

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 during standard construction hours from 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, 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
- › 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.

Equipment

Construction equipment will include excavators, vacuum trucks, road profilers, compactors, concrete saws, asphalt pavers, trucks, light vehicles, front end loaders, cranes and hand tools.

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.

What else you may notice

It is not unusual to find contaminated material in the urban environment on a construction project of this kind. 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.

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Newcastle Light Rail Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets

The NSW Government is committed to Revitalising Newcastle and will soon start work on Newcastle Light Rail in the Civic precinct.

The NSW Government is investing over \$500 million through the Revitalising Newcastle program to transform Newcastle – bringing people back to the city centre, creating job opportunities, new public spaces, and improved transport.

Light rail is an important part of the Revitalising Newcastle program and will deliver frequent and reliable connections to key activity precincts to reinvigorate Newcastle's once thriving main streets.

Downer EDI has been engaged as the managing contractor to design and build light rail in Newcastle.

Construction on Hunter Street, between Auckland and Darby streets, is due to start in September and light rail services are set to be running in early 2019.

Key features of light rail

- › 2.7 kilometres of light rail track running from Newcastle Interchange at Wickham to Pacific Park, just 200 metres from Newcastle Beach
- › The route will use the former rail corridor for about one kilometre before moving onto Hunter and Scott streets
- › Light rail will run in a dedicated lane on Hunter and Scott streets, and will share a lane with road users from around Newcomen Street through to Pacific Park
- › There will be light rail stops at Newcastle Interchange, Honeysuckle (near Hunter Street TAFE), Civic, Crown Street, Market Street and Pacific Park.

Upcoming work

Work on Hunter Street, between Auckland and Darby streets, is due to start in September. Hunter Street will be closed to traffic in this area while the following work is carried out:

- › Relocating essential services such as water, gas, electricity and telecommunications
- › Civil construction work including road reconfiguration, rebuilding the road base, installing kerbs, and installing power signalling and communication cables
- › Laying track on the road, which involves using a crane to lift 18-metre sections of rail into place.

Pedestrian access will be maintained while work is carried out and local business will continue to trade.

This work is currently expected to be complete by the end of the year.

After this 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 the Civic light rail stop to be built and testing of the light rail signalling system and vehicles. Other construction activities will take place outside the road closure period.

How can I find out more?

For more information 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**

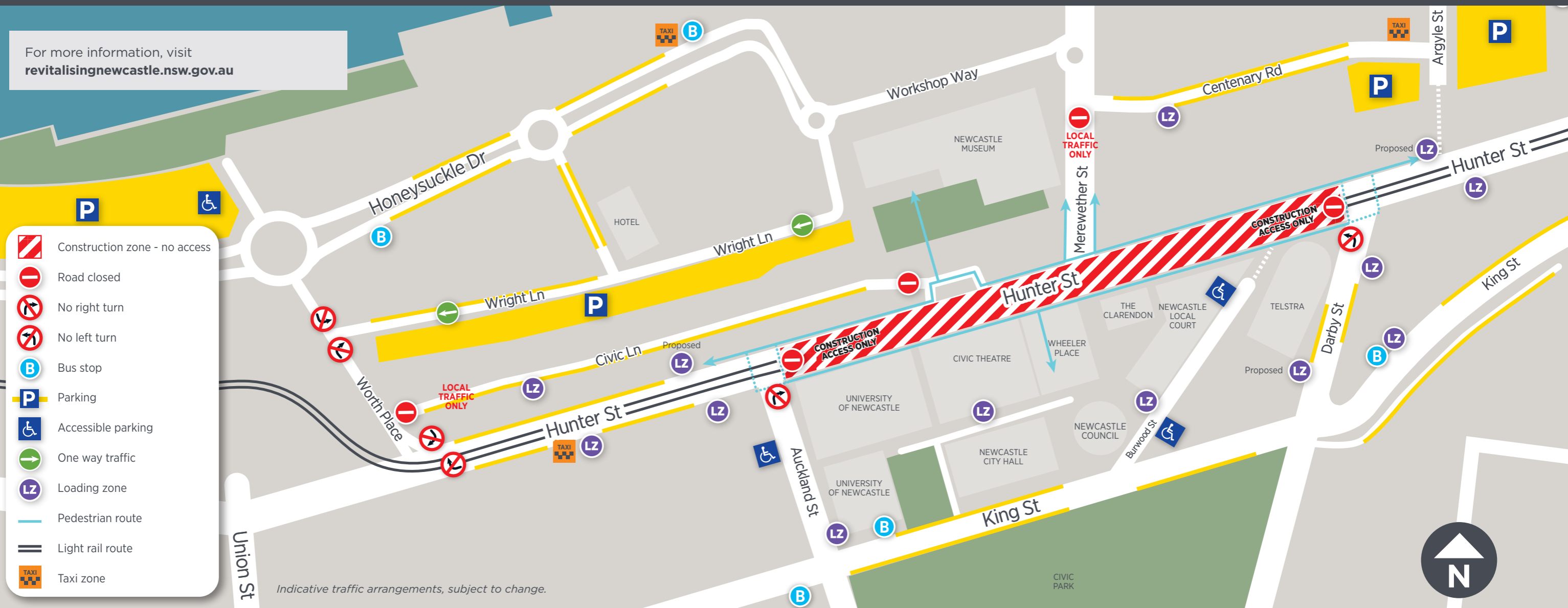
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Hunter Street, between Auckland and Darby streets

Traffic changes from September 2017

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Traffic changes in September 2017

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

Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will be closed to all traffic while work is carried out. Detours will be in place directing road users onto King Street at Auckland and Darby streets. Civic Lane will remain open for local traffic only.

A temporary road connection at Worth Place will be created to help manage traffic movements during construction. This road connection will become permanent as construction progresses.

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 or download the **Live Traffic NSW** app.

Pedestrian changes

Pedestrian access on each side of Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will be maintained throughout construction, allowing people continued access to businesses and properties.

The pedestrian crossing across Hunter Street at the Merewether Street traffic lights will be unavailable during construction. Pedestrians can safely cross Hunter Street at the Auckland Street and Darby Street traffic lights.

Pedestrians will be able to access Honeysuckle via the former Civic Station and at Merewether Street.

Parking changes

Parking on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will be permanently removed once construction of light rail starts. Parking will remain available in nearby car parks located along Wright Lane, Centenary Road and Argyle Street. Accessible parking will be available on Auckland and Burwood streets.

Bus changes

Bus services travelling in and out of Newcastle will be diverted from Hunter Street onto King Street (from Union Street), and Honeysuckle Drive and Wharf Road.

We will provide detailed information on the new bus arrangement before this change occurs. To help plan your trip visit transportnsw.info

Loading zone changes

Loading zones on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets will not be available during construction. The nearest loading zones will be located on Hunter Street at both ends of the construction zone, on Auckland and Darby streets, Civic Lane and Centenary Road.

Taxi changes

The taxi zone located at the former Civic Station will be temporarily closed while construction takes place.

The nearest taxi zones are located near the corner of Centenary Road and Argyle Street, on Hunter Street between Auckland Street and Worth Place, and at Honeysuckle.