

To the residents of
the area around Tram Line 19

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Subject
Test runs on Tram Line 19

Dear resident,

Construction work on the tram/bus lane for tram line 19 is almost complete. Before tram 19 can start running between Delft Station and the TU Delft Campus, all systems will be tested extensively to ensure they function safely and reliably. Test runs will start on Tuesday 7 April and will consist of two phases. This letter explains more about the test runs and how they may affect you as a resident. Only once all tests have been successfully completed will the regular timetable commence from the third quarter of 2026.

Phase 1 – Night-time test runs from 7 April

In the first phase, we will be testing the safety systems, the track, the overhead lines, and all the associated technology, among other things. During this phase, the tram will travel the entire length of the track at various speeds. During these tests, no other traffic is permitted to travel on or across the tram tracks. At night, there is less traffic and no public transport buses, which means we can safely close crossings (for short periods). This allows us to test the systems carefully under controlled conditions. In short, this means:

- Phase 1 begins on Tuesday 7 April and runs until the end of May 2026
- Each week, test runs will take place during 2 to 3 weekday nights
- The test runs will take place between 11 pm and 6 am
- When trams pass, junctions and crossings will be closed for a short period of time
- On the TU Delft Campus site (between Jaffalaan and Van Den Broekweg), the cycle/pedestrian crossings at C. Huygensweg, Stieltjesweg, and Berlageweg will only be closed briefly when the tram passes. The other crossings will be closed all night during the test nights between 10 pm and 6 am (for the latest dates, follow the BouwApp)

Phase 2 – Daytime test runs from 1 June

In phase 2, we will carry out test runs during the day. HTM will run services without passengers according to the timetable. In addition, HTM will train tram drivers, traffic control staff, and mechanics to familiarise them with the new section of track. In short, this means:

- Phase 2 starts on Monday 1 June and is expected to last until the end of August 2026
- The test runs will take place on weekdays between 7 am and 7 pm

Bus routes 40, 69, 172, and 455 will resume their usual routes from 7 April

With the completion of the works on the tram/bus lane at the TU Delft Campus, buses will resume their usual routes from Tuesday 7 April. Bus routes 40, 69, and 172 will once again run via Mekelweg, and bus route 455 via C. Huygensweg. For more information about bus routes 69 and 455, visit www.ebs-ov.nl; for more information about bus routes 40 and 172, visit www.ret.nl.

Timetable to start from the third quarter of 2026

Tram line 19 is expected to continue to the TU Delft Campus from the third quarter of 2026. Keep an eye on the BouwApp for the latest information. When the timetable comes into effect, tram line 19 will run between Delft Station and the TU Delft Campus on weekdays between 7 am and 7 pm. Outside of these times, bus 69 (EBS) will operate on this route. More information about the timetable will be available from August on the HTM and EBS websites.

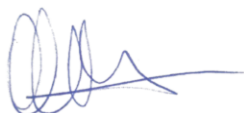
About the project

The Rotterdam The Hague Metropolitan Region (MRDH) is the commissioning authority for the construction of tram line 19. Tram line 19 will soon provide a fast connection between Leidschendam, Delft Station, and TU Delft, thereby improving access to Delft and the wider region. MRDH is a partnership of 21 municipalities and is the commissioning authority for regional and urban public transport in these 21 regional municipalities.

More information

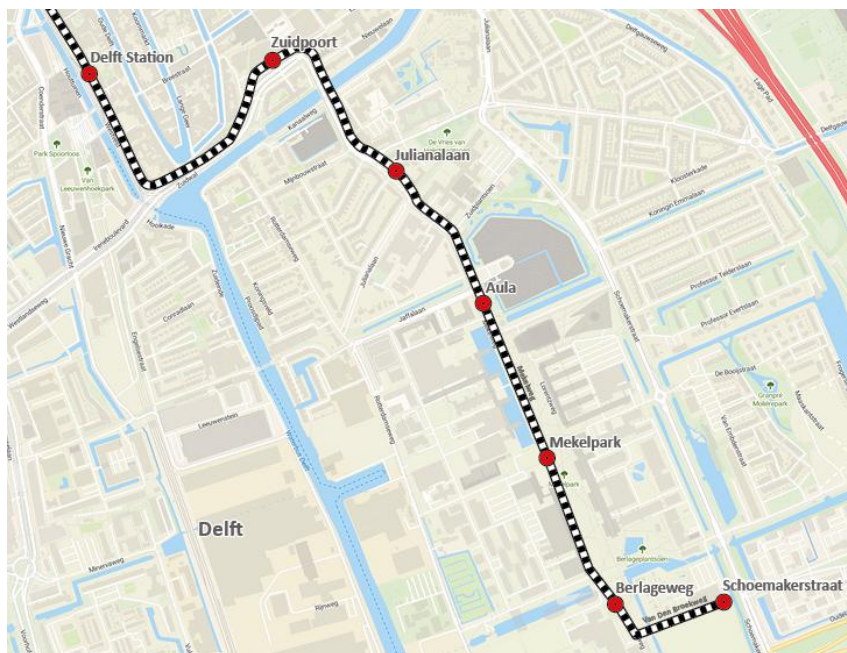
If you have any questions, more information about the project is available at www.tramlijn19.nl. You can also follow the progress of the project via the BouwApp (available to download for free from your app store or by scanning the QR code below). You can contact us via the BouwApp or by email: tram19@mrhd.nl.

Kind regards,



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