

for the attention of the residents/occupants/business owners in this building

Start Amstelveen Line work Amstelveen Centrum and Ouderkerkerlaan stops

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Dear residents, business owners,

As a component of the renewal of the Amstelveen Line (tram 51), this March large-scale work will commence along the entire line. This includes work at the Amstelveen Centrum and Ouderkerkerlaan stops. In this letter, you will read when these works will take place (subject to unforeseen changes), what they comprise and how they may affect you. Check our website for up-to-date information.

Renewal/removal of stops and work on the tracks

The Amstelveen Centrum stop will be discontinued and removed. The Ouderkerkerlaan stop will be renewed. The high platform will be demolished and replaced by a low platform. In addition, we will also renew most of the tracks (including rails, ballast, sleepers, points, overhead wire and cabling).

For each stop, a small work area will be created, with a shed and space for storage of building materials. This will mostly be at or near the actual stop, in a field or on a verge. These areas will be in situ as briefly as possible, but sometimes they will be there for a longer period of time. North of the Ouderkerkerlaan stop a big storage area for the whole project will be created.

Big storage area Ouderkerkerlaan

North of the Ouderkerkerlaan stop, our contractor VITAL will create a big storage area. Building materials for the entire renewal of the Amstelveen Line will be stored here, i.e. also for the construction of the split-level crossings. This area will mostly be used up to the first quarter of 2020 for transport of building materials via the tracks. As a result of this, work around Ouderkerkerlaan will take longer than the necessary period of time for the renewal of the stop.

Setting up of the area takes place from Monday 4 March, during normal working hours. However, VITAL will have to do loading and unloading during all hours of the Amstelveen Line work. This means that there will also be activity in this area during VITAL's irregular hours (during the periods when tram line 5 is out of service, see page 3).

Amstelveen Centrum stop

Provisional planning

- From 8 March: creation of work area
- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- Removal of stop, adjustment of the small tunnel and restoration of surrounding area:
20 March until mid-April

Details

The Amstelveen Centrum stop will be removed, and the tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists will be renovated. In order to do this work safely, on Beneluxbaan (towards the north) the left-hand lane in the direction of the Stadshart area will be mostly fenced off, but turning left will remain possible. Right next to the other Beneluxbaan lane, towards the south, a work site will be created, resulting in a speed restriction of 50** km/h. The tunnel will be closed to cyclists, from both ends. It will remain open to pedestrians. There will be a diversion for cyclists via the underpass at the Oranjebaan stop. Near the tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists, west of Carmenlaan, an area for sheds will be created, with an entrance at Carmenlaan. The daily number of vehicles attending this area will be limited.

Ouderkerkerlaan stop

Provisional planning

- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- From 15 March: creation of work area
- Removal of stop: 28 March until mid-April
- Renewal of stop: early September until late October

Details

The Ouderkerkerlaan stop will be completely renewed, including lift and staircase. In order to create space for this work, a Beneluxbaan lane will be fenced off on either side of the stop. This will yet again result in a speed restriction of 50** km/h. East of Beneluxbaan – on the verge, between the cycle lane and the entrance/exit of Beneluxbaan – an area for sheds and storage will be created. During the removal work the cycle lane east of Beneluxbaan will be temporarily closed. Cyclists will be diverted via Ouverture.

Planning track works

- **4-15 March:** removal of overhead wire between Amstelveen Centrum and Westwijk, partial removal of tracks (several locations, including near the Meent and Ouderkerkerlaan stops).
- **4 March-5 July:** installation of fibre optic and railway cables, as well as network and power supply units near the stops.
- **24 June-12 July:** removal of tracks between Amstelveen Centrum and Poortwachter, and renewal of tracks between Amstelveen Centrum and Gondel.
- In addition, tracks at various crossings will be renewed. We will inform you about the exact planning and how the work may affect you at a later date.

Unfortunately, inconvenience can't be avoided

The work we inform you about in this letter will unfortunately and unavoidably cause inconvenience. This will mainly be the case during demolition work and during the lorry transport of building materials. There will be no drilling.

Noise

- Large amounts of work traffic, including around work and storage areas, can cause noise.
- Demolition work and the removal of demolished materials during regular working hours can cause noise.
- At the intersections, work will be done during the night, when this is necessary for the flow of traffic during the day. VITAL will make an assessment of traffic hindrance and noise. If the inconvenience for traffic is bigger than the effects of noise, work will be carried out during the night. Details will follow.

Traffic

- Large amounts of work traffic may cause inconvenience to other road users.
- Loading and unloading of building materials can cause brief inconvenience.
- Temporary lane closures and speed restrictions.
- Various closures of roads, cycle lanes and footpaths, plus accompanying diversions.
- Traffic wardens where necessary.

Dirt and dust

No specific inconvenience is expected in terms of dirt and dust. If it occurs after all, VITAL will see to the clean-up of the road.

Public transport

- From 3 March tram 51 will be replaced by bus lines 55 and 551. Tram 5 will run more frequently than usual.
- On 9 and 10 March, 13 and 14 April, 20, 21 and 22 April (including Easter Monday), 15 and 16 June and from 14 July until 25 August tram 5 will be out of service between Amsterdam South and Amstelveen Stadshart. There will be a replacement bus 45 between Amsterdam South and Amstelveen bus station.

Staff parking

- VITAL makes every effort to make sure that staff's private cars will not be a burden in the local area. Parking spaces will be created at the work site.

Work outside regular hours

- Work takes place during regular hours, Monday to Saturday, 7.00-19.00 hours.
- Occasionally work will be carried out during the night.
- Transports from the storage area at Ouderkerklaan will also be done outside the regular hours. This is the case during the periods when tram line 5 is out of service. During these weekends, work will take place without interruption for 52 hours. And during the summer weeks, work will be done seven days a week, between 7.00 and 23.00 hours.

Work areas

- At several locations, small temporary work and storage areas will be created. As much as possible these will be located near stops, on verges or in fields, in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible.
- North of the Ouderkerkerlaan stop, a storage area for transport of building materials via the tracks will be created.

Any questions?

Please consult our website for more information. You can reach us via www.amstelveenlijn.nl, e-mail us at info@amstelveenlijn.nl or call 020 - 470 4070 (24/7). Or come and talk to us on Wednesday afternoons between 12.00 and 17.00 hours, at the 'Amstelveen InZicht' centre, Stadsplein 103, second floor, above the library. For more information about the trams and buses, see www.gvb.nl/amstelveenlijn and/or check the public transport 'OV-reisplanner', www.9292.nl.

Your opinion matters!

Finally for now: we are keen to find out your opinion on the way we are dealing with the renewal of the Amstelveen Line. Your feedback, either positive or negative, is important to us, and it has a considerable effect on the way we operate. Would you like to participate in our satisfaction monitor? Please visit www.amstelveenlijn.nl/uwmeningtelt. Together, we will make the Amstelveen Line project better.

Kind regards,



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This letter has been distributed door-to-door in the areas around the Amstelveen Centrum and Ouderkerkerlaan stops.