

Temporary Transport Management Plan

T6 Bankstown to Lidcombe
shutdown 27 April to 29 June 2025

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Executive Summary

The Sydney Metro City & Southwest commenced the final upgrade of all 11 stations between Sydenham and Bankstown to convert the T3 Bankstown Line to Metro operations on 30 September 2024. This upgrade includes various construction activities that require the temporary planned shutdown of all of the former T3 Bankstown line.

The T6 is a shuttle line of six stations that was created as part of the shutdown of the former T3 Bankstown line.

The T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line will be closed for 9 weeks between 27 April and 29 June, with train services to be replaced by replacement buses for this period. The closure will allow Sydney Metro to undertake major construction works associated with the Southwest Metro.

When work is complete, the T6 Line will be future-proofed, enabling 8-car services to run. Currently, the line is limited to 4-car trains.

This Temporary Transport Management Plan focuses on the 9 weeks of rail replacement busing operations planned between 27 April and 29 June 2025.

Project Update

Stand-alone Rail Line

The T3 Bankstown Line is being converted to Metro standards between Sydenham and Bankstown with all stations to be fully accessible with lifts and level access between platforms and trains.

Sydney Metro City & Southwest will replace the existing Sydney Trains railway between Sydenham and Bankstown. The T3 Line to the west of Bankstown will continue to be operated by Sydney Trains, serving stations between Liverpool, Lidcombe and Bankstown.

Southwest Metro conversion

This conversion will address one of Sydney's biggest rail bottlenecks, providing more reliable journeys for customers all across Sydney, as well as increasing accessibility at all 11 stations.

The update includes:

- Air-conditioned metro trains and increased train frequency in AM and PM peak services – a train at least every four minutes at each station, improved CCTV surveillance, platform screen doors, platforms level with train floors, minimal gaps between platforms and trains.
- Improved station interchange facilities at key stations.
- All trains stopping at all local stations – no waiting for the right train.
- Safe and efficient connections during the peak and non-peak periods between key precincts along the T3 Bankstown Line.
- New, direct and fast services to Martin Place, Barangaroo, North Sydney, Chatswood and Macquarie Park.
- Interchanges to other rail services at Sydenham, Central and Martin Place.
- No need for a timetable – you'll just turn up and go.
- More job opportunities with faster, more frequent and direct access to key employment centres, including North Sydney, Chatswood, Macquarie Park and the northwest.
- Better access to education, with fast, more frequent and direct connections.
- All stations fully accessible, with lifts and level access between trains and platforms.
- Fast, safe and reliable – a new generation of 21st century Metro trains.

Critical T6 Line rail upgrade

The work on the T6 line involves the extension of the Sydney Trains' platforms at Bankstown Station to enable an 8-car service, including installation of a track layout that allows access to both platforms at Bankstown station, as well as signalling upgrades.

Transport Plan

Planned Rail Shutdown

The following replacement bus routes will operate between Bankstown and Lidcombe during this time:

8T6: stopping all stations between Bankstown and Lidcombe

8AT6: Bankstown, then Lidcombe and return (express)

Passengers will be able to interchange to train services at Lidcombe and Regents Park, or interchange onto the pink Southwest Link buses at Bankstown.



Figure 1: Rail Replacement Routes for the T6 Line

Key features of the Temporary Transport Plan

- Frequent, all stops and express bus services connecting closed stations along the T6 Bankstown and Lidcombe Line. (Further details in **Appendix A**)
- Where possible low-floor, 12.5m buses will be utilised
- Bus stop locations are included in **Appendix B** and Bus route maps included in **Appendix C**
- Temporary infrastructure such as shelters and lighting.

Layover and standby facilities

Layover and Standby facilities for this period have been provided at Bankstown Station on West Terrace, Bankstown with drivers able to utilise the dedicated bus driver facilities for driver breaks near the Southern Interchange. Dedicated temporary Bus Zones are also provided on Church Street, Lidcombe as a layover and standby location to be utilised throughout this period.

No formal park and ride areas have been impacted as a result of the shutdown, where Taxi Zones have been impacted, additional kerbside changes have been provided to relocate taxi zones.

Network Infrastructure

Bus Stops

To ensure bus services' safe and efficient operation, additional layover and temporary bus space details have been provided to the relevant Councils. This was further supported by a consultation period with flyers distributed on the temporary kerbside changes to be implemented (**Appendix D**).

The location of bus stops and facilities in place during the shutdown period is outlined in **Appendix B** where existing bus stops have been utilised where possible.

Existing Facilities at Interchange Stations

During this shutdown, key interchange stations are Bankstown Regents Park and Lidcombe. All stations have extensive facilities including lifts and wheelchair accessibility.

- Bankstown Station: Lifts and wheelchair accessibility. Complete stop information (<https://transportnsw.info/stop?q=10101401#/>)
- Regents Park Station: Lifts and wheelchair accessible. Complete stop information (<https://transportnsw.info/stop?q=214310#/>)
- Lidcombe Station: Lifts and wheelchair accessible. Complete stop information (<https://transportnsw.info/stop?q=214110#/>)

Network Plan

Road Network Management

Key corridors, including Chapel Road, The Hume Highway, Rookwood Road, Joesph Street, Auburn Road and intersections along each route, have been assessed to determine any temporary changes required to allow buses to operate while maintaining traffic flow for other road users.

The temporary bus replacement routes have been planned to allow 'Limited Stop' bus routes to use main road corridors (e.g. Rookwood Road and Joesph Street). In contrast, the 'All Stops' bus route will predominantly use local roads to access stations. Refer to Appendix C for further details on the bus replacement routes. This reduces the impact on the road network and gives customers greater flexibility during the planned shutdown. To reduce the impact on the local community Sydney Metro and Customer Journey Planning (TfNSW) are working together to mitigate any impacts expected from construction activities. Ongoing meetings in the form of a Traffic Coordination Group and a Traffic & Transport Liaison Group held fortnightly and monthly, respectfully, form the collaborative approach to mitigating the impact on the community and ensuring Metro Construction works remain on track. These meetings ensure the collaboration from key representatives spanning from Metro construction teams, Local Council as well as Transport network management teams.

Road Network Performance Monitoring

During the shutdown, crews will be rostered across the AM/PM peak to monitor and assist with the clearance of any incidents and manage unusual congestion on key replacement bus corridors. Network Operations specialists will monitor and adjust traffic signal operations across the area in real-time to optimise the performance of the road network.

TfNSW Transport Commanders and Transport Emergency Patrols will patrol the network, Tow-trucks will be in the field to manage the road network and bus zones at critical interchanges such as Bankstown. Where applicable, tow trucks will be utilised for clearing incidents and vehicles illegally parked.

Surface Transport Incident Response Service representatives (STIRs) will monitor bus zones and bus routes throughout the bussing operation to proactively manage bus performance and the road network.

Customer Engagement and Information

A comprehensive stakeholder management plan has been developed to inform and engage businesses and key stakeholders in the local community before the Sydenham to Bankstown Line shutdown.

Community consultation on the proposed temporary parking changes was undertaken for a month from Monday 10 June to Wednesday 10 July 2024.

Local businesses and residents were asked to provide their feedback to help the project team refine bus operations in and around station precincts.

The consultation program consisted of the following activities:

- Letterbox drop of notifications to businesses and residents close to the three station locations:
- A 24/7 phone number 1800 131 786 to receive feedback, answer any questions and provide the community with more information.
- A dedicated 'Have your say' webpage was created to give the community more options to provide feedback: [Southwest Link | Have Your Say \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

To build on the consultation previously undertaken, between Wednesday 2 April and Monday 7 April, Transport re-consulted local businesses and residents to seek feedback regarding the temporary extension of the West Terrace bus zone (to operate on weekends during the T6 Line closure, in addition to the existing Mon-Fri arrangement).

The purpose of the follow-up consultation was to engage the community about the changes to the bus zone operating hours, and understand if community sentiment had changed since the 2024 consultation.

The consultation program consisted of the following activities:

- Letterbox drop of 483 notifications to properties on West Terrace, South Terrace and Raymond Street (including 38 businesses).
- Installation of A4 signs in the area of the bus zone to summarise the changes and provide contact details for feedback.
- Doorknock businesses on West Terrace, South Terrace and Raymond Street to provide in-person information, discuss concerns and gather feedback
- Maintain a 24/7 phone number and monitored email address to receive feedback, answer any questions and provide the community with more information.

Customer Information

A mix of channels is being used to make customers aware of the shutdown and the alternative transport options including:

At station and on mode:

- On the ground staff (street teams)
- Station Posters
- Digital Information Screens, including large format digital screens
- At station and onboard guard Announcements
- Printed flyers (Appendix A), including in language flyers (Arabic, Vietnamese and Simple Chinese)
- Trackwork eDM and Transport newsletter

Websites:

- [transportnsw.info news story and travel alerts](https://transportnsw.info/news/story-and-travel-alerts)
- transportnsw.info/southwest-link
- sydneymetro.info

Apps:

- Opal Travel App
- Third party Apps (e.g. Tripview, NextThere)

Social Media:

- X (Twitter)
- Facebook

Stakeholder Communication:

- Community notifications
- Extensive engagement with schools, universities, ATAC and other key groups.
- Stakeholder emails, meetings, briefings, local business doorknocks
- Dedicated email address (southwestlink@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- Multi-lingual customer flyers- digital
- Newsletter content
- 24/7 contact Centre (131500 / www.transport.nsw.gov.au/about-us/contact-us)

Wayfinding and Customer service

To assist customers navigate their way to rail replacement buses and alternative train services, a comprehensive wayfinding and customer service strategy has been developed. This includes:

- Travel apps and online trip planning tools to carry alerts, including replacement bus stop location information
- Wayfinding signage at stations and bus stops
- Trackwork information guides at stations
- Guard announcements at open stations
- Bus marshals at Lidcombe and Bankstown (throughout the shutdown), a roaming marshal travelling between station to monitor operations, and a marshal at Birrong (on school days to assist students at the 3pm departure period).
- Blue shirt customer service street teams will also inform customers about the planned shutdown prior to the shutdown and assist commuters with information on the location of bus stops.

Appendices

Appendix A – Printed flyer- T6 Line trackwork

Appendix B – Bus Stop Locations

Appendix C – Temporary Transport Plan Bus Routes

Appendix D – Community Consultation Notifications

Appendix A – Printed flyer- T6 Line trackwork



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Trackwork

27 April – 29 June

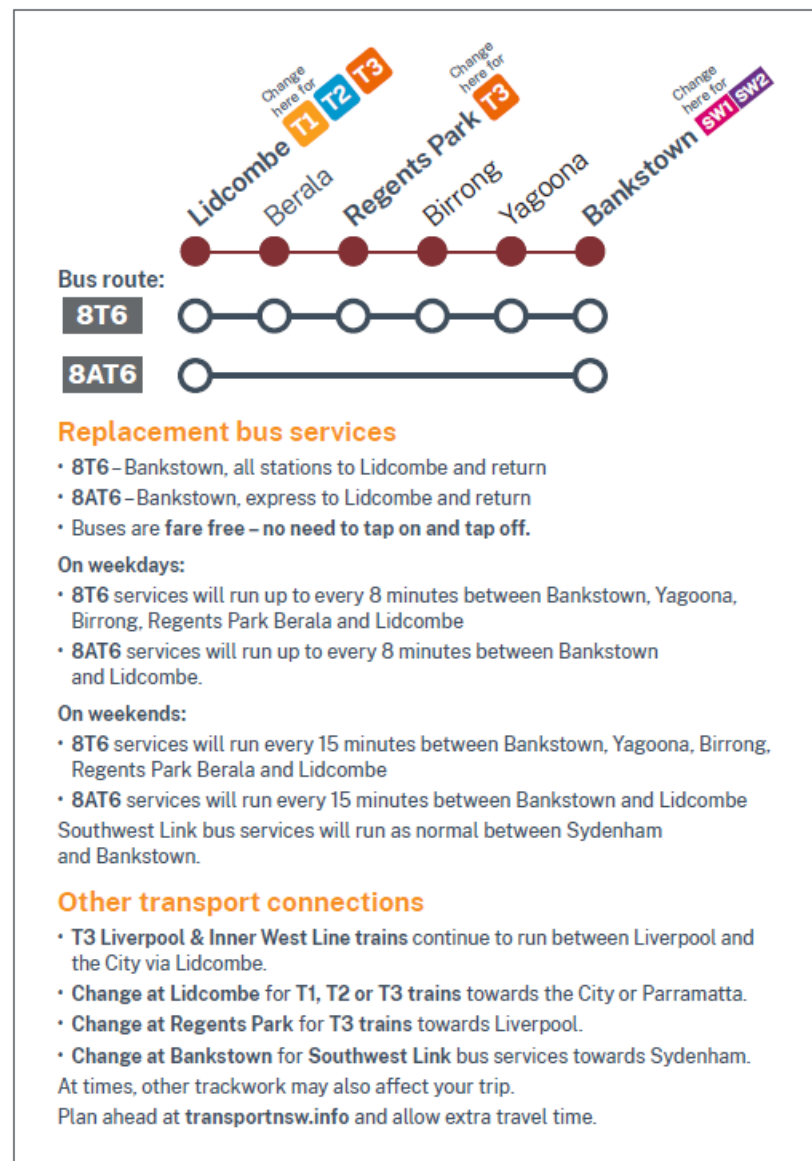
T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line

From **Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025**, buses replace trains between Bankstown and Lidcombe due to Sydney Metro construction works.

Scan the QR code to plan ahead.



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Change here for T1 T2 T3

Change here for T3

Change here for SW1 SW2

Bus route:

8T6

8AT6

Replacement bus services

- **8T6** – Bankstown, all stations to Lidcombe and return
- **8AT6** – Bankstown, express to Lidcombe and return
- Buses are **fare free** – no need to tap on and tap off.

On weekdays:

- **8T6** services will run up to every 8 minutes between Bankstown, Yagoona, Birrong, Regents Park Berala and Lidcombe
- **8AT6** services will run up to every 8 minutes between Bankstown and Lidcombe.

On weekends:

- **8T6** services will run every 15 minutes between Bankstown, Yagoona, Birrong, Regents Park Berala and Lidcombe
- **8AT6** services will run every 15 minutes between Bankstown and Lidcombe

Southwest Link bus services will run as normal between Sydenham and Bankstown.

Other transport connections

- **T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line** trains continue to run between Liverpool and the City via Lidcombe.
- **Change at Lidcombe** for T1, T2 or T3 trains towards the City or Parramatta.
- **Change at Regents Park** for T3 trains towards Liverpool.
- **Change at Bankstown** for Southwest Link bus services towards Sydenham.

At times, other trackwork may also affect your trip.
Plan ahead at transportnsw.info and allow extra travel time.

Appendix B - Temporary Bus Stop Infrastructure Assessment

8T3-Bankstown to Lidcombe-Inbound

Stop ID (TSN)	STATION- Transit Stop Name	Stop order
2200343	BANKSTOWN STATION Stand G	1 (pick up only)
219915	YAGOONA STATION-Hume Hwy opp Yagoona Station	2
214395	BIRRONG STATION-Birrong Station, Auburn Road	3
214341	REGENTS PARK STATION- Regents Park Station, Amy St	4
2141276	BERELA STATION -Berala Station, Campbell St	5
214197	LIDCOMBE STATION -Lidcombe Station, Railway St, Stand C	6 (set down only)

8T3-Bankstown to Lidcombe Route-Outbound

Stop ID (TSN)	STATION- Transit Stop Name	Stop order
2141286	LIDCOMBE STATION -Lidcombe Station, Church St	1 (pick up only)
2141275	BERELA STATION -Campbell St opp Berala Station	2
214321	REGENTS PARK STATION -Amy St opp Regents Park Station	3
214394	BIRRONG STATION -Birrong Station, Auburn Road	4
219911	YAGOONA STATION -Yagoona Station, Hume Hwy	5
2200373	BANKSTOWN STATION-Bankstown Station, Stand C	6 (set down only)

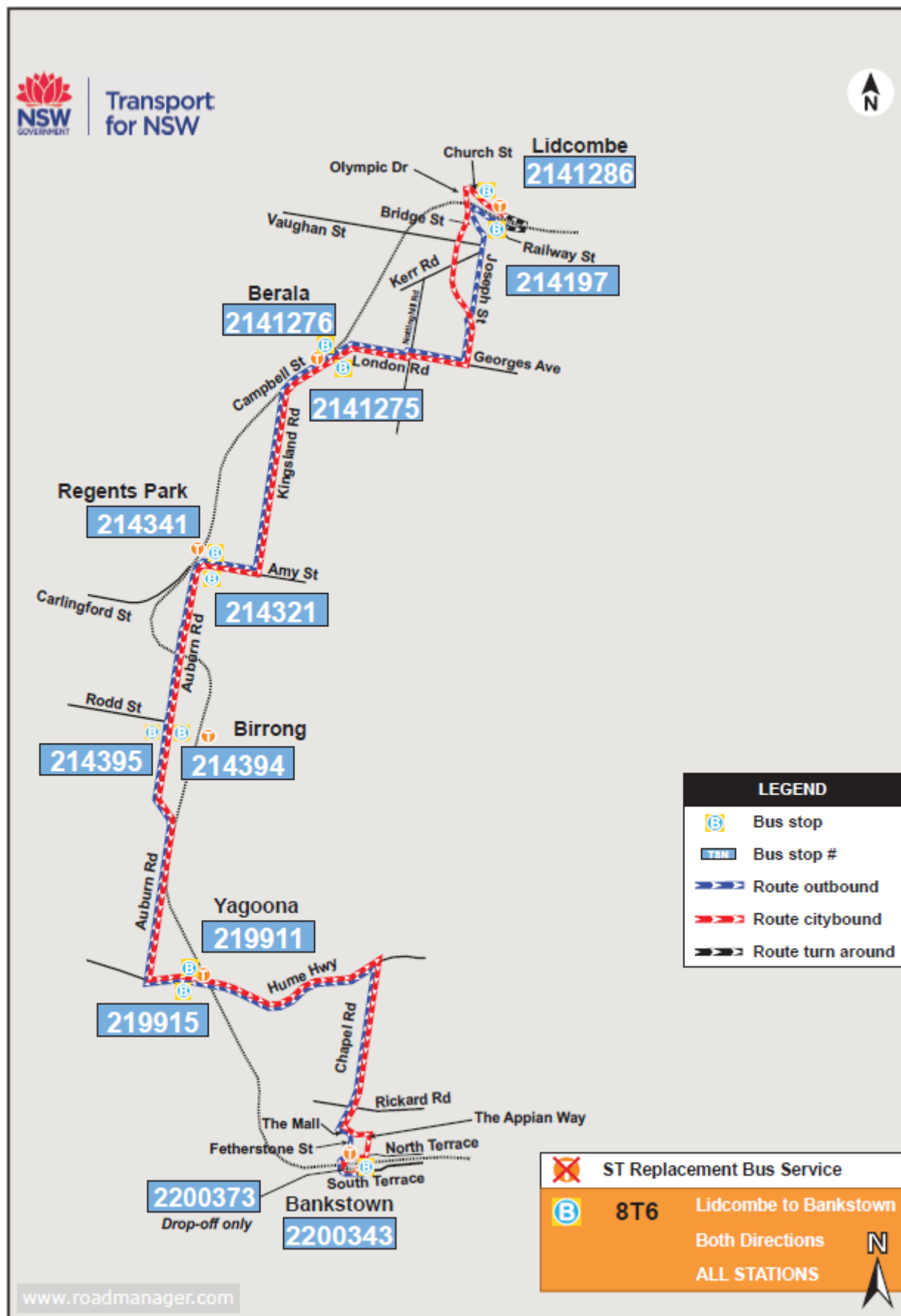
8AT3-Bankstown Express to Lidcombe-Inbound

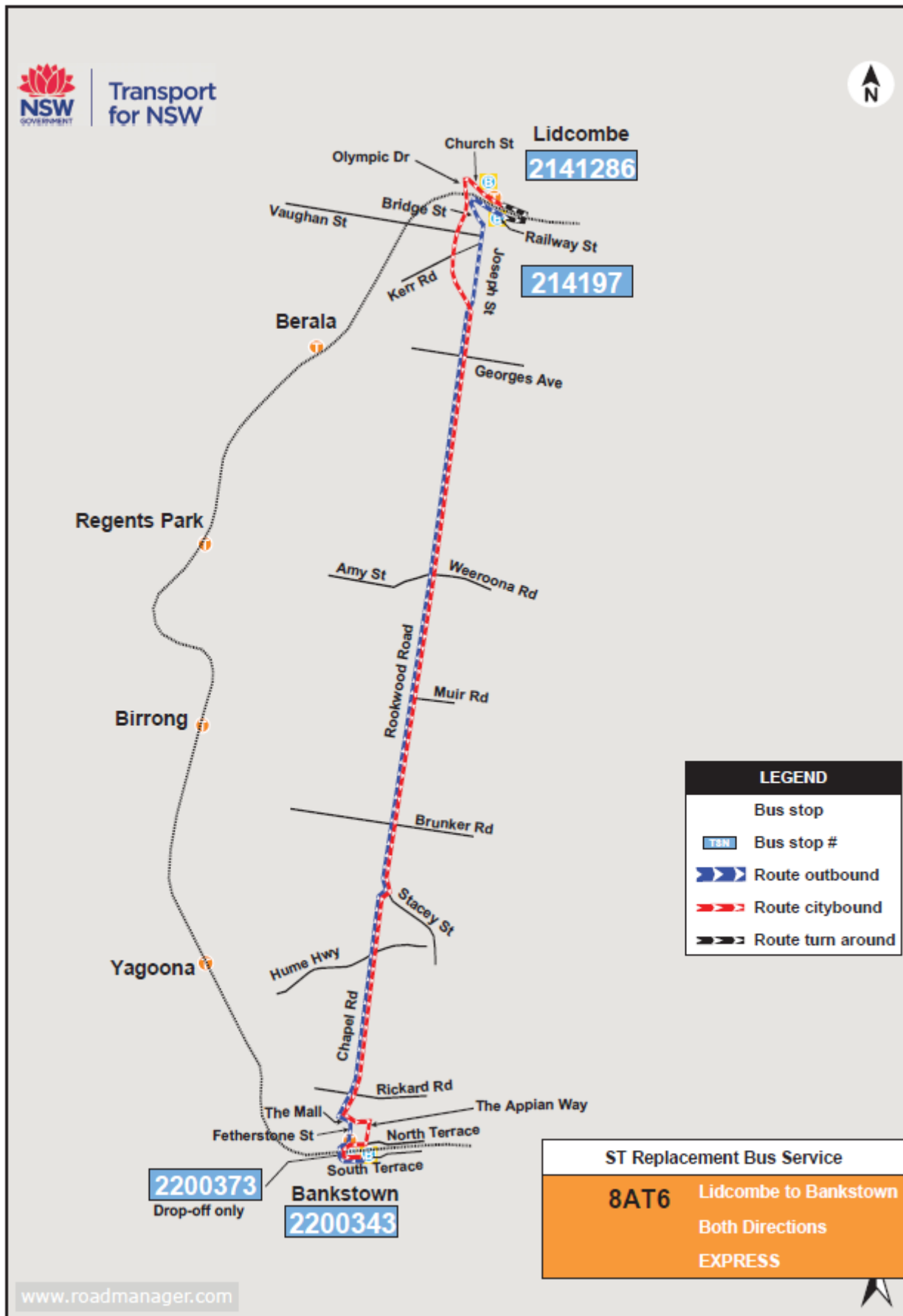
Stop ID (TSN)	STATION- Transit Stop Name	Stop order
2200343	BANKSTOWN STATION Stand G	1 (pick up only)
214197	LIDCOMBE STATION -Lidcombe Station, Railway St, Stand C	2 (set down only)

8AT3-Bankstown Express to Lidcombe-Inbound

Stop ID (TSN)	STATION- Transit Stop Name	Stop order
2141286	LIDCOMBE STATION -Lidcombe Station, Church St	1 (pick up only)
2200373	BANKSTOWN STATION-Bankstown Station, Stand C	2 (set down only)

Appendix C – Temporary Transport Plan Bus Routes





Appendix D – Community Consultation Flyers

Transport for NSW

Temporary parking changes

Church Street, Lidcombe

Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Darug people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Metro work means buses will replace trains on the T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line from 27 April to 29 June 2025.

During this time, temporary parking changes are needed around Lidcombe Station to allow rail replacement buses to operate safely in the area.

Detail about the changes can be found below, and on the map overleaf.

At the conclusion of the two-month period, all parking will be reinstated.

Temporary parking changes: Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025

The following temporary changes will be in place on Church Street, Lidcombe:

- Remove 6 spaces (approximately 45 metres) of the Taxi Zone on the southern side of Church Street to create a temporary Bus Zone.
- Remove 14 parking spaces (approximately 50 metres) on the southern side of Church Street to create a temporary Bus Zone. These spaces are currently 45-degree angled parking and sign posted two-hour parking from 8.30am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday.
- Remove 3 parking spaces (approximately 22 metres) on the northern side of Church Street to create a temporary Taxi Zone. These parking spaces are currently sign posted 30-minute parking from 8.30am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday.
- Remove 4 parking spaces (approximately 24 metres) on the northern side of Church Street to create a temporary Taxi Zone. Three of these parking spaces are currently unrestricted and one is sign posted two-hour parking from 8.30am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday.

Map of temporary parking changes



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Transport for NSW

Temporary weekend parking changes

West Terrace, Bankstown

Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025



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Metro work on the T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line means buses will replace trains between Bankstown and Lidcombe from 27 April to 29 June 2025.

During this time, parking changes are needed on West Terrace to allow the weekday Bus Zone to also operate on weekends.

Detail about the parking changes can be found below and on the map overleaf.

Temporary Saturday parking changes

The following temporary changes will be in place on Saturdays and Sundays from Sunday 27 April to Sunday 29 June 2025:

- Remove 13 parking spaces (approximately 80 metres) on the eastern side of West Terrace (between South Terrace and Raymond Street) to create a Bus Zone, Monday to Sunday. These parking spaces are currently sign posted as a Bus Zone Monday to Friday and two-hour parking from 8.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday.

Map of temporary parking changes



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