

Project update – Blues Point tunnel access site

March 2022

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

Systems Connect has concluded high impact noise activities as part of major site demobilisation works in February. We acknowledge the impact of these works and thank the local community for their patience as we removed concrete beams and pavement from the site.

The team has now begun Henry Lawson Reserve restoration works including general fill, topsoil and turfing of the area.

During March 2022, Systems Connect will continue construction activities, as outlined below.

Project standard working hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays, Saturday from 8am to 6pm and Sunday from 9am to 5pm	
Location	Detail
Blues Point tunnel access site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery and placement of general fill to restore the surface level of the worksite. • Topsoil and turf laying • Preparation for the removal of the site power supply, including installation of new equipment • Excavation of electrical cable joint bays • Ongoing beach access closure to remove the surrounding hoarding • Ongoing changes to traffic conditions and pedestrian movements on Henry Lawson Ave and Blues Point Rd • Survey work

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	During March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of materials and equipment • Oversize plant movements and deliveries.
	Ongoing from 6pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy vehicle deliveries and unloading

What to expect:

- Equipment to be used will include, but is not limited to cranes, regular and oversized trucks, air compressors, electric power tools and hand tools.
- Some of this work will be noisy. Every effort will be made to minimise noise impacts in line with the project's planning approval.
- **To demobilise the transformer that is currently supplying power to the site, Systems Connect will need to cut the high voltage cables laid along Blues Point Rd and Henry Lawson Avenue. In order to safely undertake this activity, power will need to be temporarily switched off. This activity was originally planned for February but is now rescheduled for March and Systems Connect will consult directly with affected residents.**
- As part of the above activity, Systems Connect will also occupy four parking bays at the entry of Henry Lawson Avenue for 24 hours over five days (see map below). Further detail will be provided closer to the date.
- **On-going beach access closure:** In order to safely remove the hoarding erected around the beach access, we have closed beach access for approximately 3 weeks and we will reinstate it during March. The community will be notified once access to the beach is reinstated.
- Light and heavy vehicle movements from **7am to 10pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm on Saturday and 9am to 5pm on Sunday.**
- On-going relocation of the bus stop, 20 metres back towards the ferry wharf on Henry Lawson Avenue and diversion of the pedestrian footpath will continue to be in place.
- Access to properties will be 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, travel and hygiene measures to protect employees and 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 **Bella Shamal**.

Thank you for your cooperation while we complete this work.

Blues Point tunnel access site map



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