

What to expect during construction

Information about construction

Notifications with detailed information about upcoming work will be delivered to residents and businesses throughout construction. Information will also be available at revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au.

Work hours

Most work will be carried out from 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 6pm, weather permitting.

We will notify nearby residents and businesses if we need to work outside these times.

Noise

Work may be noisy at times. We will aim to minimise noise by:

- › Turning off machinery when not in use
- › Scheduling the noisiest activities during the day, where possible
- › Using acoustic barriers where suitable
- › Positioning noisy equipment as far away as possible from residents and businesses
- › Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery.

Dust

We will aim to minimise airborne dust particles by:

- › Using water carts
- › Installing hoarding mesh
- › Avoiding dust generating work on windy days, where possible.

Vibration

Construction activities may generate vibration, including:

- › General earthworks
- › Site clearing and demolition
- › Bulldozers and excavators
- › Concrete breaking and removal
- › Ground compaction.

Vibration monitoring will be carried out during construction and at the start of vibration intensive activities.

Equipment

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, underbores, rail saws, cranes and hand tools.

What else you may notice

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.

Personal protective equipment (PPE), including the use of protective suits and respiratory masks, may be required for workers, as well as air monitoring, signage, fencing and other measures as required .

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How can I find out more?

Call **1800 684 490**, email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit 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**

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Newcastle Light Rail Newcastle West

The NSW Government is committed to Revitalising Newcastle and will soon start work on Newcastle Light Rail between Stewart Avenue and Worth Place.

Newcastle Light Rail is an important part of the Revitalising Newcastle program, which aims to reconnect the city to the waterfront, generate new jobs, create more public space and deliver better public transport solutions for Newcastle. Downer EDI is delivering light rail on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Work completed

Work in the former rail corridor between Stewart Avenue and Worth Place started in May. Since then, we have:

- › Completed demolition of the former Wickham Station. Bricks from the former station were crushed onsite and will be reused as fill on the project
- › Opened a new road at Worth Place, connecting Hunter Street to Honeysuckle Drive
- › Carried out site and heritage investigations at Kuwumi Place and Steel Street, uncovering and documenting the old Honeysuckle Station. Sandstone blocks from the station have been stored for re-use on the project.

Upcoming work

Construction of light rail will ramp up in September in the former rail corridor between Stewart Avenue and Worth Place.

Pedestrian access will be maintained while work is carried out and businesses in the area will continue to trade.

The work is expected to be complete by late 2018.

Work will include:

- › Installation of temporary fencing and hoarding
- › Delivery of materials to site and site compounds
- › Relocating, protecting and upgrading essential services such as sewer, water, gas, electricity and telecommunications
- › Construction of a new light rail stabling and maintenance facility and substations
- › Installation of temporary and permanent lighting
- › Alterations to bridges over Cottage Creek and building retaining structures
- › Civil work within the former heavy rail corridor and on Beresford Street including earthworks, excavations, concreting, piling work, road resurfacing, footpaths, kerbs, drainage, power signalling and communication conduits, pits and cables
- › Construction of a new access road from Hunter Street to the rear of TAFE NSW and a one-way lane from the rear of TAFE NSW to Steel Street
- › A new road connecting Hunter Street to Honeysuckle Drive at Steel Street, including a new intersection with traffic lights at Honeysuckle Drive and Steel Street
- › Installation of new stormwater inspection points and road resurfacing on Beresford Street and Bellevue Street
- › Construction of Honeysuckle light rail stop
- › Laying light rail track
- › Landscaping and finishing work.

Newcastle West, between Stewart Avenue and Worth Place

From September 2017



Traffic changes

Changed traffic conditions during construction may cause some delays and we encourage people to take this into account when planning their trip.

Beresford Street will become one-way (westbound) when light rail construction starts in this area.

A new road at **Worth Place**, connecting Honeysuckle Drive to Hunter Street, opened in July to help traffic move around the city more easily. This road will close temporarily to allow light rail construction from late 2017. When light rail construction in this area is complete, the new road at Worth Place will be a permanent feature of the city's road network.

A new access from Hunter Street to the **rear of TAFE NSW** will be built, as will a new one way lane (westbound) connecting the new access to the rear of TAFE NSW to Steel Street. This work is expected to start in September 2017. The existing access to the rear of TAFE NSW from Worth Place will remain open until the new access is complete.

As part of the project, a new road connection will be built at **Steel Street**. This new connection will provide an additional link from Hunter Street to Honeysuckle Drive, providing road users with another option for getting across the city. Construction of the new connection at Steel Street is expected to start from later this year.

We will display up to date information on changed traffic conditions along the road. Please follow the directions of traffic controllers and signs.

For the latest traffic information, visit livetraffic.com or download the **Live Traffic NSW** app.

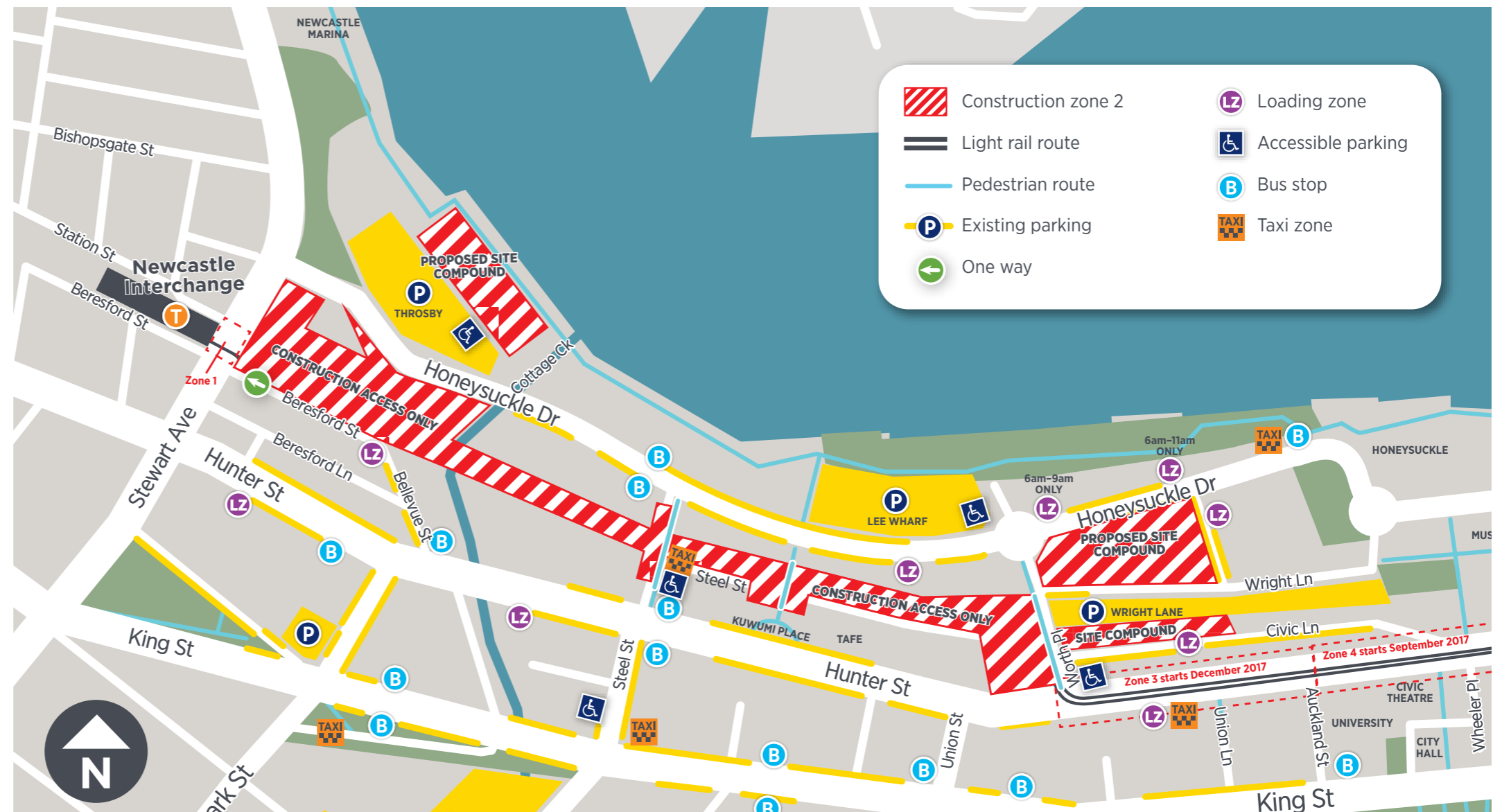
Pedestrian changes

Pedestrian access on the southern side of Beresford Street will be maintained throughout construction, allowing continued access to businesses and properties.

The pedestrian crossings at Steel Street and Kuwumi Place will be temporarily closed for short periods during construction.

One crossing will remain open at all times to maintain access between Honeysuckle Drive and Hunter Street.

Indicative traffic arrangements, subject to change.



Bus changes

From Sunday 10 September 2017 Hunter Street buses will be diverted at Union Street.

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.

Plan ahead at newcastletransport.info

Parking changes

Parking on Beresford Street will be temporarily removed during construction of light rail.

Up to eight car spaces will be removed on the northern side of Hunter Street between Union Street and Worth Place to allow construction of the new access to the rear of TAFE NSW.

The current No Stopping zones will be enforced behind TAFE NSW (near Worth Place), and temporary parking restrictions behind TAFE NSW and Hunter New England Health will be in place.

Accessible parking spaces on Steel Street will be relocated nearby as part of the Steel Street work.

Parking will remain available in nearby car parks located along Honeysuckle Drive, King Street and National Park Street.

Loading zone changes

The loading zone on Beresford Street will be available during construction. This loading zone may be temporarily closed for short periods during construction. We will notify nearby businesses and residents if this needs to occur.

Taxi changes

The taxi zone on Steel Street will be removed and relocated nearby as part of the Steel Street work. Taxi zones are located on Hunter Street, King Street and Honeysuckle Drive.