

Project update – power supply upgrade

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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 the new metro platforms at Central Station.

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.

Systems Connect (an unincorporated joint venture between CPB Contractors and UGL Limited) is delivering line-wide work including installing metro rail track, power systems and infrastructure to turn the excavated tunnels into a working railway between Chatswood and Sydenham. Line-wide work also includes the permanent systems, services and buildings required for Sydney Metro operations between Chatswood and Bankstown.

Power supply upgrade – Surry Hills to Central Station

Systems Connect is installing a new underground power cable from the Ausgrid substation at Surry Hills to Central Station. The power supply is required for the new metro train system. The construction work will be done in stages to reduce disruption to residents, businesses and motorists. **The map over the page indicates the power cable route, expected work times and location of the site compound.**

| Location | Detail | Temporary traffic changes |
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| Randle Lane Elizabeth Street between Randle Lane and Foveaux Street Foveaux Street between Elizabeth Street and Belmore Street Belmore Street between Foveaux Street and Albion Way Albion Way between Belmore Street and Bellevue Street Bellevue Street between Albion Way and Albion Street Albion Street between Bellevue Street and Frog Hollow Reserve Frog Hollow Reserve Little Albion St | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • potholing and utility locating to confirm the location of underground services • establishing temporary traffic changes, setting up safe work areas with barriers and fencing around the sites • cutting road pavement, excavating a trench and removing spoil, installing the power cable in the trench, backfilling the trench, and restoring the road surface • sewer relining on Randle Lane • installing a joint bay on Belmore Street, near Belmore Lane • vegetation management and tree trimming • Equipment used will include road saw, excavators, rollers, vacuum suction trucks, mobile cranes, spoil trucks, saw, mulchers, elevated work platform, knuckle boom, plate compactor, crane, semi-trailer, trucks and various powered hand tools. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays or changes to property access as work progresses past each property • Traffic detours will be in place in some locations • Some changes to pedestrian access • Temporary loss of street parking while the work is carried out. |

24-hour weekend work

We have been carrying out weekend shutdowns, the dates of March shutdowns have been adjusted as follows:

Friday 26 February to Monday 1 March – Outside 24 Foveaux Street to outside 30 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills

Friday 12 to Monday 15 March – Outside 30 Foveaux Street to the Belmore Street intersection

Friday 19 to Monday 22 March – Contingency weekend.

The shutdown sections are indicative and may change slightly as work progresses. The dates of individual shutdowns may change depending on weather and ground conditions. If individual shut down areas and dates change we will notify impacted stakeholders. A further weekend of work may be needed over the Easter long weekend, we will provide more information closer to the time.

Project work hours

Standard working hours for the power supply upgrade are **Monday to Friday, 7am - 6pm** and **Saturday 8am - 1pm**. Some out-of-hours work will be required for the safety of workers, motorists and pedestrians, depending on traffic conditions. Out of hours work will need to occur at night and during weekend shutdowns. Night time working hours are **8pm to 5am Sunday to Thursday**. Shutdowns will start from **6pm Friday and be completed 5am Monday**.

Changes to parking on Belmore Street

In March, our work will continue to focus on Belmore Street. During the work, we will be removing street parking to facilitate safe work sites. The team will provide impacted residents with specific details and discuss alternative parking arrangements as the work progresses. For more information please call **Grace** on **0429 459 279**.

Night work

We will start night work on Albion Street and Randle Lane. Work will involve potholing, and utility locating to confirm the location of underground services, CCTV investigations and relining a wastewater main in Randle Lane.

Keeping you informed

Sydney Metro is continuing to undertake work across its projects in accordance with current Government advice and is implementing physical distancing and travel and hygiene measures to protect employees and the community. As an alternative to face to face communications, we encourage you to provide a contact email or phone number so we can add you to our distribution list for updates on this work. To be included on the list or if you have any questions about the power cable work, please contact **1800 171 386** or email LinewideMetro@transport.nsw.gov.au

Work locations



-  **1800 171 386** Community information line open 24 hours
-  [**linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au**](mailto:linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au)
-  Sydney Metro City & Southwest, PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240
-  If you need an interpreter, contact TIS National on **131 450** and ask them to call **1800 171 386**