





Artist's impression of the new Hickson Road with Barangaroo Station entrance and landscaping

# Final Hickson Road alignment

## **Barangaroo Station | October 2023**

As part of the new Barangaroo Station construction, Hickson Road will have a new layout with drop-off zones, cycling facilities, lighting, trees and planting.

To prepare for these improvements, Hickson Road was temporarily realigned in July 2022 to the west of its original position, and work has been ongoing to relocate services and build ventilation pods along the heritage wall and landscape the public domain.

Over the next two months, the final alignment for Hickson Road will be constructed between High Steps and 25 Hickson Road. To enable the construction, traffic will be transferred onto the final alignment across several stages, with traffic expected to be operational on that section of the finished road by late November 2023.

During the traffic transition onto the final alignment, there will be times when a single lane road closure will be in place for Hickson Road from north of Barton Road to Towns Place.

North of 25 Hickson Road, work to prepare for the new road has already begun with the backfilling of the northern shaft and removing the acoustic shed. Over the last two months, utilities installations have commenced, and a temporary road to the east of the current road is being constructed. The traffic switch onto this new temporary road is expected to occur in late October and will enable the final alignment to be completed. The road construction

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 in 2024, with new CBD metro railway stations at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street and Waterloo and new metro platforms at Central and then onto Bankstown in 2025.

By 2030, Sydney will have four metro lines, 46 stations, and 113km of new metro rail. There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the Sydney city centre.

BESIX Watpac has been contracted to build Barangaroo Station. Work is underway, ready for Sydney Metro services to start in 2024.

in this area will be noisy, particularly when the existing road structure is removed. The demolition work will involve hammering, saw-cutting and drilling into existing road pavement and sandstone rock. Work to build the final alignment under Dalgety Bridge will continue into Q2 2024.

This fact sheet explains what will happen, for how long, and how we will manage impacts for people living or working nearby.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this essential work. If you have any questions, please contact the BESIX Watpac Community Engagement Team on 1800 171 386 (24-hour community information line) or at

barangaroometrostation@transport.nsw.gov.au





### **Work stages**

## Jun-Oct 2023 - Preparatory work

#### North of the heritage wall under the bridges

Work to prepare for the construction of the final alignment of Hickson Road commenced in June, with the relocation of existing utilities under the current road and connection of high-voltage infrastructure from Hickson Road to Nawi Cove. The acoustic shed was dismantled and removed, and the in-ground footings were removed between June and September. Work started to remove the existing road surface and sandstone underlayer to make room for the final alignment underneath the Dalgety Road and Windmill Street bridges.

#### South of the heritage wall by High Steps

The final alignment is being constructed beside the ventilation pods along the heritage wall and will be completed under a single-lane closure. Construction of drainage and footings for the finishes being installed on the ventilation pods is underway, as well as the installation of louvre grills across the top of the pods.

# Late October – Building the final alignment

From mid-September to approximately early November, the final Hickson Road alignment between 25 Hickson Road and High Steps will be completed and opened in stages. Work includes:

- removal of existing road surface and pavement
- completion of kerbs, gutters, bus stops, and construction of the road pavement and asphalt.

From late October, the current temporary road alignment will be relocated under Dalgety Bridge to the eastern side to make room to build the final alignment in that area. This work will include:

- excavation of sandstone underlayer and installation of utilities
- removal of the old road pavement
- construction of the new road pavement, western kerb and pedestrian walkway.

This work will be intermittently noisy.

## Closures and staged traffic switches

For three weeks, Hickson Road will be open with a single-lane-only, with traffic controllers managing traffic flow during standard hours and traffic lights in place out-of-hours. Within the three weeks, Hickson Road will close for 58 hours between Barton Road and Towns Place. This closure will enable the completion of work that cannot be safely undertaken with the single-lane closure. The full closure will happen for the most part across a weekend.

After each stage, traffic will be switched to its new alignment overnight.

# November 2023 – New Hickson Road opens between High Steps and 25 Hickson Road

The new road alignment between High Steps and 25 Hickson Road is expected to open to traffic in November 2023.

We will provide advance notification of road closures, detours, traffic switches and maps of alternate access routes.

# Hours of operation and managing construction impacts

Standard working hours will be **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm Saturday**. If
work needs to occur outside these hours, they will
be subject to an out-of-hours work approval, and
residents will be notified in advance.

Mitigation measures will be applied to reduce noise impacts associated with these work activities. Permanent noise monitors are installed on-site and will be operational at all times. Respite periods will be applied when undertaking hammering and saw-cutting. Respite hours are 9.30am – 10.30am and 12.30 pm – 1.20pm, Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, work will commence at 8am and end at either 1pm without respite periods or 6pm with respite periods in line with the weekday arrangements. Some of these activities may also generate dust; water carts and misters will be used to manage this.

We understand this work program will impact the local community, and we will work hard to finish it as quickly as possible. You can subscribe to receive project updates at

www.sydneymetro.info/station/barangaroo-station





The table and map below provide a colour-coded overview of the location of each stage.

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Stage	Location	Activity	Impact to community
	Outside 25 Hickson Road and under the bridges	<ul> <li>Construct a new temporary road and pedestrian footpath to the eastern side under the bridges and connect to the existing road</li> <li>Construct new final road alignment following traffic switch</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Road closure from Barton Street to Towns Place for *one night only with a diversion via Kent Street</li> <li>Vehicles will be switched to new temporary road alignment under the bridges</li> </ul>
2	Current temporary Hickson Road alignment (southbound)	Construct the final alignment in areas that currently cross over with the existing Hickson Road	<ul> <li>Road closure from Barton Street to Towns Place for *one night only with a diversion via Kent Street</li> <li>Single lane with stop-slow control for up to 10 days with traffic control during the day and portable traffic lights at night</li> </ul>
3	Southern end at High Steps Northern end in front of 25 Hickson Road	<ul> <li>Final tie-in work at northern and southern ends of the new final road alignment</li> <li>Continue construction of the new final alignment in crossover areas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*58-hour full Hickson Road closure between Barton Street and Towns Place with a diversion via Kent Street</li> <li>Vehicles will be switched to the southbound lane of the new final alignment at the end of the road closure</li> </ul>
4	Northbound lane of new permanent alignment	<ul> <li>Completion of the new final Hickson Road alignment, including the northbound bus stop</li> <li>Open the northbound lane of the new permanent road, bringing both lanes into operation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single-lane traffic on the southbound lane of new Hickson Road for up to 10 days with traffic control during the day and portable traffic lights at night</li> <li>Road closure from Barton Street to Towns Place for *one night only with a diversion via Kent Street. Traffic will switch to new final alignment</li> </ul>
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<sup>\*</sup>Specific details for full closures of Hickson Road will be provided via notification.