

## **Project Update – Blues Point tunnel access site**

November 2021

### 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.

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 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 the tunnel fit out activities between Victoria Cross and Barangaroo Stations. Systems Connect has been working at Blues Point since December 2020.

### **Upcoming work at Blues Point**

From **November 2021**, following the completion of the tunnel lining, we will begin removing the acoustic shed. Initially, scaffolding will be installed along the edges of the shed to provide safety support for our workers, as we use a crane and elevated work platforms to separate and remove pieces of the shed.

Below is an update which outlines a further change needed to enable us to undertake this work. Additional changes may be required as work progresses, we will continue to keep the community informed.

#### **Temporary bus stop relocation on Henry Lawson Avenue**

A reminder that from Monday **1 November**, the bus stop that is currently located on Henry Lawson Avenue will be moved 20 metres from its current position, back towards the ferry wharf on Henry Lawson Avenue (**see map on the last page**). This is to ensure the safety of the community as we install scaffolding around the edge of the shed to begin demobilising the acoustic shed.

During **November 2021**, Systems Connect will continue construction activities, as outlined below.

<b>Project standard working hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays, Saturday from 8am to 1pm and Sunday from 9am to 5pm</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
Blues Point tunnel access site (including the extended site area on Blues Point Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of materials, lowering into the shaft via a mobile crane and pumping concrete for completion of the permanent tunnel lining</li> <li>• Survey work</li> <li>• Waterproofing of the permanent tunnel lining</li> <li>• Changes to traffic conditions and pedestrian movements on Henry Lawson Ave</li> <li>• Installation of scaffolding for public protection around the acoustic shed</li> <li>• Dismantling of the acoustic shed and removal from site via trucks.</li> </ul>

## Out-of-hours work (night)

Due to the nature of some activities and for the safety of workers, some work will occur outside standard construction hours.

Location	Date and time	Detail
Blues Point tunnel access site	<b>24/7 during November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivery and storage of materials and equipment in the expanded site area on Blues Point Road</li></ul>
	Ongoing from <b>6pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heavy vehicle deliveries and unloading</li><li>• Concrete deliveries and concrete pumping for the permanent tunnel lining works</li></ul>
	Ongoing from <b>6pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crane operation inside the acoustic shed</li></ul>

### What to expect:

- Removal of the acoustic shed (will be noisy at times).
- Equipment to be used for the tunnel lining construction will include, but is not limited to, cranes, trucks, concrete pumps, forklifts, elevated work platforms, electric power tools and hand tools. This activity may generate some noise during standard construction hours and we will make every effort to minimise this where possible.
- **Crane operating hours from 7am until 10pm.** This will include the operation of other material handling plant such as a forklift to move the materials and equipment to the crane location. All workers will be advised to keep noise to a minimum where possible.
- Light and heavy vehicle movements from **7am to 10pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm on Saturday and 9am to 5pm on Sunday.**
- Temporary vehicle and pedestrian traffic changes including ongoing road closure of Blues Point Road to the south of Henry Lawson Avenue.
- Temporary relocation of the bus stop, 20 metres back towards to the ferry wharf on Henry Lawson Avenue and diversion of pedestrian footpath to facilitate the installation of the scaffolding on Henry Lawson Avenue.
- Access to properties is maintained at all times.
- McMahons Point ferry wharf access will also be maintained.

### Keeping you informed

Sydney Metro will continue to undertake work across 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](mailto:linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au), or call us on **1800 171 386** and ask for **Bella Shamal**.

Thank you for your cooperation while we complete this work

## Blues Point tunnel access site map



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