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Construction work on tram line 19 at TU Delft Campus

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Dear Resident,

Metropolitan Region Rotterdam The Hague (MRDH) is replacing tram line 19 on TU Delft Campus. Construction is scheduled to begin later this month on Mekelweg. The existing tram track will be removed by the building contractor Couwenbergh, and a construction site will be set up in preparation for the laying of the new tram track by Dura Vermeer. This letter provides more information about the project, scheduling of the work and any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Tram line 19**

TU Delft Campus is home to many research activities. The vibrations and the electromagnetic fields created by running new trams on the existing track would affect this research. As it is no longer fit for purpose, the tram track on campus needs to be removed and reinstalled. The new track will be fitted with a damping insulating layer and a system to reduce the effects of the electromagnetic field. In addition, the catenary masts will be positioned closer together, and a new final stop and turning point will be constructed on Van den Broekweg.

### **Preliminary work: 24-26 April 2023**

Couwenbergh will carry out preliminary work between Monday, 24 April and Wednesday, 26 April. During this period, the construction site will be cordoned off, and existing tram stop furniture and equipment at all stops on campus will be temporarily removed. This construction work will be carried out using small cranes and boom trucks (vehicles fitted with cranes). Only minor disruptions are expected in the locality.

### **Demolition work: 27-30 April and 5-7 May 2023**

To install the new tram track, we will need to remove the existing rails. This will be done in three phases. First, we will grind off the asphalt surface. Next, we will pierce through two layers of concrete: the upper layer containing the rails and the layer underneath them. The rubble will be immediately removed from the site by truck. If you live on campus or in the immediate vicinity, the noise and vibrations caused by the demolition work may affect you. All noise and vibration levels will be carefully monitored by a third-party agency.

Demolition work will be carried out over two weekends during the May vacation to limit disruption. It will take place between Thursday, 27 April and Sunday, 30 April and between Friday, 5 May and Sunday 7 May. The work will be carried out between 7.00 am and 11.00 pm. On Friday, 28 April and between Monday, 1 May and Thursday, 4 May, no work will take place.

The demolition work will start halfway down Mekelweg. We expect to remove the tram track between Aula and Berlagestraat during the first weekend and the sections running from Jaffalaan-Aula and Berlagestraat-Van den Broekweg during the second weekend. Sound screening will also be installed around the site to reduce noise nuisance.

### **Site preparation: from end of April 2023**

Dura Vermeer will start preparing the construction site at the end of April. Parking spaces along Van den Broekweg will be used by the company to set up the site huts and begin preliminary work in preparation for construction. This means you will not be able to park on Van den Broekweg from Monday, 24 April until completion of the project. Please note the multi-storey car park will still be in use. We expect some limited disruption and noise disturbance in this area.

### **Traffic disruption on campus**

From Monday, 24 April until completion of the project, the section of Mekelweg between Jaffalaan and Van den Broekweg will be set up as a construction site and cordoned off. Cyclists will be redirected around the site, but crossing Mekelweg will be possible at several locations between 1 May and 4 May and from 7 May. The area between Jaffalaan and Christiaan Huygensweg will be closed to all car traffic from Monday, 24 April until completion of the project, and a diversion will be in place via Zuidplantsoen. From 24 April, current bus routes will be redirected along Jaffalaan and Rotterdamseweg.

### **Working hours**

Couwenbergh will work from 7.00 am to 11.00 pm during the two demolition weekends. Dura Vermeer will start construction work on 24 April from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm (weekdays only).

### **Construction traffic**

During demolition, between six and ten trucks per hour will enter and leave the construction site. They will enter the site from Schoemakerstraat and Christiaan Huygensweg and exit from Watermanweg, Heertjeslaan or Rotterdamseweg. Dura Vermeer's construction vehicles will enter the site via the same route but will exit from Van den Broekweg and Schoemakerstraat.

### **More information**

MRDH is a municipal partnership comprising 21 municipalities and is the commissioning authority for regional and urban public transport projects in these municipalities. This makes MRDH the commissioning authority for the renovation of tram line 19.

If you have any further questions, please visit our website at **[www.tramlijn19.nl](http://www.tramlijn19.nl)** for more information. You can also follow the progress of the project on **De BouwApp** (free to download from your app store). You can contact us via De BouwApp, by email at [tramlijn19@mrhdh.nl](mailto:tramlijn19@mrhdh.nl) or by phone on 06-52834993.

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