

Renewal Amstelveen Line: what will happen and how will this affect you?

The Amstelveen Line, tram line 51, is going to be renewed. This is a much needed project. The line has been operational since 1990, practically in its current form. And it has become an important part of regional public transport. But the current trams are dated, often packed, not running often enough and prone to malfunctions. In addition, there are issues with road safety around the line.

Renewal: the headlines

- In its current form – including the ‘transfer’ from metro to tram – tram line 51 will run until the end of March 2019. From then on, tram line 51 will become metro line 51 between Isolatorweg and Central Station, via Amsterdam South station and Amstel station. The section between Westwijk and Amsterdam South station will be transformed into a safe, fast and reliable tram line.
- Tram line 51, currently between Westwijk and Amsterdam Central Station, will be transformed into a safe, fast and reliable connection between Westwijk and Amsterdam South station, where you will be able to change to other forms of public transport.
- Tracks, points, power lines and technical systems will be replaced or overhauled.
- Three crossings – on Beneluxbaan, at Kronenburg, Zonnestein and Sportlaan – will become split-level and will be located in open tunnels.
- Four stops will be discontinued: Amstelveen Centrum, Marne, Gondel and Spinnerij. The De Boelelaan/VU and A.J. Ernststraat stops will merge into one new stop, at a new location between the two.
- All other stops will be renewed and adjusted, to accommodate the new low-entry trams, which have been ordered by GVB.
- Along the same route (between Amsterdam South station and Stadshart/Amstelveen Centrum) tram line 5 will benefit from the Amstelveen Line renewal, including the new stops.
- A depot will be built in the Legmeer polder.

Current situation

Until late 2018 preparations are taking place, such as removing plants and trees, relocating cables and pipes and temporary adjustments of Beneluxbaan near Kronenburg and Zonnestein.

Work on the depot commenced in September 2018. The construction of the split-level crossings and the actual renewal of the Amstelveen Line will take place between the first quarter of 2019 and the end of 2020.

Please check the back page of this factsheet for the complete timeline.

New trams, new stops, new style, new crossings

The word 'new' is all around us. But in the context of the Amstelveen Line renewal, using it is certainly appropriate – as in a few years' time, a lot will indeed be... new. Such as trams, stops and three split-level crossings.

New trams

For the Amstelveen Line GVB has ordered new, modern trams (15G) from the Spanish company CAF. They consist of carriages with a low entry and approximately 180 seats. Each carriage has a width of 2.4 metres (same as in Amsterdam) and a maximum length of 30 metres. They can be connected to a length of 60 metres. They are more comfortable than the current trams, thanks to more doors (which will also be wider and more logically placed) and more room to move, especially near the doors. Each carriage will also provide two seats for users of wheelchairs, mobility scooters or prams.

New stops

All Amstelveen Line stops will be renewed and made suitable for the new trams and their low entries. Where needed, the current height difference on the platform will be removed. The new platforms will all have a height of approximately 24 centimetres. Lengthwise the platforms will be suitable for trams with a length of 60 metres.

New style

The Amstelveen Line will be incorporated into R-net ('Randstad-net') and the trams and stops along the line will reflect this. R-net is a cooperation of public

authorities and transport companies. Its goal is the creation of uniform, recognisable and high-quality public transport throughout Holland's Randstad area. Only fast, frequent and reliable connections will be allowed to carry the R-net hallmark. In the near future, the renewed Amstelveen Line will fully comply with R-net's quality standards. And both the new trams and stops will have the accompanying, recognisable red/grey corporate style.

New crossings

Three crossings – on Beneluxbaan, at Kronenburg, Zonnestein and Sportlaan – will become split-level. They will be lowered and rebuilt into oblong-shaped roundabouts; the latter improves safety and traffic flow. Trams and road traffic (at Kronenburg and Zonnestein one lane in each direction, at Sportlaan two lanes in each direction) will navigate the intersection via an open tunnel. Above ground, one lane in each direction will remain available on the oblong-shaped roundabouts for road traffic towards neighbouring areas.

New name

When the renewal of the Amstelveen Line is finished, by late 2020, the line will be extended to the centre of Uithoorn. This will create the first regional tram line in this part of the country. The new tram line between Uithoorn and Amsterdam South station will be called 'Amsteltram'. The line will also carry a number, just like any other tram in Amsterdam. This will be revealed at a later stage.



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Temporary public transport March 2019 – late 2020

(TRAM LINE 51 OUT OF SERVICE)

How will the renewal affect you?

Building work will cause inconvenience

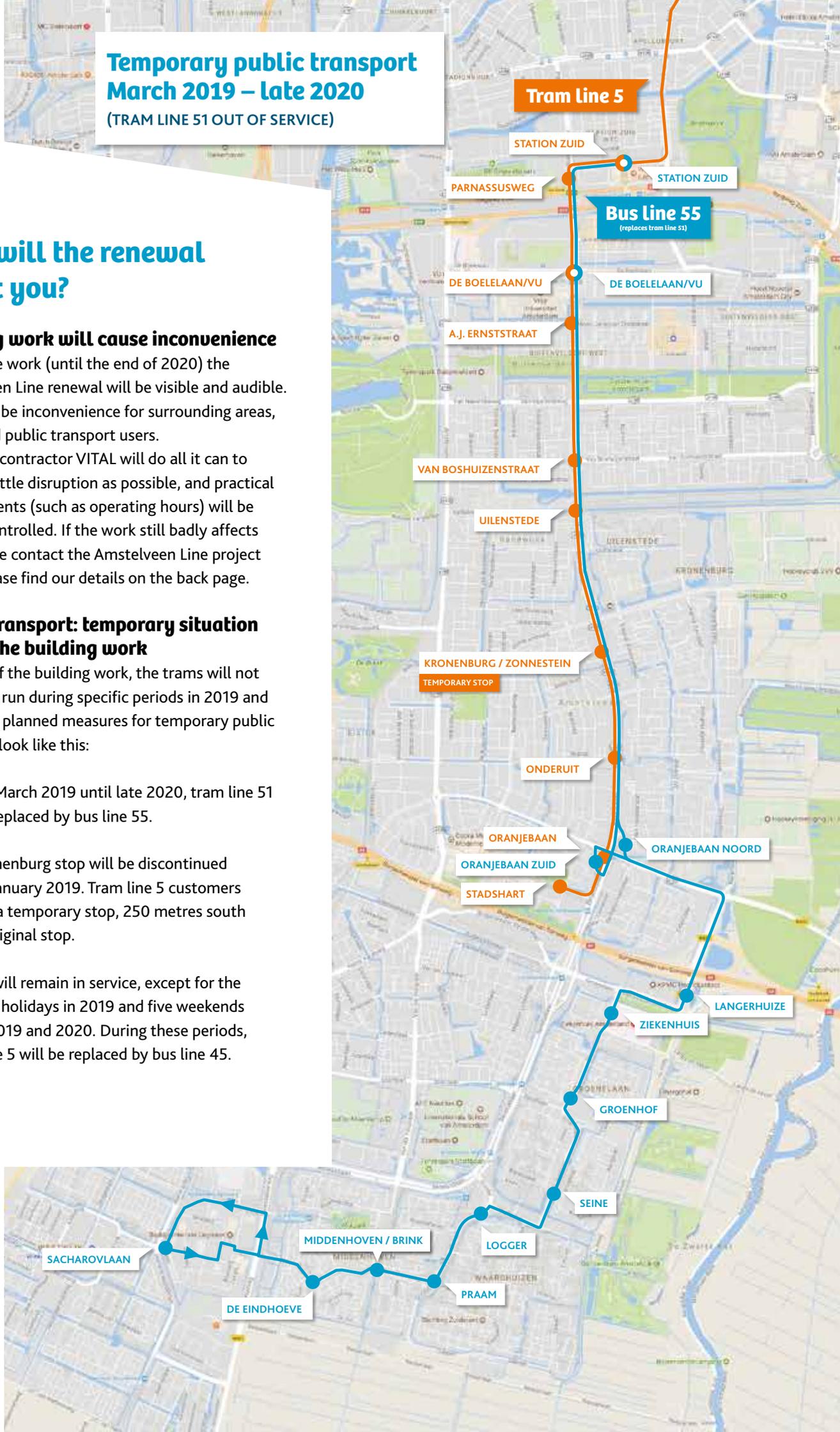
During the work (until the end of 2020) the Amstelveen Line renewal will be visible and audible. There will be inconvenience for surrounding areas, traffic and public transport users.

Our main contractor VITAL will do all it can to cause as little disruption as possible, and practical arrangements (such as operating hours) will be strictly controlled. If the work still badly affects you, please contact the Amstelveen Line project team. Please find our details on the back page.

Public transport: temporary situation during the building work

Because of the building work, the trams will not be able to run during specific periods in 2019 and 2020. The planned measures for temporary public transport look like this:

- From 3 March 2019 until late 2020, tram line 51 will be replaced by bus line 55.
- The Kronenburg stop will be discontinued from 7 January 2019. Tram line 5 customers can use a temporary stop, 250 metres south of the original stop.
- Tram 5 will remain in service, except for the summer holidays in 2019 and five weekends across 2019 and 2020. During these periods, tram line 5 will be replaced by bus line 45.





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Who are responsible?

The renewal of the Amstelveen Line is commissioned by Vervoerregio Amsterdam. The implementation is coordinated by the City of Amsterdam's Metro and Tram department. The main contractor is VITAL, a joint venture of the VolkerWessels companies Van Hattum and Blankevoort, VolkerRail and KWS.

Planning and milestones

2017 – 2018

Preparations, such as removing plants and trees, relocating cables and pipes and temporary adjustments of Beneluxbaan near Kronenburg and Zonnestein.

3rd quarter 2018 – 1st quarter 2020

Construction of a depot in the Legmeer polder.

1st quarter 2019 – 1st quarter 2020

Construction of the split-level crossings and renewal of the Amstelveen Line.

3 March 2019

Tram line 51 out of service, bus line 55 in service.

Summer holiday 2019

Tram line 5 out of service for six weeks, replaced by bus line 45.

2nd quarter 2020 – 4th quarter 2020

Completion of (possibly/inadvertently) delayed work by VITAL, testing and opening of the renewed Amstelveen Line.

More information and how to get in touch



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