

Project update – Blues Point

December 2020

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 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 kilometre standalone metro railway system. There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the Sydney city centre.

Contractor changes at Blues Point

Following the completion of tunnelling work by John Holland CPB Ghella, a new contractor will begin using the Blues Point site. Systems Connect (an unincorporated joint venture between CPB Contractors and UGL Limited) is delivering line-wide work, which includes installing metro rail track, power systems, communications, signalling systems and infrastructure to turn the excavated tunnels into a working railway between Chatswood and Sydenham.

The Blues Point site is an access point for Systems Connect to complete tunnel fit out activities between Victoria Cross and Barangaroo Stations. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has approved use of the Blues Point site for an additional 12 months for the tunnel fit out work. Under this approval, heavy vehicle deliveries to the Blues Point site are only permitted between 7am and 10pm, except under certain circumstances, and the acoustic shed will be removed before the Christmas/New Year period in 2021/2022.

Upcoming work at Blues Point

In the first week of December 2020, Systems Connect will begin site establishment activities as outlined in the table below.

Tunnel fit out activity will take place 24/7. However, any out-of-hours deliveries will take place between 6pm and 10pm only as per the conditions of the approved modification.

Standard COVID construction hours are Monday to Sunday, 7am to 6pm	
Location	Detail
Blues Point temporary site until Sunday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of regulatory site signage • IT and security installations • Site inspections • Maintenance of safety and environmental controls • Limited number of light vehicles will begin accessing the site.
Tunnel Access From Monday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of materials, plant and equipment, and lowering into the tunnel • Scaffolding and concrete pipe installation in the access shaft • Running beam installation in preparation for gantry crane and shed reinstatements.

What to expect

Until 7 December 2020:

- Equipment to be used will include (but is not limited to) hand held and electric tools, power drills, pumps, vacuum truck.
- Limited light vehicle movements can be expected with workers accessing the site to undertake site inspections and essential maintenance, safety and environmental control activities.

From 7 December 2020:

- Equipment to be used will include (but is not limited to) hand held and electric tools, power drills, cranes, elevated work platforms, telehandler, excavator, front end loader, concrete mixers and pumps, bobcats, lighting towers, light trucks and heavy vehicles, tippers, dump and delivery trucks, pavement cutter, vacuum truck, pipe cutter.
- Increased light vehicle and truck movements.

In general:

- Non-tonal reversing alarms will be used on all regular plant and vehicles, and workers will be instructed to keep noise to a minimum.
- There will be occasional parking space closures on Blues Point Road to allow for oversized truck movements.
- Temporary lighting may be used at night to ensure a safe work site but will be directed away from properties.
- Access to properties will be maintained at all times.
- Access to the bus stop on Henry Lawson Avenue and McMahons Point ferry wharf will be maintained.
- Permanent restoration of roads and footpaths affected by the work will be done at the end of the project.

Keeping you informed

Sydney Metro will continue to undertake work cross its projects in accordance with current Government advice, and will continue to implement physical distancing and travel and hygiene measures to protect employees and members of the community. To keep up to date with what is happening in the Blues Point area, please register for email updates, which provide the latest information about our work, including out of hours activities. You can register for updates by sending your details to linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au, or call us on **1800 171 386** and ask for **Tahneal**. Thank you for your cooperation while we complete this work.



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Blues Point tunnel access site map



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