



Construction inside Sydney Metro's Pitt Street Station west cavern.

Saturday construction hours proposal

April 2022

Proposed changes to standard Saturday construction hours

Approved standard construction hours for Sydney Metro at all sites from Chatswood to Sydenham are **Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm**.

For the last two years, Sydney Metro has been utilising standard Saturday construction hours from 7am to 6pm under the COVID-19 Ministerial Order, as well as works outside these hours through the standard out-of-hours works approval (OOHWA) process.

The COVID-19 Ministerial Order expired on 31 March 2022, however Sydney Metro is proposing to extend standard Saturday construction hours until 6pm at all its sites from Chatswood to Sydenham. Sydney Metro is seeking your feedback on this proposal to inform the planning modification that will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for assessment.

Key items in this project update:

- Sydney Metro construction has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions.
- Sydney Metro is proposing to extend standard Saturday construction hours until 6pm at all its sites from Chatswood to Sydenham.
- Sydney Metro is seeking feedback from the community to help inform the planning modification that will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment.

Benefits of extended working hours

Working additional hours allows Sydney Metro to:

- mitigate the significant impact of COVID-19 on Sydney Metro and its construction partners
- **reduce the length of the overall construction program, to reduce impacts on the local community**
- ensuring consistency by bringing the standard Saturday construction hours for Chatswood to Sydenham in line with those on the Sydenham to Bankstown part of the project.

Planning and construction timeline

Construction and operations	Construction underway				Construction ends on project	
	2017 – Present				Late 2023	2024
Planning and approvals	2017	We are here				
	City & Southwest Project approval	April/May 2022	May 2022	June/July 2022 onwards	Testing and commissioning	Metro services begin
		Community engagement on extended construction hours	Extended Saturday construction hours modification assessed by DPE	1pm–6pm on Saturdays become standard working hours for remainder of project		

Planning modification – extending standard Saturday construction hours

Sydney Metro is proposing to extend standard Saturday construction hours until 6pm via the submission of a formal planning modification with DPE.

The activities that Sydney Metro proposes to continue on Saturday afternoons will be similar in nature to what has occurred at that time over the last two years, such as:

- concrete pours
- pre-assembly of structural steel panels
- hoist and crane operation
- station fit-out work including installation of utility services
- materials deliveries
- temporary ventilation
- waterproofing
- formwork and reinforcement fixing.

Equipment used will include rattle guns, hand powered tools, saws, elevated work platforms, vacuum trucks, concrete trucks, lighting towers, welding machines, concrete vibrator and pumps, ventilation fans, dewatering units, helicopter trowels, tower and mobile cranes, and delivery vehicles.

Impacts of COVID-19

COVID-19 restrictions have had a significant impact on the construction industry, including Sydney Metro delivery partners. In addition to the two-week construction pause in July 2021, COVID-19 restrictions impacted Sydney Metro in a range of ways:

- supply chain issues
- reduced worker capacity on site due to COVID-safe work practices
- reduced labour force due to Local Government Area (LGA) restrictions
- site shutdowns to enable deep cleaning and contact tracing when needed.

Impact of not working additional hours

It is essential that Sydney Metro proceed with these additional work hours. Without the additional working hours, Sydney Metro will remain on site completing works for an overall longer period of time.

Mitigating impacts on the community

Sydney Metro will continue to use mitigation measures such as noise monitoring, noise blankets, concrete pumping acoustic enclosures, limited tools and non-tonal reversing alarms on trucks. In some situations, respite options and alternative accommodation may be offered to local residents.

The Sydney Metro Stakeholder and Community Relations team will be in constant contact with impacted community members to ensure all issues and complaints are appropriately managed.

We acknowledge the disruption these works may cause, and reiterate our thanks to the community for its continued support and patience while we deliver this project.

Additional work hours – weekdays and Sundays

In addition to the extension of the standard Saturday construction hours, Sydney Metro is planning to continue working additional hours on some evenings and Sundays to reduce the overall remaining construction program. This will be done through the standard out-of-hours works approval (OOHWA) process.

These additional work hours will be similar in nature to construction that has taken place over the last two years, such as:

- scaffold and formwork installation
- concrete pouring
- crane set up and hoist operations
- station fit-out works
- utility installation
- façade and brickwork installation
- precast installation
- welding and tying of steel reinforcement
- material deliveries.

These works can only take place following assessment by an independent Acoustic Advisor and Environmental Representative.

There will be no high noise activities such as rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving or similar activities taking place.

Sydney Metro will continue to closely monitor the works and mitigate construction impacts as much as possible.

If you have any feedback or questions about this work, please contact sydneymetro@transport.nsw.gov.au or phone **1800 171 386**.

How to provide feedback on the Saturday construction hours proposal

Feedback can be provided to Sydney Metro between **Friday 29 April and Friday 13 May 2022** via:

1800 171 386 Community information line open 24 hours
sydneymetro@transport.nsw.gov.au

mailing submission to:

City & Southwest Project Communications Team
Sydney Metro City & Southwest,
PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240



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