

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

Extra weekend work in May

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Dear residents, business owners,

By now, VITAL has completed three weekends of non-stop work for the renewal of the Amstelveen Line (formerly tram 51). First of all, we would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We realise that it required a lot of 'biting the bullet', during the day and during the night.

Luckily, a lot of work could be done during the periods when tram 5 was out service. But particularly in the first weekend of March, things didn't all go to plan.

For this reason, there will yet again be non-stop work in the weekend of 18 and 19 May, for example around the Zonnestein stop. And yet again tram 5 will not run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen Stadshart. In this letter we would like to inform you about this.

Spoilsport: bad weather in March

Because of the wet weather in the weekend of 9 and 10 March, with an orange weather alert from KNMI, VITAL was unable to install grout anchors at the intersection of Zonnestein and Beneluxbaan. These anchors are required to keep the supportive track construction in place. Ahead of the installation of the grout anchors, the builders need to make a trench and secure the 10 kV electricity cable for tram 5. During the March weekend the trench kept filling up with water and subsidence of the tracks became a likely scenario. This would have resulted in overrunning of the works and tram 5 not being able to resume its normal service on Monday 11 March. We therefore, in consultation with VITAL, decided to halt the anchor work.

Investigation of other options

Completing the work during the weekends is crucial to be able to start our summer work. For that reason, we had already requested an 'emergency weekend', in the event of adverse weather circumstances. VITAL thoroughly investigated the possibility of doing the postponed work during subsequent weekends (more about this on our website), but after weighing up all the options, we had to conclude that the extra weekend was necessary. We appreciate your understanding.

Extra weekend in May: Friday 17 May 19.00h – Monday 20 May 7.00h (non-stop work)

On Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May tram 5 will not run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen Stadshart. Replacement bus 45 will run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen's bus station.

VITAL will use this weekend for the installation of grout anchors and foundation piles at the Zonnestein intersection.

VITAL will commence its work on Friday 17 May at 19.00h and continue, non-stop, until Monday 20 May at 7.00h. Unfortunately, this causes unavoidable noise and will affect road users. The Zonnestein intersection will be closed from this weekend until Wednesday 29 May. A diversion will be in place. The Kronenburg intersection will remain open. Tram 5 will start running again, according to its timetable, on Monday morning 20 May at 5.35h.

Track maintenance work may take place during the nights after the weekend. This may also cause inconvenience in terms of noise.

Work at other locations (during the day)

In the same weekend, during the daytime, work will also take place near the Uilenstede, Kronenburg, Oranjebaan and Stadshart stops, as well as at the storage site at Gondel and Turfschip. In addition, there will be transport of track materials between the Ouderkerkerlaan and De Boelelaan/VU stops. Check our website for more information.

Zuidas busy at Amsterdam South station

In the weekend of 18 and 19 May, the Zuidasdok project will be at work at Amsterdam South station. This will affect traffic on the A10 South and public transport. There will be no trains to, from and via the Amsterdam South and Amsterdam RAI stations during this weekend. Check zuidas.nl for more information.

June: tram 5 out of service for one more weekend (non-stop work)

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June tram 5 will be out of service between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen Stadshart. Replacement bus 45 will run between Amsterdam South station and Amstelveen's bus station. At Kronenburg and Zonnestein, VITAL will make a start with the excavation of basements, which will be used for catching and draining excess water. We will inform you about this at a later date.

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.

Kind regards,



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This letter has been distributed door-to-door in the areas around the Kronenburg and Zonnestein stops, as well as Gondel/Turfschip, and can also be read on our website.

