

Project Update: Elizabeth Street Sewer Upgrade Construction extended to March 2024

14 November 2023

To cater for growth in Melbourne's CBD, Greater Western Water is constructing a new sewer in Elizabeth Street between Lonsdale and Victoria streets. The project will be delivered for Greater Western Water by Rob Carr Pty Ltd.

Why is construction taking longer than expected?

Construction started in February 2023 and was expected to be completed by December 2023. During construction, we encountered unexpected ground conditions which proved to be more difficult than previously anticipated.

Working in the Melbourne CBD can be challenging, with underground assets and utilities from over 150 years of construction and changing technology. The complex CBD environment has also created logistical and operational challenges. This has resulted in project delays and an updated completion date of March 2024.

We have been working to better plan for and anticipate these complexities, to help reduce delays for the remainder of the works.

Temporary shutdown over the holiday period

Elizabeth Street will be temporarily reopened over the holiday period from **Friday 8 December**. Construction will then resume in stages starting **Wednesday 10 January 2024**.

What we are doing and when

Please find some key dates below:

- **Late November 2023:** Construction is expected to be complete at the work site on Elizabeth Street immediately north of Lonsdale Street (site E1 – see map overleaf).
- **Early December 2023:** Construction is expected to be complete on Lonsdale Street (site L1).
- **Friday 8 December 2023:** Elizabeth Street will be temporarily reopened over the holiday period.
- **Friday 22 December 2023:** Construction is expected to be complete on Leicester Street (site L2).
- **Wednesday 10 January 2024:** We will re-establish work sites on Elizabeth Street after the holiday period and resume construction in stages. We will provide further updates before construction restarts at each work site.
- **Between Wednesday 10 January and mid-March 2024:** Construction on Victoria Street at Elizabeth Street (site V1) will take up to 3 weeks during this time, and will only be undertaken at night.
- **March 2024:** construction is expected to be complete.

For more information see updated timeline and project map overleaf.



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Site L1	Lonsdale Street at Elizabeth Street									C															
Site E1	Elizabeth Street between Lonsdale Street and Little Lonsdale Street							C																	
Site E2	Elizabeth Street at Little Lonsdale Street									Holiday Period Work sites shut down and Elizabeth Street reopened															
Site E3	Elizabeth Street between La Trobe Street and A'Beckett Street																								C
Site E4	Elizabeth Street at Franklin Street																								C
Site E5	Elizabeth Street at Therry Street																								C
Site V1	Victoria Street at Elizabeth Street (night works)																						C		
Site L2	Leicester Street between Victoria Street and Berkeley Street											C													

C = Construction complete

What will the sites look like during the holiday period?

Elizabeth Street will be temporarily reopened to traffic during the holiday period, allowing traffic conditions to operate normally. Active work sites along Elizabeth Street will be shut down, which involves:

- Demobilising machinery and equipment.
- Removing all temporary fencing and barriers.
- Installing steel plates to cover the shafts and ensure the road is safe for use.
- Removing all temporary traffic management signage.
- Temporary line marking.

Some of these shut down works may take place at night. Updates will be provided if night works are required.

What will the sites look like when construction is complete?

Once construction at each site is complete, our work sites will be returned to their original condition. At each site this involves:

- Demobilising machinery and equipment from site.
- Removing all temporary fencing, barriers and temporary traffic management signage.
- Asphaltting to return the road surface to its original condition and installing replacement line marking.

Some of these reinstatement works may take place at night. Updates will be provided if night works are required.

Sites will be fully reopened to traffic after works are complete, with traffic conditions operating normally going forward.

Need more information?

For more information about the project including updated timelines for each work site, please visit yoursay.gww.com.au/elizabeth-st.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete these important works.

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