

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

Start Amstelveen Line work at Marne – Poortwachter 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. Between Marne and Poortwachter we will remove the stops which will be discontinued, and renew the remaining stops. We will also renew most of the tracks on this section of the line. 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.

Removal/renewal of stops and work on the tracks

The Marne and Gondel stops will be discontinued and removed. The Meent, Brink and Poortwachter stops will be renewed. For the latter, the high platforms will be demolished and replaced by low platforms. 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 in a verge. These areas will be in situ as briefly as possible, but sometimes they will be there for a longer period of time. At Gondel/Turfschip a big storage area for the whole project will be created.

Big storage area Gondel/Turfschip

At Gondel and Turfschip, 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.

Setting up this area has begun and takes place 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).

During a number of weekends the work will continue throughout the night, and in the summer 2019 work will be done seven days a week, between 7.00 and 23.00 hours.

Marne stop

Provisional planning

- From 18 March: creation of work area
- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- 25 March until early May: removal of stop and adjustment of the small tunnel
- First half of July: finishing touches

Details

The Marne stop, including its bicycle storage, will be removed, and the tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists will be renovated. In order to do this work safely, the lorries will use a closed-off lane at Beneluxbaan. Most of the lane for turning left towards Gondel will be fenced off, but turning left will remain possible. Whenever necessary, traffic wardens will be present. The tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists will remain open.

Gondel stop

Provisional planning

- From 6 March: creation of work area
- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- 3 April until early May: removal of stop and restoration of surrounding area
- Removal of bridge: to be decided, depending on traffic diversion

Details

The Gondel stop, including its adjacent bridge for pedestrians and cyclists and bicycle storage, will be removed. During this work pedestrians and cyclists will not be able to use the bridge, and there is a small traffic diversion via the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists at Boogschutter. The bridge near the stop will be removed at a later date, as it will still function as a traffic diversion route during work on the railway crossing at Boogschutter. Details about the removal of the bridge will follow later. At the Gondel/Beneluxbaan intersection an entrance/exit for work traffic will be created. At Gondel, there will be a speed restriction of 30 km/h around this entrance/exit. During the work there will be a small area for work and storage, west of the stop.

Meent stop

Provisional planning

- From 4 March: creation of work area and removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- 11 March to mid-July: renewal of stop
- September/October: completion of the renewal work

Details

The Meent stop will be completely renewed, including lift and staircase. During the work, the Gondel traffic lane right next to the stop will be closed. This fenced off part of the road will also be used for transporting building materials. For this, the verge will have to be reinforced, and it might be necessary to remove one or two trees. Around the fenced off lane, temporary traffic lights will be installed and a speed restriction of 30 km/h will apply. The tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists will be temporarily closed. Cyclists and pedestrians from Middenhoven towards Waardhuizen will be diverted via the path for cyclists and pedestrians along Melkweg and Doctor Willem Dreesweg, and from Waardhuizen towards Middenhoven via Gondel and Doctor Willem Dreesweg. For the foundation of the new stop, a number of pile walls will be drilled into the ground at Meent. This will take a week (approximately) and may cause inconvenience in terms of noise.



Brink stop

Provisional planning

- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- From 15 April: creation of work area
- 22 April until early May: removal of stop
- 11 September until mid-November: renewal of stop

Details

The Brink stop will be renewed. In order to do this work safely, an area will be created around the stop. On either side of the stop, the footpath will be fenced off, but the crossings for pedestrians and cyclists will remain open. At Doctor Willem Dreesweg the traffic lane adjacent to the stop will be closed. At the shopping centre the parking bays right next to the stop will be temporarily out of use. Traffic in an easterly direction will still be able to use Doctor Willem Dreesweg (with a speed restriction of 30 km/h). For traffic towards the west, there will be a small diversion via Brink. In addition, the bus stop 'Brink' will be temporarily relocated from Doctor Willem Dreesweg to Brink. As the work will take place in the middle of a residential area, traffic wardens will provide guidance to the work lorries. Track work will include work on the railway crossings. When this is the case, these crossings will be temporarily closed, albeit not all at the same time, to enable traffic to use other crossings.

Poortwachter stop

Provisional planning

- Several days in March: removal of shelter, furniture, cables and pipes
- From 6 May: creation of work area
- 29 April until mid-May: removal of stop
- 3 June until 1 July: adjustment of intersection
- 12-26 June: bus diversion
- 27 September until mid-November: renewal of stop

Details

In addition to the renewal of the Poortwachter stop, the bicycle storages will be relocated, the buslane's bend near the crossing will be widened (to enable a smoother ride for the buses) and the level crossing will be renewed. There will be a traffic diversion during two separate periods.

The first one will be from the 12th until the 26th of June. In this period, the railway crossing/intersection at Poortwachter will be closed to all traffic. Traffic with destination Poortwachter or De Uitvlugt will be diverted via Doctor Willem Dreesweg, Gondel and Beneluxbaan, or via Doctor Willem Dreesweg, Bovenkerkerweg and Beneluxbaan. The pavement between the tracks and the bus lane will also be closed. For pedestrians and cyclists, several diversion routes apply, via the pavement on the other side of the bus lane, via Bovenkerkerweg/Chirurgijn and via De Uitvlugt/Scherpenhof.

In this period, the bus lane south of the stop will be closed as well, and the 'Poortwachter' bus stop will be temporarily out of use. Buses will use an alternative route via Bovenkerkerweg and Beneluxbaan, and will use the old Bovenkerkerweg stop.

As space near the stop is limited, two areas for sheds and storage (surrounded by high fences) will be created between De Uitvlugt and Schanshoek.

During the second phase, from the 27th of June, the bus lane, the pavements and the railway crossing at Poortwachter will be in use again. Road work will be done between Poortwachter and a section of the



separate bike lane/footpath in the direction of Brink. For a short period of time, cyclists and pedestrians will be diverted via Poortwachter, De Uitvlugt, Scherpenhof and vice versa.

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.
- **10-14 June:** rail renewal at the Beneluxbaan/Gondel crossing.
- **24 June-12 July:** removal of tracks between Amstelveen Centrum and Poortwachter, and renewal of tracks between Amstelveen Centrum and Gondel.
- After the summer: track renewal between Gondel and Poortwachter.

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 Meent small pile walls need to be drilled into the ground. This causes 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.
- The 'Poortwachter' bus stop will be out of use between 12 and 26 June. The replacement stop will be at Bovenkerkerweg.



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 (see 'Noise').
- Transports from the storage area at Gondel/Turfschip will also be done outside the regular hours. This is the case during the periods when tram line 5 is out of service (see 'Public transport'). 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, in verges or on fields, in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible.
- On the grass east of Beneluxbaan at Gondel/Turfschip a big storage area 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 Waardhuizen and Middenhoven areas.

