

# M41 Merri Creek to MCG Water Main Renewal Project

## Construction update August 2018

The M41 water main supplies drinking water to over 350,000 residents and businesses in Melbourne's inner suburbs. It runs from Merri Creek, Northcote to Wellington Parade, East Melbourne. The existing water main is almost 100 years old and deteriorating and needs to be replaced to prevent leaks which have created significant community disturbance during emergency repair works.

Construction of the M41 Merri Creek to MCG Water Main Renewal Project will progress on George Street extending the site working zone from Johnston Street through to Condell Street from **Friday 31 August 2018**.

### Project Site Location

For your safety, our construction corridor will be fenced off for entire road width with the footpath open at all times. **The road will be closed to all vehicles on George Street.**

Entry and exit to the construction corridor will be from Johnston Street and Condell Street. These entry and exit locations will be managed by traffic controllers during construction hours. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all time on footpaths.



## Installation of the new water main

The project will be excavating to expose the existing water main whereby they remove the existing pipe and relay a new pipe in the same location. This is done through the use of a large excavator. The trench is approximately 3m deep and 20m long to install the new 1.2m diameter steel pipe. These pipes range in lengths from 6.5m to 13.5m.

You will notice a crew of up to ten workers, as well as large excavators, compaction rollers, trucks and light construction vehicles within the work zone.



## Additional City West Water works

City West Water (CWW) and Melbourne Water are working together to upgrade an additional smaller water main also running along George Street, which is owned and operated by your water retailer, City West Water. This water main was installed in 1885 and supplies water directly to you and your neighbour's properties.

The main is reaching the end of its service life after 130 years and needs to be replaced to ensure ongoing reliability of your water supply.

While this additional work will add a small amount of time to the M41 works, it will minimise the overall disruption to you by avoiding the need for City West Water to conduct further water main works in your street in the near future.

**These additional CWW works will only be carried out between Johnston Street and Greeves Street on George Street, Fitzroy.**

## Temporary changes to on-street parking, off-street parking and vehicle access to driveways

There will be no on-street parking and no vehicle access available within the work zone while the works are undertaken. **This includes temporary loss of vehicle access to driveways and off-street car parks from George Street.**

These temporary changes may be in place for a period of up to 4 weeks, weather permitting. The project will reopen sections of the road as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please also keep in mind that as a result of these temporary road closures, there will be limited on-street parking available in neighbouring streets for both local residents and businesses.

Please follow the signage and direction of our traffic controllers and allow extra travel time. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with these temporary traffic changes as there are some temporary traffic directional changes whilst the works are undertaken.

## Traffic detours

There will be local traffic management and detours in place during working hours. Our traffic controllers will be on duty at each work location to ensure traffic and pedestrians can navigate around our worksite safely during working hours.

Please follow the signage and direction of our traffic controllers and allow extra travel time. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with these temporary traffic changes as there are some temporary traffic directional changes whilst the works are undertaken.

**The project acknowledges that the site footprint is extensive and will endeavour to reopen the St David Street and Moor Street intersections as soon as possible.**

## Reinstatement

Once we have completed laying pipe and upgrading the water main the project will temporarily reinstate the trench with asphalt so the road can open for traffic. The project will ultimately re-asphalt roads kerb to kerb at a later stage.

## What can you expect

- Site establishment with temporary fencing erected to delineate the work zone
- Temporary loss of vehicle access to driveways and off-street car parking on George Street
- Temporary changes to on-street parking and traffic conditions
- Temporary lane and road closures and changes to the speed limits near work areas
- Noise from various construction plant, vehicle and activities such as rock breaking
- Dust and vibration
- Increased construction vehicle movement in local area

## Construction hours

These works will be performed during the day between **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **Saturday between 7am to 1pm**.

## Keep up to date with what's happening

For more information about this project or our other activities please call 1800 316 713, visit [www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/m41](http://www.yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/m41) or email [m41@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:m41@melbournewater.com.au)



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