

# Tram network upgrade



Bourke and Spencer streets, Melbourne

## Update 1 – January 2026

We're completing critical works to replace ageing tram tracks on Bourke and Spencer Street near Southern Cross Station.

The works will take place from 1am, Monday 16 February to 5am, Thursday 26 February 2026.

During this time the Bourke and Spencer Street intersection will be closed.

These tram renewal works will help to make our tram and road network safer, more reliable and prepared to meet future needs.

	Early works	Major works
When	10pm to 5am, Sunday 25 January to Monday 16 February 2026 (Sunday to Thursday nights only).	1am, Monday 16 February to 5am, Thursday 26 February 2026 (24-hour works).
What's happening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Setting up the work area, including traffic management.</li><li>– Identifying underground services.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Replacing tram tracks and road surface in sections, on Bourke and Spencer streets.</li><li>– Installing new poles and overhead wires.</li></ul>
What to expect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Some intersection and parking closures as required.</li><li>– Low to medium levels of noise.</li><li>– No impact to tram routes 86 and 96.</li><li>– Businesses will remain open.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 24-hour works.</li><li>– Extremely high noise levels for the first week of the works.</li><li>– Changed traffic conditions, including road closures along Bourke and Spencer streets.</li><li>– Changes to tram routes 86 and 96.</li><li>– Businesses will remain open.</li></ul>

## Early works:

### Road and parking



- Traffic, intersection and parking closures as required. More information about the closures will be provided closer to the works.
- Traffic management and signage will direct traffic. Please follow signage around the works.
- On street parking may be restricted at some times for safety.

### Public transport



No changes to tram routes 86 or 96 during the early works.

### Pedestrians



Footpaths will be open. Temporary detours may be in place. Please follow signage around the works.

### Noise and dust



Mostly low to medium levels of noise during the night.

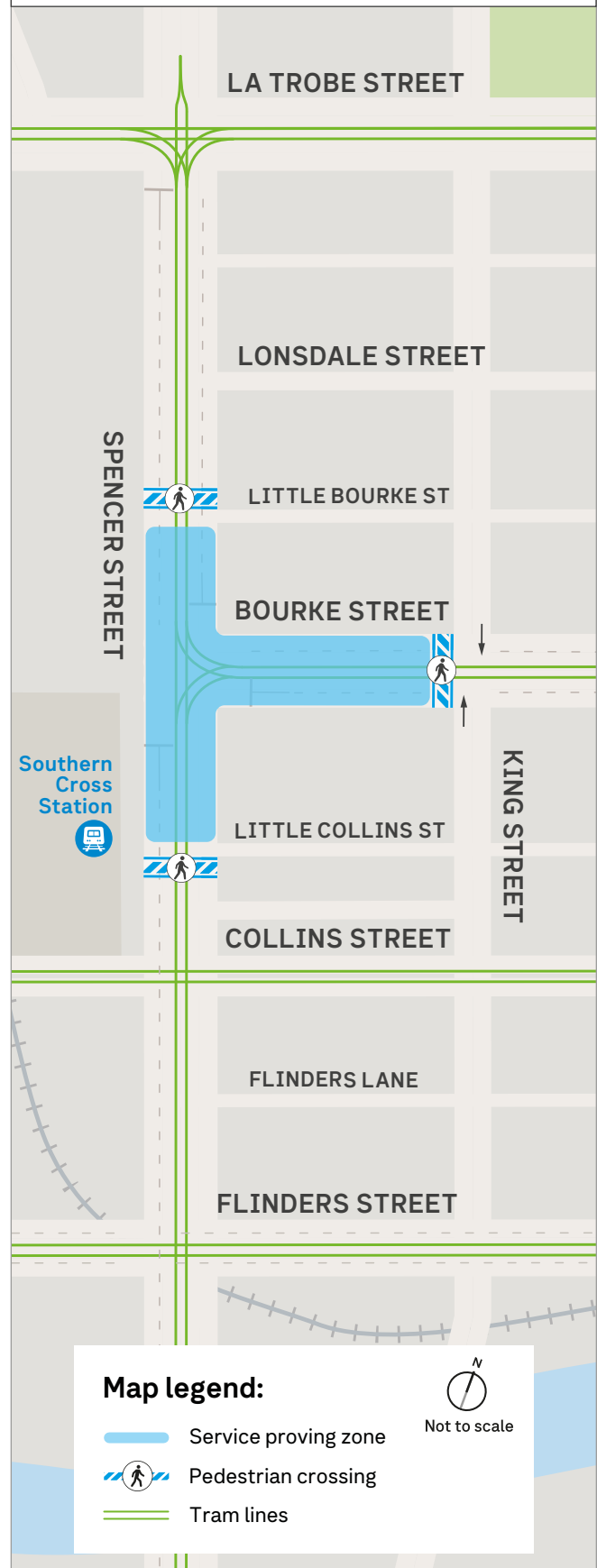
### Open for business



Businesses around the works area will remain open during the works. Please continue to support your local businesses during these essential infrastructure works. Pedestrian access will remain open at all times.

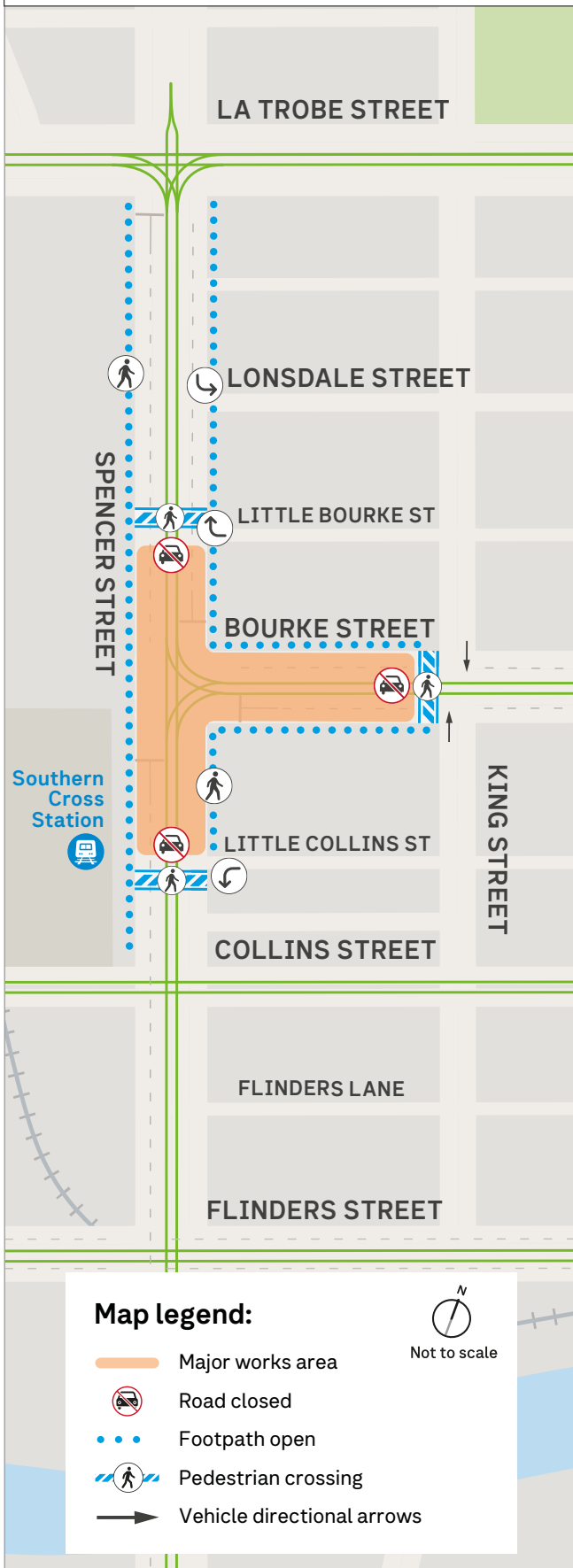
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## Major works:

### Road and parking



- The intersection of Bourke and Spencer streets will be closed.
- Bourke Street will be closed between King and Spencer streets.
- Spencer Street will be closed between Little Bourke and Little Collins streets.
- Little Bourke and Little Collins streets will remain open to all east west traffic.
- Local access out of Cosgrove Lane will be maintained under traffic management
- Please follow the signage and traffic management around the works.
- Emergency services will have access.

### Public transport



There will be service changes to tram routes 86 and 96.

Closer to the works, please visit:  
[transport.vic.gov.au/bourke-street](https://transport.vic.gov.au/bourke-street)

### Pedestrians



The footpaths will remain open during works. Temporary detours will be in place. Please follow signage around the works.

### Open for business



Businesses located around the area will remain open during the works. Please continue to support your local businesses. Pedestrian access will remain open at all times.

### Noise and dust



Extremely high levels of noise are expected during the first week of the works while the tracks are dug out and rubble removed. For the rest of the works there will be short periods of high level noise.

Construction will occur 24-hours a day.

Noise and dust are unavoidable, but we will work to minimise this as much as possible and complete the noisiest works between 6am and 10pm.



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