Swanston Street Tram Upgrade Works

As part of the Melbourne City Council (MCC) and Yarra Trams upgrade works, RMIT have been advised that a Super Tram Stop will be installed on Swanston Street, between Franklin and A’Beckett Streets.

Throughout these works, Swanston Street will be closed to all car/vehicle traffic. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained along both east and west sides of Swanston Street, including access to all RMIT Buildings.

These works are targeted to commence from Monday 30th April, 2012 until mid to late October 2012. An outline of the MCC/Yarra tram schedule for these works is listed below:

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<td>Monday 30th April - Friday 4th May</td>
<td>Yarra Trams contractors prepare Swanston Street by delivering equipment (pedestrian barriers, fencing, track etc.) to the east side of Swanston Street. This will include erecting fence lines and pedestrian barriers on both sides of Swanston Street, from Franklin to A’Beckett Street. (Note the fencing/barriers will run from Franklin Street to LaTrobe Street on the weekend 5th &amp; 6th May only, then revert back to A’Beckett Street from Monday 7th May).</td>
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<td>Saturday 5th May</td>
<td>Commencing from 1.00am (or last tram movement that morning) tram lines will be cut off. From 6.00am the lowering of tram lines will commence.</td>
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<td>Sunday 6th May - Monday 7th May</td>
<td>Lowering of tram lines complete. Digging up of existing concrete ground around tram lines complete in preparation for trams to recommence operations.</td>
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<td>Monday 7th May - Mid/end October 2012</td>
<td>Construction works to tram lines, footpaths and roads surrounding the tram lines in Swanston Street (between Franklin &amp; A’Beckett Streets) are undertaken and completed.</td>
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Works involve

- Raised boarding platforms.
- Re-levelling of tracks.
- Installation of tree planters, fixed furniture and shelters.

(Please see attached plan of Swanston street showing fence lines and tram track works)

Trams will be operational on Swanston Street from 7th May onwards, whilst construction is underway.
Throughout May 2012, there will be excessive noise associated with the construction works. The MCC & Yarra Trams endeavour to undertake these works in the most effective and timely manner to limit disruptions to RMIT.

A temporary Tram Stop for trams travelling north bound will be in place from Monday 7th May, outside RMIT Building 37. South bound stops will be situated at the existing location in Swanston Street (opposite City Baths).

A temporary pedestrian crossing and management plan by MCC will be located in A'Beckett Street. This will be to assist RMIT staff/students and public to cross both A'Beckett and Swanston streets to access the RMIT Buildings from the west to east sides.

Additional communications will be disseminated regularly to inform the RMIT community on these works.

The below map highlights the location of the tram upgrade works.