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Newcastle Light Rail

Construction notification

Work will start on Hunter and Scott streets between Crown and Perkins streets from 3 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 will start on Hunter and Scott streets between Crown and Perkins streets from **Friday 3 November 2017**. Major construction 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 underground services
- Installing temporary and permanent lighting
- Building the light rail track slab including earthworks, excavations, concreting, drainage, and installing power and communications to run the light rail signalling system
- Footpath upgrades
- Road work on Hunter and Scott streets, and nearby intersections at Crown and Brown streets
- Laying light rail track.

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

After major work is finished, the road will be re-opened to traffic. Safety barriers will remain in place around the light rail track to allow construction of the Crown Street light rail stop and testing of the light rail traffic signalling system and vehicles. Other construction activities including footpath upgrades and landscaping will take place when the road is re-opened to traffic.

How long will it take?

Major construction will start on **Friday 3 November 2017** and is expected to be complete in early 2018, weather permitting.

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 affected residents and businesses before work takes place outside normal construction hours.

Important changes during major construction

To prepare for light rail construction, traffic controls will be set up on Hunter and Scott streets between Crown and Perkins streets from **7pm Thursday 2 November 2017**. This will include line marking, placement of barriers at intersections and installation of traffic signs.

Other changes during major light rail construction in zone 6 include:

Important changes during major construction	
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunter and Scott streets will be closed to traffic between Crown and Perkins streets while major work is carried out Detours will be in place directing road users onto King Street at Darby, Crown and Watt Streets Brown Street will become one-way (southbound) between King and Hunter streets Traffic controls will be in place at the intersections of Hunter Street and Crown and Brown streets while work is carried out.
Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian access will be maintained on the southern side of Hunter and Scott streets throughout construction The footpath on the northern side of Hunter and Scott streets between Crown and Perkins streets will be closed.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking will be permanently removed on the northern side of Scott Street between Brown and Perkins streets when major light rail construction starts Some parking on Hunter Street between Crown and Brown streets will be removed during construction 30 angled 2-hour parking spaces will be temporarily created on the southern side of Hunter Street between Darby and Crown streets.
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 zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The loading zone on Hunter Street between Crown and Brown streets will be temporarily removed during construction 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 zone on the corner of Hunter and Perkins streets will remain open A temporary taxi zone will be located on Hunter Street near Crown Street.

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.