

Working for six weeks, every day for sixteen hours. Surely not the first thing that comes to mind when you think of 'summer holidays'. But it is exactly what is required for the renewal of the Amstelveen Line, formerly tram 51.

During the six summer holiday weeks, main contractor VITAL will build the two split-level crossings at Kronenburg and Zonnestein. This will enable tram lines 5 and 6 to use these 'deep crossings' after the six weeks. In the same period, we will also renew all stops between Van Boshuizenstraat and Stadshart, as well as the rail infrastructure.

The work will be done between Sunday 14 July and Sunday 25 August, when tram lines 5 and 6 will be out of service and replacement bus 45 will run. In the meantime, work will also continue in southern Amstelveen, for example near Sportlaan.

The headlines

- Construction of the two low-level concrete structures for the split-level crossings at Kronenburg and Zonnestein. We will break up the tracks, excavate the ground and construct the concrete floors of the deep crossings. Once this is done, we will reconstruct the tracks, so that tram lines 5 and 6 can run again from Monday 26 August.
- Renewal of the stops between Van Boshuizenstraat and Stadshart. We will deconstruct the old stops and build new 'R-net' stops, which will be suitable for the new, low-floor trams.
- Renewal of the rail infrastructure between the discontinued railway crossing at Cannenburg and the Stadshart stop.

- Construction of the foundation for the Sportlaan/ Beneluxbaan crossing, part of the future split-level crossing at Sportlaan.
- Start of the final work for the new depot, south of Westwijk.

Expected working hours

- Between 14 July and 25 August, VITAL will be working in northern Amstelveen and Buitenveldert from Monday to Sunday between 7.00 and 23.00 hours, non-stop, as well as during a number of nights. In this period, work will also take place at the work and storage sites near Ouderkerkerlaan, Gondel/Groenelaan and the depot.
- In southern Amstelveen, work will mainly be done during regular hours, i.e. from Monday to Saturday between 7.00 and 19.00 hours.

Significant inconvenience

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 etc. 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, in Dutch terms, this will be a gigantic operation.

For more information and up-to-date news about the works, please check www.amstelveenlijn.nl

