



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

MSYRG Bulletin

A Report to Members following the AGM on Thursday 19th November 2016

METRO RAIL PROJECT—ITS IMPACT ON US

There was an excellent attendance of well over 100 members.

At the AGM MSYRG invited the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority to present on the Metro Rail project as it deeply affects our South Yarra.

MSYRG prior to the AGM had supplied the Authority with a list of questions to speak to. Attached is their presentation and their answers to our questions

[2016 11 MM PRESENTATION to AGM November 2016.pdf](#)

[2016 11 MM Questions Answered for Nov AGM 2016.pdf](#)

MSYRG Comments about the Metro Rail Presentation

While we should support this major improvement to our deficient public transport system and acknowledge there will be an unavoidable impact on us we must understand what is being proposed and do everything we can to minimize that impact on our South Yarra.

Although nothing will be finalized until the major contractor has been chosen the main aspects of the current plan seem to be as follows.

1. Preliminary work has started and early next year Domain Road will be closed and the number 8 tram rerouted along Toorak Road West to St Kilda Road.
2. The number 8 tram will not continue down St Kilda Road to the city but will turn left down Park Street to Kingsway and along William Street.
3. During the project Public Transport Victoria will consider how the new route is operating and decide whether to restore the old (current) route at the end. We think that is unlikely.
4. When the tunneling commences it will continue 24 hours a day 7 days a week and the soil/rock etc will be deposited on the Edmund Herring Oval. A fleet of large trucks will then remove it as follows
 - (a) During the day (7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturdays) those trucks will travel east down Domain Road, along Park Street, right into Toorak Road West to St Kilda Road and down to Kingsway.
 - (b) At night these trucks will travel on Domain Road, left into Dallas Brooks Drive and around Birdwood Avenue etc to Kingsway.

5. The above ground work will take about 5 years (2021) although underground work will continue for some years.

6. Although many hundreds of trees will be removed (which must include elms in St Kilda Road) the large Morton Bay Fig trees on Domain Road near St Kilda Road and on the island where Toorak Road West meets St Kilda Road will be protected.

Of the many things that will impact us the one that stands out is described in paragraph 4 above. It is inconceivable that during the day these trucks, instead of heading west from the Edmund Herring oval, head east and take the longest possible route through residential areas and past the shopping area to get to the same destination they go to at night. THIS MUST BE CHANGED and we will be doing all we can to achieve that.

Email secretary@msyrg.com.au if you able to give your time and thoughts to this major issue affecting us all

The following are two information sessions to be conducted by the MMRA

MELBOURNE METRO RAIL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: Wednesday 30th November

6 pm-7pm: Tramworks

7 pm-8pm: Service Relocations

WHERE: South Yarra Elderly Citizens Centre

Fawkner Park, 65 Toorak road West, South Yarra

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New Members

If you or a friend wish to join the Group you can do so online [Click Here](#).

Membership is per individual and is valid until June 30 each year

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