

20 November 2017

Newcastle Light Rail

Construction notification

Extension of construction zone 6 to Wolfe Street from Monday 27 November 2017

The NSW Government is investing over \$650 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 centre. Downer EDI will deliver light rail on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Major light rail construction on Hunter and Scott streets between Crown and Perkins streets (zone 6) started in early November. **Construction zone 6 will be extended on Scott Street from Perkins Street to Wolfe Street from Monday 27 November 2017.** This is required to access and upgrade essential underground services in this area and continue road widening work on the northern side of Scott Street and in the former rail corridor.

Work to be carried out includes:

- Installing temporary fencing and hoarding
- Removing some vegetation and trees, as well as light poles, bins, parking meters in the area, and fences on the northern side of Hunter Street
- Relocating, protecting and upgrading essential services such as sewer, water, gas, electricity and telecommunications
- Installing temporary and permanent lighting
- Building the light rail track slab including earthworks, excavations, concreting, drainage, and installing power and communications components to run the light rail signalling system
- Widening and upgrading footpaths
- Road work on Scott Street
- Laying light rail track.

Scott Street will be closed to traffic between Perkins and Wolfe streets while this work takes place. Pedestrian access will be maintained on the southern side of Scott Street.

Access to private driveways will be maintained wherever possible. Driveway access may be restricted for periods of time to allow work to be carried out safely. We will notify affected residents and businesses before this work takes place.

How long will it take?

Construction zone 6 will be extended to Wolfe Street from **Monday 27 November 2017**. Major construction in zone 6 is expected to be completed in early 2018, weather permitting. Other activities, such as landscaping and other finishing work, will take place outside the zone closure period.

Work will take place from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 6pm on Saturday. Some work may be required outside these hours. We will notify residents and businesses before work takes place.

Important changes during major construction

Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Street between Perkins and Wolfe streets will be closed to traffic while work is carried out, with resident only access to private driveways wherever possible• Detours will be in place directing road users onto King Street at Darby, Crown, Watt and Bolton streets.
Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian access on the southern side of Scott Street between Perkins and Wolfe streets will be maintained throughout construction to allow access to businesses and properties• The footpath on the northern side of Scott Street between Perkins and Wolfe streets will be closed.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking will be permanently removed on Scott Street between Perkins and Wolfe streets once construction starts.
Buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus services travelling in and out of Newcastle now travel on King Street (from Union Street), and on Honeysuckle Drive and Wharf Road. Please visit newcastletransport.info for more information.
Loading zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nearest loading zones are located at both ends of the construction zone on Hunter and Scott streets, and on Perkins, Wolfe and King streets.
Taxi zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The taxi zones located on Hunter and Perkins Street near the Crown and Anchor Hotel remain in place

What equipment will be used?

Construction equipment will include, but is not limited to; excavators, vacuum trucks, road profilers, rock and concrete breakers, rollers, compactors, road and concrete saws, concrete pumps and trucks, asphalt pavers, trucks, light vehicles, lighting towers, grinding and welding equipment, elevated work platforms, winches and cable drums, front end loaders, piling rigs, underboring equipment, rail saws, generators, cranes and hand tools.

What you may notice

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

We will aim to minimise noise by turning off machinery when not in use, positioning noisy equipment as far away as possible from residents and businesses, and using non-tonal reversing beepers wherever possible. We will aim to minimise airborne dust particles by using water carts to wet work areas, installing hoarding around the work zone and avoiding dust generating work on windy days wherever possible.

Construction activities may generate vibration. Vibration monitoring will be carried out during construction and at the start of vibration intensive activities.

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

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 when in operation.