

Thursday, 4 September 2008

Clifton Hill Rail Project

## UPDATE - Urquhart Street Partial Closure

Dear Resident / Business Owner,

The John Holland Group has been contracted by the Victorian Government to duplicate the railway line between Clifton Hill and Westgarth stations for the Clifton Hill Rail Project.

Work is now underway to construct the foundations for the new rail bridge over the Merri Creek (east of the existing bridge).

### **UPDATE - Urquhart Street Partial Road Closure – From 10 September 2008**

Further to previous advice, access under the rail bridge through Urquhart Street will now be blocked to all motorists from *Wednesday 10 September 2008 until January 2009* to enable the new bridge to be constructed.

The closure will restrict traffic access under the rail bridge but will not affect residents' access to driveways either side of the bridge.

Pedestrian access will initially be maintained under the bridge on the south side of the road only, however due to the logistical and safety challenges involved in building the bridge our ability to offer a safe access area to the public once construction commences on both piers will be restricted.

*It is expected that all pedestrian access will be blocked as of the week commencing Monday, 15 September.* Pedestrians are advised to follow on site signage for further details

Consideration was given to maintaining public access under the bridge throughout construction however, we do not believe that this would be the best option to ensure the safety of members of the public or our workforce.

The following detours will be in place during the closure;

- Motorists and cyclists are advised to detour via Westgarth Street; and
- Pedestrians are advised to cross the railway line at the pedestrian crossings at Cunningham, Walker or Westgarth streets.

While the road is expected to reopen in late January 2009, the construction team will assess the need for the closure throughout construction, with the intention of reinstating public access as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

John Holland appreciates that the temporary closure under the rail bridge at Urquhart Street will cause a level of disruption to local residents and we will work to reduce these impacts as much as we can. We ask for your patience and understanding during construction of this important infrastructure project.

Kind Regards

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