

Key Planning Initiatives.

Metro Tunnel – Anzac Station

Phase: Under Construction

Anticipated completion: 2025

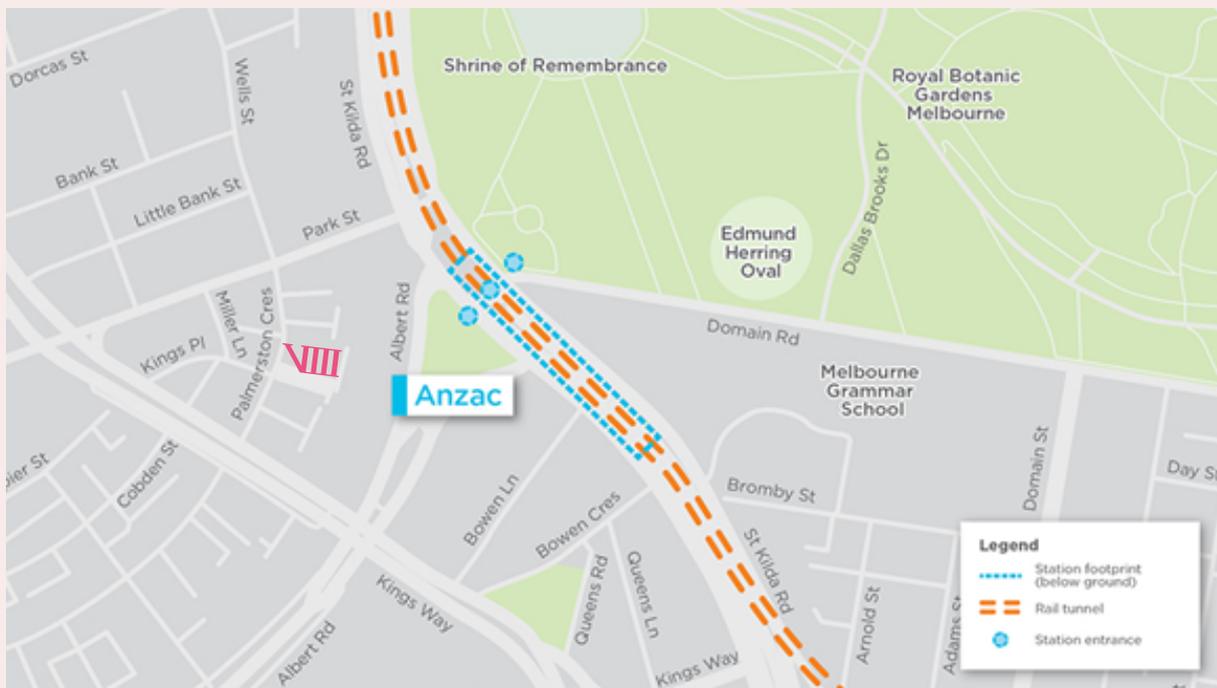
The Metro Tunnel is a new underground trainline designed to reduce congestion on Melbourne’s existing City Loop. It will include two nine-kilometer rail tunnels, 5 new underground train stations and a tram/train interchange point at Domain Station.

The current City Loop is at full capacity and struggling to cope with the number of current passengers. The new metro rail is expected to increase the current systems capacity by 39,000 passengers during peak period.

The project is currently under construction, and will eventually be followed by a wider network upgrade including station and signaling system enhancements.

Whilst no official completion date has been announced by the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority, the project is expected to be completed by 2025.

Anzac Station (formally named Domain Station) will be located under St Kilda Road near the intersection of Albert Road and Domain Road. The station has been purposefully placed to relieve pressure from the St Kilda Road/Swanston St tram corridor which has been experiencing overcrowding. This will provide improved access from Melbourne’s CBD to the Shrine of Remembrance, Albert Park and Royal Botanic Gardens. This is also the first and only train station to service the St Kilda/South Melbourne precinct.



Location of train station and entry points.

Part of the scope of works include the St Kilda Road ‘Super Tram Stop’ which is now complete.

The train station will have three entry points located:

1. At the top of Albert Road
2. In the center of St Kilda Road
3. At the base of the park on St Kilda Road



Concept image of Anzac Station.



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Domain Precinct Public Realm Masterplan

Phase: Community Engagement

Located 1.5 km south of Flinders Street Station and Melbourne CBD, Domain Precinct is bounded by Melbourne's Arts Precinct and some of Melbourne's best green spaces, including the Royal Botanic Gardens, Shrine of Remembrance and Albert Park.

Domain is an important connection for people travelling between the CBD, suburbs and other popular destinations. St Kilda Road - one of Melbourne's most famous boulevards and busiest transport corridors - runs through the Domain Precinct. Its strategic location and mixed uses makes it an attractive precinct to live and work in.

Council has committed to producing a Public Realm Masterplan for the Domain Precinct. The Public Realm Masterplan will articulate designs for public spaces and identify future projects that could be constructed in the precinct, as well as potential partnership opportunities to deliver these.

This strategic document will ensure the precinct’s sense of place is retained and enhanced through a consistent and forward-thinking approach to designing the public realm and future transport connections.

Specific information regarding this Master Plan is yet to be released. A draft Master Plan is anticipated to be completed by Q3 of 2019, which will provide insight into the scope and extent of works to be undertaken.

Crema attended the community feedback and identity workshop in August of 2018. Council indicated that improved streetscapes and walkability would be a focus of the future works. It is understood that the Master Plan will look to incorporate higher-quality trees being planted and better connections between streets, existing tram stops and the new train station.



The Domain Precinct is the area bounded by Kings Way, Dorcas Street and St Kilda Road.

Albert Road Reserve

Phase: Completion of Master Plan and consultant appointment

The existing parkland, located at the top of Albert Road, will be redevelopment and extended as a part of the Metro Tunnel, Anzac Station and Albert Park Master Plan.

Car spaces located at the center of Albert Road will be replaced to form part of the new reserve, which will extend from the top of Albert Road/St Kilda Road, South towards Kings Way.

The Victorian Government has recently appointed Hassell to carry out the design, which will feature largely native species, barbeques and a picnic shelter.



 Proposed Albert Park Reserve

The proposed design will expand the existing park, which is currently closed for the construction of the Metro Tunnel.

The west part of Albert Road between St Kilda Road and Kings Way will be retained. Pedestrians will be able to access the new station, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Royal Botanic Gardens via a new underground concourse accessible from within the park.

In a statement, local state MP Martin Foley said, “The Albert Road parkland will boost the amenity of the area and give workers and public transport users convenient access to Anzac Station.” The extension of parkland will provide greater connections between Albert Park, Domain Parklands and the Royal Botanic Gardens.



Concept image of Albert Road Reserve



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Melbourne Arts Precinct updates

Phase: Consultant appointment and Design

The Victorian Government has committed to \$208 million of funding which will link an updated Arts Centre and the planned NGV Contemporary with the many surrounding arts-focused institutions in Southbank, including galleries and theatres.

The project will create 18,000 square metres of new and renewed public space.

The proposed elevated park, gardens and other pedestrian spaces will link Southbank's 40 galleries, theatres and arts organisations with the new NGV Contemporary, the revamped Arts Centre and its new Performing Arts Museum. Renders for the space include an elevated park and small amphitheatre.

The changes are set to transform Melbourne's cultural and creative precinct, bringing more people than ever into the new public space and improving access to the Arts Centre and NGV.

Australian leading design studio, Hassel and New York-based Solid Objects Idenburg Liu have been awarded the design contract.



Concept image of the renewed Melbourne Arts Precinct



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