transport network needs.”*

FROM	TO	TYPE OF WORKS	ALTERNATIVES
1 November	31 March 2018	Alexandra Parade. Partial road closure between Napier Street and Wellington Street.	
1 December	1 March 2018	City West Water Spencer Street. Southbound lane closure.	

26 December (7pm)	30 December (5pm)	West Gate Bridge works. 3 lanes closed inbound and 1 lane closed outbound.	Allow up to an extra 60 mins travel time.
27 December	31 December	Monash Freeway Upgrade. Open grade asphalt replacement.	Outbound from South Gippsland Freeway to Eastlink. Allow up to an extra 15 mins travel time.
27 December	29 December	Murray Basin Rail Project	Coaches replacing trains between Ballarat and Ararat. Allow and extra 30 mins travel time.
27 December	30 December	Murray Basin Rail Project	Coaches replacing trains between Ballarat and Maryborough. Allow and extra 30 mins travel time.
2 January	7 January	Monash Freeway Upgrade. Open grade asphalt replacement.	Inbound from South Gippsland Freeway to Eastlink.
2 January	9 January	Frankston line – HCMT works (Caulfield Junction)	Buses replacing trains between Flinders Street and Moorabbin. Allow up to an extra 40 mins travel time.
2 January	9 January	Flinders Street westbound, between Exhibition and Russell streets – HCMT (Caulfield Junction)	Partial road closure to enable bussing during HCMT work on the Cranbourne/Pakenham and Frankston lines.
2 January	17 January	Cranbourne/Pakenham line – HCMT (Caulfield Junction) level crossing works.	Buses replacing trains between Flinders Street and Westall (2-9 Jan).  Buses replacing trains between Caulfield and Dandenong stations (10-17 Jan).  Coaches replacing V/Line trains between Southern Cross and Pakenham.  Coaches replacing V/Line trains between Bairnsdale and Pakenham.  Allow 40-75 minutes extra travel time.
3 January	10 January	Grange Road (Malvern East) closure between Dandenong Road and Moodie Street - level crossing removal works. Full road closure	Full road closure. Allow up to 15 mins extra travel time.
3 January	16 January	Lygon Street closed between Elgin and Weston Street for tram works.	Allow up to an extra 15 mins travel time.
7 January	12 January	Poath Road closures – level crossing removal works. Partial road closures.	
7 January	14 January	Streamlining Hoddle Street Full road closure from Eastern	Allow up to an extra 60 mins travel time.

		Freeway to Victoria Parade.	
10 January	13 January	Metro Tunnel works. Flinders Lane closed between Swanston and Russell streets from 7am to 6pm.	Traffic will be detoured via Russell, Collins and Elizabeth streets.  Two-way vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained via traffic controllers between Russell and Swanston streets and between Swanston and Elizabeth streets.
12 January	14 January	South Morang line works.	Buses replacing trains between Epping Station and South Morang Stations. Allow up to an extra 30 mins travel time.
13 January	14 January	Seymour and Shepparton line works.	Coaches replacing trains between Southern Cross Station and Shepparton. Allow an extra 60 mins travel time.
15 January	mid 2018	Streamlining Hoddle Street lane closures between Eastern Freeway and Vere Street	Allow up to an extra 20 mins travel.
18 January	23 January	Hurstbridge line works, including level crossing removals.	Buses replacing trains between Clifton Hill and Macleod station. Allow an extra 40 – 60 mins travel time.
21 January	21 January	Geelong line works.	Coaches replacing Geelong and Warrnambool trains between Southern Cross Station and Waurin Ponds/Geelong. Allow and extra 45 mins travel time.
30 January	9 February	Metro Tunnel works. Flinders Lane closed between Swanston and Russell streets from 7am to 6pm.	Traffic will be detoured via Russell, Collins and Elizabeth streets.  Two-way vehicle access for local residents and businesses will be maintained via traffic controllers between Russell and Swanston streets and between Swanston and Elizabeth streets.
30 January	11 February	Level crossing removal works	Buses replacing trains between Westall and Dandenong.  Allow 40-75 minutes extra travel time.
January 2018	Several weeks	Metro Tunnel works – Domain precinct.	St Kilda Road traffic will be disrupted by a series of temporary lane reductions in each direction between Toorak Road West/Kings Way and Dorcas Street. Trams will be unaffected.

			After these temporary works, this stretch of St Kilda Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction 24/7 for up to four years as the Metro Tunnel's new Anzac Station is built.
February 2018		Grattan St	Grattan St will be closed in both directions between Royal Parade and Leicester Street as work begins on the new underground station at Parkville. There will also be a westbound closure of Grattan Street between Royal Parade and Flemington Road from early 2019.