

ST KILDA TRAM IMPROVEMENT WORKS FITZROY STREET AND THE ESPLANADE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 19 May, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
St Kilda Sports Club
66 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda



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Dear Resident/Trader,

INVITATION - COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

TRAM TRACK RENEWAL AND ROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS IN FITZROY STREET AND THE ESPLANADE, ST KILDA. SATURDAY 11 JUNE TO FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2011.

As part of the modernisation of Melbourne's tram network Yarra Trams, in partnership with the State of Victoria, will be renewing the tracks in Fitzroy Street and The Esplanade between Grey Street and Cavell Street, St Kilda. This project forms part of a commitment to the State to renew tracks around the network throughout the Yarra Trams franchise.

A community information evening will be held at St Kilda Sports Club, 66 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda on Thursday 19 May between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Yarra Trams staff and contractors including project engineers, traffic managers and representatives of the construction company will be available to discuss the project during this time.

The project will improve safety by raising the tram tracks to prevent cars from crossing into the path of moving trams. On Fitzroy Street, cars will be able to cross the tracks at Canterbury Road/Grey Street, Park Street and Acland Street. Loch Street and Jackson Street will be restricted to 'left in, left out' access. The tram tracks on The Esplanade will also be raised and separation curbing installed to discourage u-turning cars, but vehicles will still be able to cross the tracks from side streets.

Fitzroy Street and The Esplanade are 'black spots' for cars colliding with trams and these traffic measures will reduce the potential for injury to tram passengers and the occupants of motor vehicles.

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Heavy machinery will be used during the works.

During the works, trams on Routes 3a (weekends only), 16 and 96 will be affected and vehicle access on Fitzroy Street and The Esplanade will be restricted at various times. Footpaths will remain open to provide pedestrian access to all businesses and traffic controllers will be on site to direct motorists and assist pedestrians. Tram services on routes 112 and 78/79 will not be affected. Yarra Trams will provide more information about tram service changes.

The track renewal works will allow the new generation of high capacity trams to operate on Route 96 when they are delivered from 2012. The method used to construct the new track will help to ensure a smoother ride for passengers and less noise from passing trams.

To avoid the need to work across multiple weekends, Yarra Trams will complete the project in one period from Saturday 11 June to Friday 17 June.

Works on Saturday and Sunday will be at the intersection of Fitzroy Street and Canterbury Road/Grey Street before further works along Fitzroy Street and The Esplanade commence on the Queen's Birthday public holiday Monday. An accessible platform stop will be constructed at Alfred Square on The Esplanade during the works.

For more information, please call Project Engineer Rita Lee on 9619 7159 during business hours.

Yarra Trams thanks you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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