

Newcastle Light Rail

Testing and commissioning

Week commencing Monday 12 November 2018

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

This week's activities:

- › Rail grinding along the light rail route to improve the finishing of the track.
- › Testing each intersection and pedestrian crossing along the route, at night, to ensure traffic lights are correctly triggered when the light rail vehicle approaches. The light rail vehicle will be travelling at close to the operational speed of 40km/h during these tests.
- › From this week, we will also be placing weights in the vehicle to simulate passengers and test ride comfort and safety. This testing will include platform height checks to confirm accessibility.

Upcoming activities

In the following weeks, the next two vehicles will be delivered to the light rail depot at Wickham. We will also start day time driver training.

Traffic and pedestrian changes

Temporary traffic and pedestrian controls will be in place as required between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday during rail grinding.

Temporary traffic and pedestrian controls will also be in place as required between 8pm and 5am from Monday 12 November to Friday 16 November at:

- › the intersection of Hunter Street and Worth Place, and Hunter and Merewether, Auckland, and Darby streets.
- › the intersections of Scott and Newcomen, Watt and Pacific streets, and
- › where light rail track crosses the road at Stewart Avenue and Steel Street.

Scott Street will be closed to traffic between Newcomen and Telford streets on Saturday 17 November between 8pm and midnight, weather permitting. Where road closures are in place, access to private driveways will be maintained under traffic control and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. We appreciate your patience during this important testing.

What to expect

There may be some noise associated with this work. We understand our work may be disruptive at times and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Be aware there's a tram there

Safety tip

Bicycle, wheelchair and pram wheels can catch or slip in the track. Always try to cross the tracks at a right angle.



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