

Newcastle Light Rail Construction notification

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New road connection at Worth Place

The NSW Government is investing over \$500 million through the Revitalising Newcastle program to transform Newcastle's city centre.

Light rail is an important part of the Revitalising Newcastle program and will deliver frequent and reliable connections to key activity precincts in the city. Downer EDI has been engaged as the managing contractor to build light rail, with on-street construction due to start on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets in September 2017. Light rail services are set to be running in early 2019.

In preparation for on-street construction, a temporary road will be built at Worth Place to connect Honeysuckle Drive to Hunter Street. This new connection will help manage traffic movements during construction and will become permanent as the project progresses, subject to approval. To enable this work, temporary access from Hunter Street to the rear of TAFE NSW will also be built, subject to approval. A one-way lane connecting the new temporary access to Steel Street will also be created.

What are we building?

Worth Place road connection, linking Honeysuckle Drive to Hunter Street

One-way laneway behind TAFE NSW with exit onto Steel Street

New temporary access road from Hunter Street to the back of TAFE NSW

What will the work involve?

- Removing 12 car spaces at the western end of the Wright Lane car park
- Establishing temporary pedestrian access at Worth Place
- Removing redundant rail infrastructure at Worth Place
- Changing traffic conditions on Wright Lane, including removing access to Worth Place from Wright Lane
- Installation of temporary lighting
- Relocating an underground high voltage cable
- Removal of three car spaces on Worth Place
- Enforcing current 'no stopping' zones and temporary parking restrictions behind TAFE NSW to allow work to be carried out safely
- Establishing a road connection across Kuwumi Place from behind TAFE NSW to Steel Street
- Installing a temporary pedestrian crossing at Kuwumi Place
- Temporary removal of eight car spaces on Hunter Street between Union Street and Worth Place during construction
- Removal and/or trimming of selected shrubs and trees and relocation of a light pole
- Access via Worth Place to TAFE NSW will be maintained until this new access is completed

Fencing will be installed around construction areas to allow work to be carried out safely.



Traffic and pedestrian changes

Pedestrian and traffic controls will be in place during the work. Motorists may experience some short delays during this time. Pedestrian access will be maintained at Worth Place and Kuwumi Place while work is carried out.

How long will it take?

Work will start in July 2017 and is expected to be finished in August 2017. Work will take place during standard construction hours from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 1pm on Saturday. Some work may be required outside standard construction hours. Residents and businesses impacted by the work will be provided more information before any work takes place.

What equipment will be used?

Equipment to be used includes excavators, skid steer loader, rollers, asphalt paver, vacuum truck, compactor, concrete saw, trucks, light vehicles, front end loaders and hand tools.

What you may notice

We recognise noisy or dust generating work can be inconvenient for the community. We apologise for the disruption and assure you we are committed to minimising noise and dust from our work wherever we can.

It is not unusual to find contaminated material in the urban environment. If found, strict measures will protect the health and wellbeing of workers and the public at all times.

Thank you for your support

We are committed to keeping you updated and will continue to work with you as Newcastle Light Rail construction progresses. Thank you for your patience during this important work. We are looking forward to the long-term benefits Newcastle Light Rail is set to deliver to you and our city once in operation.

The Newcastle Light Rail project team