Bankstown Line metro conversion approved

A world class metro service with faster journeys, more trains, easier access and better connections is coming to the south west.

From early 2019 you will see our construction teams at stations between Bankstown and Marrickville, setting up work sites and conducting investigations.

This signals the start of the upgrade to the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown, including making all 11 stations fully accessible with lifts for the first time at Punchbowl, Wiley Park, Canterbury, Hurlstone Park and Dulwich Hill.

The project also includes upgrades to tracks, stations and signals, and opportunities for station improvements like a new public plaza at Campsie and a new concourse across Dulwich Hill Station connecting metro and light rail.

This work will deliver a new direct connection to Waterloo, four city stations, North Sydney, Crows Nest, Chatswood, North Ryde and Macquarie Park, all without having to change trains.

Key features of the new metro

- Lifts at every station between Bankstown and Marrickville
- Improved CCTV surveillance and platform screen doors
- All trains stopping at all local stations - no waiting for the right train
- Safe and easy interchanges between metro and Sydney Trains services
- Faster travel times to key employment and education precincts

All Sydney Metro stations will have level access between platforms and trains - no more gaps or steps up into the train.

Fast and frequent services

- every 4 minutes in the peak
- 10 minutes in the off peak

The new Sydney Metro train
Sydney Metro – the facts

**Improving reliability**
The T3 Bankstown Line creates a significant bottleneck as it merges with other railway lines close to the Sydney CBD, including the T8 Airport & South Line and the Inner West & Leppington Line. Moving Bankstown Line services to the new standalone metro system removes this bottleneck, providing capacity for more trains to run on the existing network across Sydney.

**Frequency**
When services on Sydney Metro City & Southwest start in 2024, there will be a train every four minutes in the peak in each direction, with plenty of space to grow in the future.

There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the city.

Stations along the T3 Bankstown Line currently have a train every six to 15 minutes in the morning peak.

**Transport during upgrades**
The T3 Bankstown Line will remain open during the majority of construction.

Some major work will be done during planned rail possessions when trains are not running, including at night, on weekends and an additional rail possession during the Christmas school holidays.

A final three-to-six month possession will be used to complete the upgrade, including installing platform screen doors and testing and commissioning the line.

Temporary bus services will keep people moving.

**Capacity**
Over the three-hour morning peak, Sydney Metro will be able to move 51,000 people in each direction on the Bankstown Line - that’s an extra 15,000 people more than now.

**Publicly owned**
Sydney Metro infrastructure, like the stations, trains and railway tracks, are owned by the NSW Government.

**Seating**
In the three-hour morning peak, Sydney Metro will deliver more than 17,000 seats on 45 services from Bankstown to the city.

**Railway tracks**
Sydney’s new metro trains will use the existing railway tracks. Only a few sections of tracks will need to be replaced to allow Sydney Metro trains to run safely and efficiently.

**Fares**
Sydney Metro uses Opal ticketing and fees are set by the NSW Government, the same as for the rest of the Sydney public transport network.

**Connections to the city**
Sydney Metro will deliver direct access to the city via new metro stations at Martin Place, Pitt Street and Barangaroo, better connecting customers to Sydney’s employment, financial and retail districts.

Customers between Bankstown and Marrickville, will not need to interchange at Sydenham or Central to access the new metro stations in the Sydney CBD or the key centres of Waterloo, North Sydney, Crows Nest, Chatswood, North Ryde and Macquarie Park.

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**Sydney Metro connections**

**City Circle access**
Customers on the Sydney Metro T3 Bankstown Line can continue to access the City Circle by transferring to Sydney Trains services. Alternatively, Martin Place and Pitt Street metro stations are just 350 metres away from St James and Museum stations.

Sydney Metro will reduce the gap and remove the step up to the train that is common at some stations.

Sydney Metro will have level access between platforms and trains.

The current platforms were built when steam trains used the Bankstown Line in the 19th century.

**Sydney Metro**

**Understanding the network**

**Opening dates**
- North West: Opens 2019
- Cumberland: Opens 2024
-bankstown: Opens 2026

**31 metro stations**
- Fully accessible
- No timetable
- Customers will just turn up and go
- 800m between platforms and trains
- Platform screen doors keep people and objects away from the edge and allow trains to get in and out of stations much faster
- Wheelchair spaces, separate priority seating and emergency intercoms
- Inside you can see from one end of the train to the other
- Real-time travel information and live electronic route maps
- Two multi-purpose areas per train for prams, luggage and bicycles
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**Bankstown and beyond**
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Stations west of Bankstown will continue to be serviced by Sydney Trains.

These customers can interchanges between Sydney Trains and metro services at Bankstown, Sydenham, Central, Martin Place or Chatswood.

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**Sydney Metro connections**

**Erskineville and St Peters**
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