Project Overview

Sydney Metro is Australia’s largest public transport project, delivering more trains and faster services for customers across the entire city. It will transform the way people commute, with a train every four minutes in the peak, fully air-conditioned services and lift access at all stations.

Construction is well underway on Stage One - Sydney Metro Northwest - and now planning approval has been given for Stage Two – Sydney Metro City & Southwest - between Chatswood and Sydenham.

15.5 kilometre twin railway tunnels will be built, linking customers to new metro stations at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street, new underground platforms at Central, and Waterloo.

Services on Sydney Metro City & Southwest are expected to start in 2024, delivering travel time savings for customers and better connections to jobs and educational opportunities.

Stage 1: Sydney Metro Northwest
Formerly the 36-kilometre North West Rail Link, this $8.3 billion project is now under construction. Tunnelling has finished and construction is progressing rapidly. Services start in 2019 using Sydney’s new-generation of fully automated metro trains, with a metro train every four minutes in the peak.

Stage 2: Sydney Metro City & Southwest
From Sydney’s booming North West region, a new 30-kilometre metro line will extend metro rail from the end of Sydney Metro Northwest at Chatswood under Sydney Harbour, through new CBD stations and southwest to Bankstown.

Features will include:
- 16.5 kilometres of new metro line between Chatswood and Sydenham
- 15.5 kilometres of new twin rail tunnels
- 13.5 kilometre upgrade and conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards.

Planning approval for the Chatswood to Sydenham component was received on 10 January 2017 and construction will start shortly. This project is due to open in 2024 with the ultimate capacity to run a metro train every two minutes each way through the centre of Sydney – a level of service never before seen in Sydney.
Central Station

Underground metro platforms at Central
The metro platforms at Central will provide a critical interchange, connecting customers with suburban, intercity and regional rail services, as well as buses, coaches and light rail.

They will be located below platforms 13, 14 and 15, and will be delivered as part of the major contract to build the twin tunnels between Chatswood and Sydenham.

The underground metro platforms will be fully accessibility for people with a disability, and will include platform screen doors, enhanced lighting and CCTV for better security.

The contract to build the tunnels between Chatswood and Sydenham is expected to be awarded around the middle of this year.

Central Walk
The NSW Government will build Central Walk – a new underground pedestrian concourse at Central Station making it easier for customers to get around Sydney’s busiest railway station.

Central Walk will link public transport services at Central and make it faster and easier for customers to get where they need to go – whether it’s the new Sydney Metro underground platforms, suburban Sydney Trains platforms, NSW TrainLink services, Sydney Light Rail and buses.

Central Walk will take customers from a new entrance on Chalmers Street and the new light rail services direct to the Sydney Metro platforms and existing Sydney Trains platforms 16 to 23.

A planning modification to the existing Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham Project will be lodged for Central Walk in the middle of this year before plans go on display for community feedback.

Sydney Yard Access Bridge
Construction will be getting underway later this year on the Sydney Yard Access Bridge, which will provide maintenance vehicle access to Sydney Trains and Sydney Metro once the project is operational.

Laing O’Rourke has been awarded the contract for the design and construction of the bridge, which will be around 170 metres long and 50 metres wide, crossing over the Intercity rail lines to Sydney Yard.

Key principles will guide the bridge’s design given the heritage sensitivities associated with its location.

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