

Key project dates



Stakeholder and community consultation

Information sessions

Throughout November, our team will be sharing information about the project and will be available to answer your questions or concerns. You don't need an appointment, just come and talk to us.

Normanby Avenue and St Georges Road intersection
Monday 14 and 21 November, 8am – 10am; 3.30pm – 5pm

Regent Station
Tuesday 15 and 22 November, 8am – 10am; 3.30pm – 5pm

Northcote Plaza Shopping Centre
Thursday 17 and 24 November, 10am – noon; 3.30pm – 5pm

More information

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Check the information on our M40 project webpage and sign up to register for project updates. The QR code will link you to our M40 webpage.



St Georges Road trees and shared pathway



Cyclists at Normanby Avenue and St Georges Road



M40 Preston Reservoir to Merri Creek
Water Main Renewal Project
Newsletter 1 - November 2016

Project overview

Melbourne Water has completed its plans for the M40 Preston Reservoir to Merri Creek Water Main Renewal Project. Construction is expected to start in mid-November 2016 and take twelve months to complete, weather permitting.

This M40 water main supplies drinking water to Yarra Valley Water and City West Water. The existing M40 water main is almost 100 years old and is at the end of its service life. All other original sections of this water main have been replaced.



1700mm pipe being delivered

What's involved

There are two parts to this project – the northern section and the southern section.

- The **northern** section extends from our Preston reservoirs to Regent Street, across High Street and along Robinson Road.
- The **southern** section extends from Oakover Road Preston to Arthurton Road Northcote, within the centre-median along St Georges Road.

Our normal hours of work are from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. If required, work on Saturdays will be from 7am to 1pm.

If we need to work out of hours, you will be advised at the time. Please travel safely through our construction zones, follow the signs and directions of our traffic controllers.

Depending on progress, timing and weather conditions, we may need to delay our reinstatement plans for St Georges Road until the weather is cooler and the trees have a better chance of survival.

The reinstatement plan was developed in collaboration with stakeholders and representatives from key community groups and was shared at information sessions in late June.

We do not expect that there will be any interruption to your water supply during our work.

Northern section
- Robinson Road, across High Street

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PIPELINE

We plan to excavate a trench in sections, that is approximately 3m wide and 3m deep to install the 1700mm diameter steel pipes. Primarily, this trench will run parallel to Robinson Road, within our parkland north of Garden Street and across High Street to Reservoir 2.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As the existing M40 water main is within the carpark at Regent Station, parking will be restricted. A new temporary carpark will be constructed north of Henry Street.

The bus stop at Regent Station will be relocated and signs will be installed to explain this change.

Pedestrian access to Regent Station will be maintained at all times. There will be no interruption to train services.

Some of the palms located within the carpark will be removed and replanted along our pipe track.

When we trench across High Street, at the reservoirs, vehicles will be diverted. Local access for residents will be maintained. We expect this will be scheduled as weekend work, in early 2017.

Once the new pipeline has been constructed, our reinstatement work includes constructing a new shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians along Robinson Road. This path will connect to the existing cycle path at GE Robinson Park and at Regent Street.

There should be no impact on the community’s use of GE Robinson Park while our work is being completed.



View from near GE Robinson Park, looking towards the CBD

Southern section - St Georges Road

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PIPELINE

Our work involves clearing the existing vegetation, constructing a fence around our work area and the new temporary shared pathway, then excavating a trench to lay the pipes.

There will be four work zones:

- Arthurton Road to Gadd Street
- Gadd Street to Normanby Avenue
- Normanby Avenue to Hutton Street
- Hutton Street to Miller Street.

As we plan to tunnel under the intersection at St Georges Road and Miller Street, near the tram depot, we will construct shafts north of Watt Street and south of Oakover Road. By tunnelling this zone, we will minimise impacts on traffic, trams and the community.

WHAT TO EXPECT

To enable us to construct the new pipeline safely, there will be reduced speed limits, road closures and traffic diversions for the duration of our works at most intersections along St Georges Road.

The public transport shelters and stops at Arthurton Road, Gladstone Avenue, Gadd Street, Normanby Avenue and Hutton Street will be removed.

Bus stops for services along Arthurton Road and Normanby Avenue will be relocated to both sides of these St Georges Road intersections. Directional signs will be installed prior to these changes being made.

As the pipes are being delivered to site, there will be traffic diversions along the west side of St Georges Road. These deliveries will be outside of peak hour traffic.

We do not expect there to be any interruptions to tram or bus services.

Pedestrians will be able to cross the centre-median at the tram stops. All other pedestrian crossings will be closed.

For the safety of pedestrians and cyclists during construction, a 2.5m wide, temporary shared pathway will be constructed on the eastern side of the median, between fencing.

REINSTATEMENT OF THE CENTRE-MEDIAN

Following construction of the new water main, we will reinstate the centre-median. This includes:

- replanting the existing palms, planting almost 400 semi-mature Chinese Elms and understory planting
- constructing a new concrete pathway for pedestrians and cyclists. This will be 3.5m wide from Arthurton Road to Gadd Street and 4.5m wide from Gadd Street to Miller Street.

For details about our reinstatement plan, visit our webpage www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/m40

