Sydney Metro is Australia’s biggest public transport project. Services start in 2019 in the city’s North West with a train every four minutes in the peak. Metro rail will be extended into the CBD and beyond to Bankstown in 2024. There will be new CBD metro railway stations at Martin Place, Pitt Street and Barangaroo and new metro platforms at Central.

In 2024, Sydney will have 31 metro railway stations and a 66 km standalone metro railway system – the biggest urban rail project in Australian history. There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the Sydney city centre.

Laing O’Rourke is delivering the new Sydney Metro platforms under Central Station as well as the landmark Central Walk - a new underground pedestrian concourse to help customers get around Sydney’s busiest railway.

**Upcoming work at Central Station**

During May, work in the station box excavation area is progressing as the new concrete track slab is installed. This will be where Platforms 13 and 14 are reinstated towards the end of the works. On the suburban platforms, work continues with the relocation of the station staff rooms and platform edge reinforcement. Work on the upper and lower Northern Concourse area is now underway within timber hoarding installed at the end of Platform 12. On Chalmers Street, Surry Hills, site facilities have been installed ahead of demolition works at 20-28 Chalmers Street for the new entrance to Central Walk.

Work will continue in the following areas (subject to approval):

- Piling activities, station box excavation, shotcreting, archaeological excavation, demolishing existing structures and installing new concrete foundation slabs within former Platforms 13-15 and Sydney Yard
- Piling activities adjacent to the Devonshire Street Tunnel
- Installing boundary wall between former Track 15 and Track 16
- Shotcreting (concreting) and installing supports around outside of the Suburban Tunnel perimeter walls
- Delivering materials, services investigations, surveying, monitoring and using pedestrian tunnels in off-peak hours
- Investigating and diverting services and ceiling panel removal in pedestrian tunnels, Northern Concourse, Eastern Suburbs Railway (ESR) and Grand Concourse
- Canopy and services cleaning on upper Northern Concourse
- Installing hoarding within the Southern Baggage Tunnel, the Northern Concourse and ESR Concourse
- Demolishing floor slab within ESR hoarded work zone and installing new services rooms
- Constructing new station staff rooms on Platforms 18-19 and 20-21
- Preparing edge of Platforms 18-19 ahead of future work and installing plates to cover work area
- Ongoing services and finishing work along Platforms 9 and 10-11
- Services investigation and site establishment work at 20-28 Chalmers Street
- Services investigation at the entrance of the Railway Institute Driveway
- Installing site facilities within Sydney Yard.

Due to the nature of some activities, to minimise impacts to customers and for the safety of workers, **some of this work will occur outside standard construction hours to minimise impact and when trains are not running.**

**Standard working hours**

Standard working hours are Monday to Friday, 7am–6pm and Saturday, 8am–1pm.

**Out-of-hours work**

Out-of-hours are Monday to Friday 6pm to 7am, Friday 6pm to Saturday 8am and weekends Saturday 1pm through to Monday 7am.

From **Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 May** and **Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 May 2019** (48 hours continuously), a 40-metre section on the edge of Platforms 18-19 will be reinforced ahead of future work for Central Walk (underground pedestrian concourse). Work will also continue within the hoarded areas on these platforms for the new station staff rooms. A new boundary wall between former Track 15 and Track 16 will also be built.
From **Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 May 2019** (pending approval) the following work will occur (48 hours continuously) on Platforms 8-9, 10-11 and 12.

- Piling activities, services investigation and saw cutting within the hoarded work zone on upper Northern Concourse and on the tracks at the station end
- Track and signalling works, removing old and installing new overhead wiring structures and buffer stops at the station end of the tracks
- Commissioning, concreting and other finishing works completing the extensions of Platforms 9, 10-11
- Sheet piling within Sydney Yard.

**Site access**

- Machinery and material deliveries will be made via the Sydney Yard Access Bridge located at Regent Street and Eddy Avenue Ramp
- Deliveries to the loading dock off Pitt Street will occur each evening and overnight
- Vehicles and deliveries will access 20-28 Chalmers Street via Randle Lane
- Some high-rail vehicles will access the rail corridor via Chalmers, Elizabeth and Gibbons street entrances.

**Map of construction work zones**

![Map of construction work zones](image)

**What to expect**

- There will be **ongoing changes to the upper and lower Northern Concourse** walkways to facilitate works in the area. Directional signage to station exits and platforms will be updated to help customers move safely and quickly around the station.
- At times this work will be noisy. To minimise noise, high-noise generating activities are scheduled where possible during daytime hours.

Machinery used during the month include: crawler cranes, piling rigs, excavators, vacuum trucks, concrete trucks, tipper trucks and construction vehicles, hand and power tools including jack hammers and concrete saws.

**Thank you for your cooperation while we complete these essential works.**

If you have any questions please contact the Stakeholder and Community Team on 1800 171 386 (24 hour community information line) or centralstationmetro@transport.nsw.gov.au.