

## Monthly update – Hunter Street (Sydney CBD)

24 April 2023

### Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project.

The NSW Government is delivering Sydney Metro West – a new underground metro railway which will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, with a target travel time of about 20 minutes between the two centres.

Sydney Metro has been granted planning approval to construct twin underground rail tunnels between Westmead and Hunter Street in the Sydney CBD for Sydney Metro West. John Holland CPB Contractors Ghella Joint Venture (JCG) has been awarded the contract to deliver 3.5 kilometres of twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays and Hunter Street and excavate the Pyrmont and Hunter Street metro stations.

There will be two work areas on Hunter Street in the CBD. Hunter Street East, located at the corner of Bligh Street and O'Connell Street and Hunter Street West, located on the corner of Hunter Street and George Street.

### Activities during May 2023

Tunnelling within the existing acoustic shed on Bligh Street (now the Hunter Street East site) will continue in May, with the excavation of a temporary underground decline access tunnel using a roadheader tunnelling machine. The decline is an underground ramp which will be used by vehicles, staff and machinery to build and access the underground tunnels.

Tunnelling work will be undertaken 24 hours per day, seven days a week and will continue until mid-2025. Site preparation, service identification and relocation, geotechnical investigations and low impact site survey work will continue in May 2023.

Early structural demolition works at Hunter Street East and West as well as soft stripping and salvage and removal of loose furnishings from existing buildings will begin in May 2023. Awnings of the existing buildings at Hunter Street East and West will also be removed, followed by the installation of hoarding, scaffolding, site signage and preparation for tower crane installation.

A program of work for each week will be shared in our Hunter Street weekly email update.

#### Work during May 2023 includes:

- Excavation of the temporary underground decline tunnel
- Removal of excavated material in trucks from the existing acoustic shed driveways on O'Connell Street
- Geotechnical investigations and service identification and relocation
- Low impact site surveys and installation of building movement and instrumentation monitoring equipment
- Construction of new driveways at Hunter Street East and West
- Delivery of materials, plant and equipment to the Hunter Street East acoustic shed
- Early structural demolition works using an excavator at Hunter Street East and West, as well as soft stripping and salvage and removal of loose furnishings from existing buildings
- Removal of awnings and installation of hoarding, scaffolding, site signage and preparation for tower cranes Hunter Street East and West. Some of this work will take place over pedestrian footpaths.

Work will be undertaken during standard construction hours, **Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and 8am to 6pm Saturday**. Please see map overpage with the locations of our work.

#### Work outside of standard construction hours will include:

Out of hours work will continue in the CBD between **6pm and 7am** Monday to Friday.

Out of hours work will include low impact survey work, service identification and relocation and geotechnical investigations, driveway construction, oversize deliveries, removal of awnings, installation of hoarding, scaffolding and preparation for tower cranes. This work must be undertaken outside standard construction hours to minimise impacts on traffic and to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and workers.

### Site locations and work areas



### Equipment used

Equipment used for tunnelling works includes but is not limited to; roadheaders, rockbolt rigs, shotcrete rigs, excavators with rock breaker, concrete trucks, trucks, cranes, light vehicles and traffic control vehicles.

Equipment used for other works include but is not limited to; drill rigs, excavators with rock hammer, saw cutters, specialised ground penetrating equipment, vacuum trucks, elevated work platforms, hand tools including jack hammers and road saws, temporary fencing, lighting towers, excavators, trucks, light vehicles, traffic control equipment and generators.

### Contact us

Please contact Shay from the JCG community team on 1800 612 173 if you have any questions or would like to provide feedback about the work, including appropriate respite periods.

-  **1800 612 173** Community information line open 24 hours
-  **MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au**
-  Sydney Metro West, PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240
-  If you need an interpreter, contact TIS National on **131 450** and ask them to call **1800 612 173**

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of work in your area. If you would prefer to receive updates by email, please send a request to [MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au) and we will add you to the distribution list.

Sydney Metro has launched Sydney Metro Connect – a new way to stay informed. You can download Sydney Metro Connect on the App Store or get it on Google Play.

Thank you for your understanding while we complete this essential work.

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