The Suburban Rail Loop Authority will be undertaking geotechnical investigations in Cheltenham to assist with the early planning and design work for Suburban Rail Loop.

Suburban Rail Loop will connect every major railway line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line, linking Melbourne’s middle suburbs to major health, education and employment centres outside the central business district.

This is a city-shaping project that will revolutionise Victoria's public transport system and deliver significant urban renewal for Melbourne, transforming communities and precincts along the new rail corridor.

What we are doing

Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken on Bernard Street, Cheltenham. Works will be starting in late April 2020. See the map overleaf for the indicative location of these works.

Our geotechnical program involves drilling in indicative investigation areas near the proposed alignment for the south east section of Suburban Rail Loop. It is important we do these investigations to gain initial data and information about local ground conditions.

These works include:

— Non-destructive digging (NDD), which involves using a vacuum truck to excavate carefully into the ground to confirm an area is free of services

— Geotechnical drilling and testing to determine existing ground conditions. This involves drilling a borehole

— Installing a groundwater monitoring well inside the borehole to allow sample collection and measurement of groundwater levels

What to be aware of

— Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken on Bernard Street, Cheltenham

— Works will require temporary occupation of up to eight car parks for drilling works and support vehicles

— Pedestrian, road and driveway access will be maintained at all times

— Where appropriate, traffic controllers and pedestrian signage may be in place to assist with access and wayfinding

— There will be periods of medium level noise associated with NDD and drilling works

— A site compound will be set up to enable this work to be carried out safely, and this area will be reinstated at the completion of works.
When

Hours of work:
7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
7am to 1pm, Saturdays.

Works are expected to take approximately two weeks. The timing of these works may change depending on weather and ground conditions.