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## Newcastle Light Rail

### Delivery of first light rail vehicle from Monday 10 September

**The NSW Government has invested more than \$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.

**The first light rail vehicle will be delivered at night to Hunter Street, near Worth Place, on one night between Monday 10 and Wednesday 12 September 2018, weather permitting.** The date is subject to change based on shipping schedules.

To prepare for delivery of the vehicle, a ramp will be placed on the light rail track on Hunter Street near Worth Place between **10am** and **2pm** on the day of delivery. Road plates will be installed on Hunter Street across Cottage Creek Bridge between **8pm** and **10pm** on the night of the delivery.

#### Traffic changes

To ensure the safety of workers and the community during delivery, the following temporary **lane and road closures will be in place on Hunter Street and Worth Place, as follows:**

Time	Work	Traffic changes
<b>Two hours between 10am and 2pm on the day of delivery</b>	Ramp installation	<b>The eastbound lane on Hunter Street, between Union and Auckland streets, and southbound lane on Worth Place, will be temporarily closed.</b> The westbound lane on Hunter Street will remain open during this time.  Access to Steel Lane will be maintained under traffic control.  Driveway access to Defence Force Recruiting Centre will be maintained from Worth Place via Civic Lane.
<b>Between 8pm and 10pm on the night of delivery</b>	Installation of road plates	<b>Two westbound lanes on Hunter Street, between Steel and National Park streets, will be temporarily closed to traffic.</b> One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction under traffic control.  Up to 12 parking spaces on the southern side of Hunter Street will be temporarily removed to allow installation and removal of the road plates.
<b>Between 9pm and 4:30am on the night of delivery</b>	Delivery of the light rail vehicle	<b>Hunter Street, between Union and Auckland streets, and Worth Place, will be temporarily closed.</b>  Access to Steel Lane will be maintained under traffic control.  Driveway access to Defence Force Recruiting Centre will be temporarily removed.

*These times are subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Date changes will be published at [revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/construction/getting-around/](http://revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/construction/getting-around/) when confirmed.*

Once the ramp is installed on Hunter Street, traffic control will be in place until the road is closed for the light rail vehicle delivery. Temporary traffic control will also be in place on Steel Street when the light rail vehicle moves through this area on its way to the depot, where the vehicle will start to undergo a series of tests and safety checks.

### **Pedestrian changes**

The footpath on the northern side of Hunter Street between Worth Place and Auckland Street will be temporarily closed during the delivery, which is expected to take place between **9pm** and **4:30am**.

Traffic controllers will be in place to escort pedestrians, who require access to their business or residence, through the work zone. If you require access, please ask a traffic controller for assistance.

### **What equipment will be used?**

Equipment will include, but is not limited to, trucks, cranes, shunt vehicle, temporary lighting, generators and light vehicles. A winch will be used to lower the light rail vehicle down a ramp before being rolled onto the track. A shunt vehicle will then pull the vehicle along the track to the new depot building at Wickham, where the vehicle will start to undergo a series of tests and safety checks.

### **How will the work affect you?**

The light rail vehicle will be delivered to site with a police escort, so you may see some flashing lights as it arrives.

There may also be some noise when the vehicle is lifted into place and pulled along the track to the depot. We will aim to minimise the impact of our work by:

- › Turning off equipment when not in use
- › Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery
- › Positioning noisy equipment as far away as possible from residents and businesses.

We understand our work may be disruptive at times and apologise for any inconvenience.

**Thank you for your patience during this important work.**

