



M102 West Footscray to Yarraville Water Main Renewal Project

We are halfway through construction of the M102 Water Main. From February 2019, pipe-laying will commence along Somerville Road for up to 12 weeks, impacting traffic conditions, parking and cycle routes.

Project community update – January 2019

Construction of the new M102 Water Main between Paramount Road, West Footscray and Williamstown Road, Yarraville is now 50 per cent complete. Work is underway in Cruikshank Park and will continue across Stony Creek, and along Charlotte Street (east) and Julian Street over the next few weeks. The project team thanks the local community for its ongoing patience and support while we undertake these essential works.

Our progress to date:

- Installed more than 1km of 900mm diameter pipe.
- Removed over 7000 cubic metres of soil and rock from trenches along the alignment.
- Excavated in excess of 1500 tonnes of rock.
- Backfilled the equivalent of two and a half Olympic swimming pools of fill into the trench.
- Completed over 1200 hours of pipe welding.

What's happening next?

Works will begin along Somerville Road at Julian Street in February 2019 and will progress east towards Williamstown Road, Yarraville.

Construction is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, resulting in changed traffic conditions including reduced speed limits, parking restrictions, as well as road and bike lane closures.



Construction impacts

Work hours on the project will continue to be from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and from 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Residents and businesses can expect some noise, dust and vibration from large excavators, trucks and heavy machinery during construction; while the project team will work hard to minimise these impacts, some inconvenience may be unavoidable.

Rock is expected in the area, which will contribute to an increase in noise during construction activities.

Cycle lanes temporarily closed

During construction along Somerville Road, existing bike lanes will be removed between Julian Street and Williamstown Road. **Working with Bicycle Network, the project team has identified safe alternatives for cyclists with signalised crossings.**

Details of these detours are highlighted in the map below. Detour signage will be in place.



Traffic and parking changes

Construction work will take place in the west-bound lane – including parking and bike lanes – along Somerville Road, Yarraville. Concrete barriers will be placed in the middle of the road to ensure the work zone is separated from vehicles. Expected changes will include:

- **No parking** – in order to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction, all on-street parking will be removed adjacent to the work zone.
- **Reduced speed limit** – during and after work hours the speed limit will be reduced to 40km/h in each direction.
- **Local roads closed** – as the pipeline is constructed across intersections with local roads and side streets, access will be closed. When possible, limited access will be made available.
- **Pedestrian access** – will be maintained at all times, however, to maintain safety, some construction activities may require temporary pedestrian detours.

Detours, congestion and delays can be expected in the local area as works move along the alignment. Delays associated with the closure of local streets, temporary lane closures and detours may be experienced.

Advanced notification will be provided to immediate areas to help plan travel during construction.

Working with local businesses

Some disruptions to businesses located near our works will be unavoidable. We are working with the local businesses to support them through this period.

There may be changes in how you access these businesses, including parking, but we will work to minimise the impact and inconvenience where possible.

We encourage the community to continue to support local traders during construction as they'll be operating as normal.

More information

As we are yet to complete the reinstatement work there will be a M102 project maintenance team on site over summer.

To contact the M102 project team

If you want more information or have any questions or concerns, you can contact the M102 project team on **1800 316 696** or email M102.renewal@melbournewater.com.au

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