

# Newcastle Light Rail

## Construction notification

28 August 2017

### Start of work - Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets

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 Street between Auckland and Darby streets from Tuesday 12 September 2017.

Major construction includes:

- Installation of barriers, fencing and hoarding around the construction zone so work can be carried out safely
- Removal of the existing road surface and excavation works
- Relocating essential services such as water, gas, electricity and telecommunications
- Civil construction work including road reconfiguration, rebuilding the road base, concreting, installing kerbs, and installing power signalling and communication cables
- Installing track which involves concreting sections of rail into place

Hunter Street will be closed to traffic while this work takes place. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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 Civic 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.

### What equipment will be used?

Construction equipment will include but is not be limited to; excavators, vacuum trucks, road profilers, rock and concrete breakers, rollers, compactors, 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, under bores, generators, cranes and hand tools.

### How long will it take?

Major work will start on 12 September 2017 and is expected to be complete by the end of the year, 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 residents and businesses before work takes place.

## Traffic and pedestrian changes

<b>Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hunter Street will be closed to traffic between Auckland and Darby streets while major work is carried out</li><li>• Detours will be in place directing road users onto King Street at Auckland and Darby streets</li><li>• Access to Civic Lane will be via the Wright Lane carpark, for local traffic only.</li></ul>
<b>Pedestrian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pedestrian access on each side of Hunter Street will be maintained throughout construction</li><li>• The pedestrian crossing across Hunter Street at Merewether Street will be closed during construction.</li></ul>
<b>Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parking on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will be permanently removed when major construction starts. The attached map shows nearby parking.</li><li>• Three car spaces will be removed from the northern side of Hunter Street, near Auckland Street, to allow a loading zone near the western end of the construction zone</li><li>• Alternative parking will be provided to businesses who have dedicated off-street parking that will be inaccessible during construction.</li></ul>
<b>Buses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From Sunday 10 September 2017 Hunter Street buses will be diverted at Union Street</li><li>• Customers travelling east of Union Street will travel on King and Watt streets, with the exception of routes 106 and 107, which will use Honeysuckle Drive and Wharf Road.</li></ul>
<b>Loading zones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loading zones on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will not be available during construction</li><li>• The nearest loading zones are located on Hunter Street at both ends of the construction zone, Auckland and Darby streets, Civic Lane, Merewether Street and Centenary Road.</li></ul>
<b>Taxi zones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The taxi zone located at the former Civic Station will be temporarily closed while construction takes place.</li></ul>

We will display up to date information on road closures and detours on electronic signs along the road. For the latest traffic information, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the **Live Traffic NSW** app.

### 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, where 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 workers and the public at all times.

### Thank you for your support

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.

# Hunter Street, between Auckland and Darby streets

## Traffic changes from 12 September 2017



### How can I find out more?

Call **1800 684 490**, email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or visit [revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au)

### Urgent enquiries or complaints

For urgent enquiries or complaints about construction activities, call our **24-hour construction response line** on **1800 775 465**

