

NOTIFICATION – DRAKE STREET ACCESS RECTIFICATION WORKS | 11 SEPTEMBER

Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project.

Services started in May 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 underground 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.

Work in the rail corridor

Following the opening of Sydney Metro Northwest between Rouse Hill and Chatswood in May 2019, capacity on the T1 North Shore Line has increased. To complete the capacity upgrade, finishing work is taking place between Waitara and Waverton stations. This work includes signalling and electrical upgrades. Work is also underway between Artarmon and Chatswood stations to prepare for the future connection of Sydney Metro Northwest and Sydney Metro City & Southwest at Chatswood. This work includes signal and electrical upgrades, the removal of existing rail infrastructure and construction of new track and systems.

Out-of-hours work

Due to the nature of some activities and for the safety of workers, some work will occur outside standard construction hours when trains are not running. Some equipment will also be delivered outside standard construction hours in line with Roads and Maritime Services requirements for transporting oversized vehicles.

Upcoming new work

Rectification works at the Drake Street access gate including new footpath and vehicular crossing.

Work will include:

- Removal and replacement of access road and concrete pad into the rail corridor
- Installation of new footpath pavement surrounding the access gate
- Temporary closure of Brand Lane between Drake Street and Raleigh Street during the work to ensure safety of pedestrians and workers.
- Work will take place from the **18 September 2019** and take approximately six weeks to complete.
- This work will take place during standard construction hours only.

Ongoing corridor work in standard hours

Standard working hours are Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and Saturday between 8am and 1pm. This work is covered by previous construction notifications. For further information please see the Sydney Metro website.

- Installation of security fencing and noise walls between Artarmon and Chatswood stations (until late 2019).
- Drainage improvements between Valetta Lane and Chatswood Oval, including construction of a new stormwater detention tank and discharge control pit (until late 2019).
- Temporary closure of Brand Lane between Brand Street and Drake Street (from 5 December 2018 to late 2019).
- Signalling and electrical upgrades including cable pulling and the installation of new overhead wiring, footings, steel structures (masts), and connecting booms on masts between Waitara and Waverton stations (until mid-2019).
- Vegetation trimming or removal as required making way for construction work and new infrastructure.

What to expect

- Access to the rail corridor, deliveries and spoil removal will be via the existing gates in Brand and Drake Streets.
- Temporary fencing and hoarding barricades, entrances or exits, gates and lighting will be installed to provide a safe and secure site.
- Erection of safety and warning signage as required.
- Support sites and compounds may be in use up to 24 hours a day when trains are not running.
- Temporary parking, traffic, and pedestrian changes may be required.
- Some activities are expected to be noisy. The project team will minimise noise impacts wherever possible by reducing the number of machines operating at the same time and turning off equipment when not in use.

Keeping you informed

Properties close to the rail corridor will receive notifications when work is scheduled to occur. Sydney Trains will deliver notifications for work scheduled during planned rail maintenance periods. Sydney Metro will keep you informed of all other work. **If you would prefer to receive updates by email, please contact Vanessa who can add you to the distribution list.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Vanessa** on **1800 171 386** (24 hour community information line) or email sydneymetro@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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

