

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

## Summer works Amstelveen Line 14 July – 25 August 2019

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**Betreft** Summer works Amstelveen Line

Dear residents, business owners,

This summer, our main contractor VITAL embarks upon a gigantic operation, between 14 July and 25 August. In a period of six weeks, two split-level crossings at Kronenburg and Zonnestein will be built, and all stops and railinfrastructure between Buitenveldert and Stadshart will be renewed. During these weeks trams 5 and 6 will be out of service, and replacement bus 45 will run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen's bus station. In this period, VITAL will work non-stop in northern Amstelveen, seven days a week (including Saturday and Sunday), between 7.00 and 23.00 hours, plus a few nights. When the summer works are finished, trams 5 and 6 will use the renewed tracks and the lowered intersections at Kronenburg and Zonnestein towards Stadshart. In this letter, you will read what is going to happen, when this will take place (as always, subject to unforeseen changes) and how this may affect you.

### **Construction of split-level crossings Kronenburg and Zonnestein**

In a period of six weeks, two split-level crossings at Kronenburg and Zonnestein will be built. The tracks will be removed, the building sites excavated, concrete poured, basic constructions finalised and tracks and platforms constructed. After these six weeks, tram lines 5 and 6 will run through the lowered intersections at Kronenburg and Zonnestein towards Stadshart.

### **Renewal of stops and railinfrastructure between Uilenstede and Stadshart**

In the same period, we will renew all stops between Buitenveldert and Stadshart, including the railinfrastructure. This regards the Van Boshuizenstraat, Uilenstede, Onderuit, Oranjebaan and Stadshart stops. For the renewal of these stops, we will remove the low/high platforms and replace these with new, low platforms which are suitable for the new trams with lower floors. We will also renew the railinfrastructure between the discontinued railway crossing at Cannenburg and the Stadshart stop. For this, we will remove the tracks, clean and renew the ballast with the help of a special railway maintenance device, a ballast cleaner, and reinstall the tracks.

### **Unfortunately, inconvenience is inevitable**

During the summer works, you will definitely notice that we are doing a lot of work for the Amstelveen Line. There will be noise, dust, buses replacing trams, traffic diversions and works traffic. Wherever possible, we will do our very best to keep the inconvenience to a minimum – for example by doing work, which causes the

most noise, during daytime hours. Nonetheless, these summer works, done by VITAL in six weeks, will – in Dutch terms – be a gigantic operation.

### **Working hours**

- The work will be done from Monday up to & including Sunday between 7.00 and 23.00 hours, plus a few nights.
- Based on a noise dispensation, VITAL is allowed – for essential technical work and only with permission from the City of Amstelveen – to work during nights. For this, the work area has been divided into separate zones. If necessary, work is allowed to be done in each zone for a limited number of nights.
- Installing lifts at Uilenstede, Onderuit and Oranjebaan will take one night per stop. Installing components of the roundabouts at Kronenburg and Zonnestein will take two nights for each intersection. These works will be done in August.
- There will also be activity at the Ouderkerkerlaan and Gondel/Groenelaan work and storage sites and at the new depot.

### **Noise**

- During the entire summer period, more than 1,000 staff will be at work, 16 hours a day, seven days a week, plus a few nights.
- Transport of materials will take place via the tracks, during the nights before and after the summer period. During the nights after the summer period, track maintenance work might take place.
- Large amounts of work traffic, for example at the work and storage sites.
- Deconstruction of the stops.
- Deployment of ballast cleaner and ballast tamping machine.
- Installation of pile walls at the Oranjebaan and Onderuit stops.

### **Public transport**

- From 14 July up to & including 25 August trams 5 and 6 will be out of service, and replacement bus 45 will run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen's bus station. Please consult the attached factsheet about the summer works, which includes a map with bus 45's itinerary.
- Diversions for buses 45 and 55, as well as night buses, during a number of evenings and nights, during the installation of the lifts.

### **Motorised traffic**

From 14 July up to & including 25 August motorised traffic will be affected like this:

- Large numbers of lorries throughout the summer. For example, when soil needs to be removed at the split-level crossings, work traffic will peak at 25 lorries per hour.
- Throughout the summer, Beneluxbaan will have one lane in each direction. There will be a speed restriction of 50 km per hour.
- The intersections at Kronenburg and Zonnestein will be closed and will, for most of the summer, be turned into big roundabouts, which will enable traffic in and out of nearby neighbourhoods.
- The railway crossing at Van Heuven Goedhartlaan near the Stadshart stop will be closed. As a consequence of this, ongoing traffic at Van Heuven Goedhartlaan will not be possible. Motorised traffic on the northern side will be diverted via Van Heuven Goedhartlaan, Mr. G. Groen van Prinstererlaan and Beneluxbaan. Motorised traffic on the southern side will be diverted via Beneluxbaan and Keerpuntweg. Handelsweg will remain open and the Handelseplein parking will remain accessible.

#### Additional restrictions for motorised traffic:

- During three evenings and nights, Beneluxbaan towards the north will be closed between 20.00 and 5.00 hours, for the installation of lifts at Uilenstede (11-12 August), Onderuit (15-16 August) and Oranjebaan (21-22 August).
- Between 14 and 18 July and 12 and 23 August, there will be one large roundabout, surrounding Kronenburg and Zonnestein.

#### **Cyclists and pedestrians**

From 14 July up to & including 25 August restrictions for cyclists and pedestrians apply, in addition to previously introduced diversions:

- The railway crossing at Van Heuven Goedhartlaan near the Stadshart stop will be closed. Cyclists and pedestrians will be diverted via Handelsplein, west of Van Heuven Goedhartlaan. Mopeds will be diverted via the bicycle lane alongside Mr. G. Groen van Prinstererlaan, Beneluxbaan and Handelsweg.
- The subway on the southern side of Oranjebaan will be closed to cyclists and pedestrians. Everybody will be diverted via the subway on the northern side.

#### Additional closures for cyclists:

- 15 - 19 July and 28 - 29 July: tunnel at Onderuit closed. Diversion towards the north via crossing at Biesbosch. Diversion towards the south via Oranjebaan.
- 12 – 23 August: crossing at Biesbosch closed. Diversion from the north via Uilenstede. Diversion from the south via the cycling tunnel Onderuit.

#### Additional closure for pedestrians:

- 12 – 23 August: crossing at Biesbosch closed. Extra bus for pedestrians, running from the western bus stop at Biesbosch towards the eastern bus stop at Biesbosch, and vice versa. This will take 2 minutes. The buses run between 5.30 and 1.00 hours.

#### **Further inconvenience**

- The large amounts of work traffic will cause dust and dirt. Where necessary, VITAL will keep the roads clean with special sweeping machines, and squirt water to stop and reduce dust.
- The work during evenings and nights will require extra lighting. These lamps will only be directed towards the work sites. No specific inconvenience from this lighting is expected.
- VITAL makes every effort to ensure that staff's private cars will not be a burden in the local area. Parking spaces will be created at the work sites. In surrounding areas, staff will use car parks which are not accessible to the general public.

#### **Any questions?**

Please consult our website for more information. You can reach us via [www.amstelveenlijn.nl](http://www.amstelveenlijn.nl), e-mail us at [info@amstelveenlijn.nl](mailto:info@amstelveenlijn.nl) or call 020 - 470 4070 (24/7). Or come and talk to us on Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 12.00 and 17.00 hours, at the Amstelveen InZicht centre, Stadsplein 103, second floor, above the library.

Kind regards,



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