

Newcastle Light Rail

Testing and commissioning update

Testing and commissioning of the light rail system and vehicles is underway to ensure the system is ready to carry passengers from early 2019.

Testing and driver training started on Newcastle Light Rail in September, and now that a range of system checks have been completed in controlled conditions at night, it's time to start testing in the day. The next two light rail vehicles will be delivered in the coming weeks and multiple vehicle testing will start by the end of the year.

When will testing take place?

Light rail testing, delivery of remaining light rail vehicles and driver training will take place until services start in early 2019.

To minimise traffic disruptions, most on-road vehicle testing will continue to take place intermittently at night between **8pm** and **4am** from **Monday** to **Sunday**.

From late November, driver training will also be carried out during the day between **4am** and **10am**, and between **2pm** and **8pm**, from **Monday** to **Saturday**.

Where will testing take place?

Testing and driver training will take place along the light rail alignment, from Newcastle Interchange in the west to the Newcastle Beach stop at Pacific Park in the east, and at the light rail depot in Wickham.

Traffic and pedestrian changes

Temporary lane and road closures will be in place at night on Hunter Street and Worth Place during delivery of the remaining light rail vehicles. Traffic control may also be in place during other specific testing activities. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. **We will publish updates about upcoming road closures and night work at revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/testing.**

Access to private driveways on Hunter and Scott streets will be maintained under traffic control during delivery of the remaining light rail vehicles and on-road testing. Pedestrian access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times, with temporary diversions in place as required. Short delays may be experienced and we apologise for any inconvenience.

With services starting early next year, now is the time for pedestrians and road users to get used to sharing the road with trams:

- ✓ Light rail vehicles are quiet. Always use dedicated pedestrian crossings, and look both ways before crossing the road
- ✓ Take care when cycling on Hunter and Scott streets as wheels can catch in the light rail tracks. Slow down before crossing the tracks at intersections and try to cross at a right angle
- ✗ Do not drive on the tramway between Worth Place and Newcomen Street, marked with 'Tram Only'
- ✗ Do not park, walk, skate or cycle on the tramway

For more information about light rail safety, visit revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/safety/light-rail-safety

What equipment will be used?

Equipment will include, but is not limited to, test equipment, trucks, cranes, shunt vehicle, ramps, jacks, temporary lighting, generators and light vehicles.

How will the work affect you?

Each light rail vehicle will be delivered to site with a police escort, so you may see some flashing lights as each vehicle arrives. There may also be some noise from vehicle delivery and testing activities. 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.

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