

Works around Watergardens station

About the Sunbury Line Upgrade

The Sunbury Line Upgrade will maximise the benefits of the future Metro Tunnel by allowing trains to run more frequently and carry more passengers.

The \$2.1 billion project will deliver power upgrades, platform extensions and additional train stabling between Sunbury and Footscray. These enhancements are required to enable larger and more modern High Capacity Metro Trains (HCMTs) to run on the Sunbury Line and through the Metro Tunnel.

What the Sunbury Line Upgrade means for you

The Sunbury Line Upgrade, in conjunction with the Metro Tunnel, will deliver major improvements in capacity, reliability and frequency of services on the Sunbury Line.

When complete, there will be room for an extra 113,000 passengers every week and direct access to five new stations, including two in the CBD.

Sunbury Line passengers will also travel in new, larger trains that provide a more comfortable ride, with improved seating and standing areas, as well as cooling and heating designed for Melbourne's weather.

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At Watergardens station we will be extending platforms to fit the longer HCMTs and installing wheelchair boarding pads to improve accessibility.

The train stabling yard at Watergardens station will also be expanded to fit three new HCMTs, allowing more services to start and terminate at Watergardens station.

As the existing train stabling yard is currently enclosed by active rail track, any expansion will require track realignment to create space for the extended stabling roads. These works will involve modification of the existing rail bridge crossing over the Sydenham Drain.

Careful planning and design have determined that a section of the Sunbury-bound rail track will be realigned between Watergardens station and Pioneer Park, Sydenham.

This will require periods of heavy earthworks and trackwork in the rail corridor along Sydenham and Victoria roads.

Power upgrades will also take place in the rail corridor near Watergardens station as part of works to boost electrical capacity along the Sunbury Line. This will enable the running of HCMTs and an increase in service frequency.

Construction impacts

Works will be carefully planned to limit disruption to commuters and the local community. However, activities may create noise, dust and vibration typical of a construction site.

With construction taking place in the rail corridor, there will be some unavoidable disruption to rail services so that the work can be undertaken safely. Bus replacement services will be provided during any planned disruptions.

At times, out of hours works will also be required. Advance notification will be provided to local residents ahead of all out of hours construction activities.

Construction timeframes

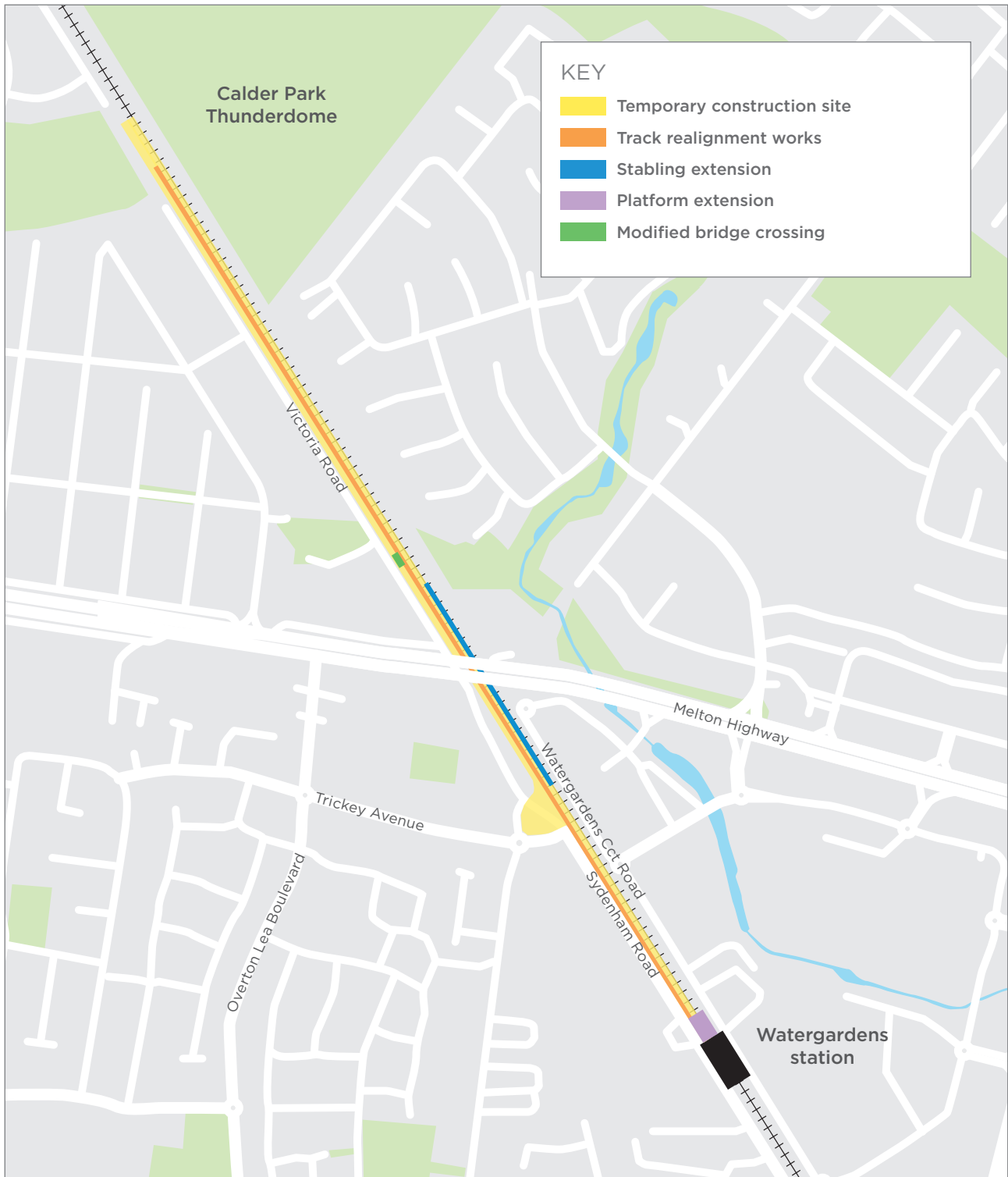
Major construction around Watergardens station will begin in March 2020, and is scheduled for completion in early 2022.

A number of construction sites have been established in the Sydenham and Taylors Lakes areas to facilitate works. These sites will be active for the duration of works.

Community engagement

We will work closely with residents, businesses and the local community to manage impacts from construction.

Community relations staff are also on call 24/7 to answer any questions, concerns and complaints.



More information

To find out more about the Sunbury Line Upgrade:

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