

# Media Release

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## MAIDSTONE TRAM MAINTENANCE FACILITY TAKING SHAPE

A construction blitz on the Allan Labor Government's new tram maintenance and stabling facility in Maidstone is set to commence across November – with motorists and passengers asked to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

Starting at 10:00pm, Thursday, 7 November to Wednesday, 27 November, sections of Hampstead, Williamson and Wests roads will be closed to install overhead poles, wiring and lay out new tracks that link to the future stabling facility.

During this period detours will be put in place for bus routes 215, 406 and 408, with some bus stops on Hampstead and Williamson roads closed.

From 11:00pm, Friday, 15 November until the last service on Tuesday, 28 November, buses will replace trams on Route 82.

The Maidstone tram facility will maintain, clean and house the new modern fleet of accessible G Class trams in Melbourne's west – delivering more space and comfortable journeys for passengers.

The modern tram facility is being constructed with sustainability at the forefront of its design – and includes energy efficient LED lights, solar panels, recycled plastic materials and rainwater tanks.

The Labor Government is investing \$1.85 billion to deliver 100 G Class Trams which are expected to be introduced on the network in 2025 – transporting passengers on Routes 57, 59 and 82.

The project will use at least 94 per cent locally made content and create around 280 local jobs in construction, ongoing maintenance and the supply of materials and services.

For more information on road disruptions, visit [traffic.transport.vic.gov.au](https://traffic.transport.vic.gov.au), and for tram and bus disruptions, visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](https://ptv.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

*"We are improving our tram network, and the new maintenance facility in Maidstone will make sure we have more trams, more often in Melbourne's west."*

*"We'd like to thank people for their patience while crews work to lay tram tracks next month. Please plan ahead and allow extra time while crews work around the clock."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

*"The new tram maintenance facility will keep our modern tram fleet running safely and reliably with the new accessible trams servicing the residents of Melbourne's inner west."*