

# Cross passage work: Saunders Street, Pyrmont

13 May 2025

## 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, link new communities to rail services and support employment growth and housing supply.

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.

## Cross passage work: Saunders Street

Two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) have passed your property to build the twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays in Rozelle and Hunter Street CBD. A cross passage connecting the twin rail tunnels will be constructed in your area over the coming months.

Cross passages are an important safety feature of the metro tunnels, located about every 250 metres, they allow people to move between the rail tunnels in the unlikely event of an emergency. The cross passage in your area is located approximately 35 metres below the ground and construction activities are expected to commence from **20 May 2025** and will take approximately ten weeks to complete.

## Cross passage construction activities

- Drilling, saw cutting and installing ground support
- Excavating the cross passage using a rock hammer
- Installing waterproofing and concrete lining
- Removing excavated material via The Bays site



## Work hours

- Cross passage construction work will occur 24 hours a day, 7 days per week
- Hammering work will occur between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays

## What to expect

- Some vibration and ground borne noise may be experienced during cross passage construction work
- The noise is less noticeable during the day when traffic, household or office noise levels are higher
- You may notice tunnelling surveyors taking readings from ground monitoring devices previously installed, located on roadways, footpaths and buildings in your area

## Equipment and machinery

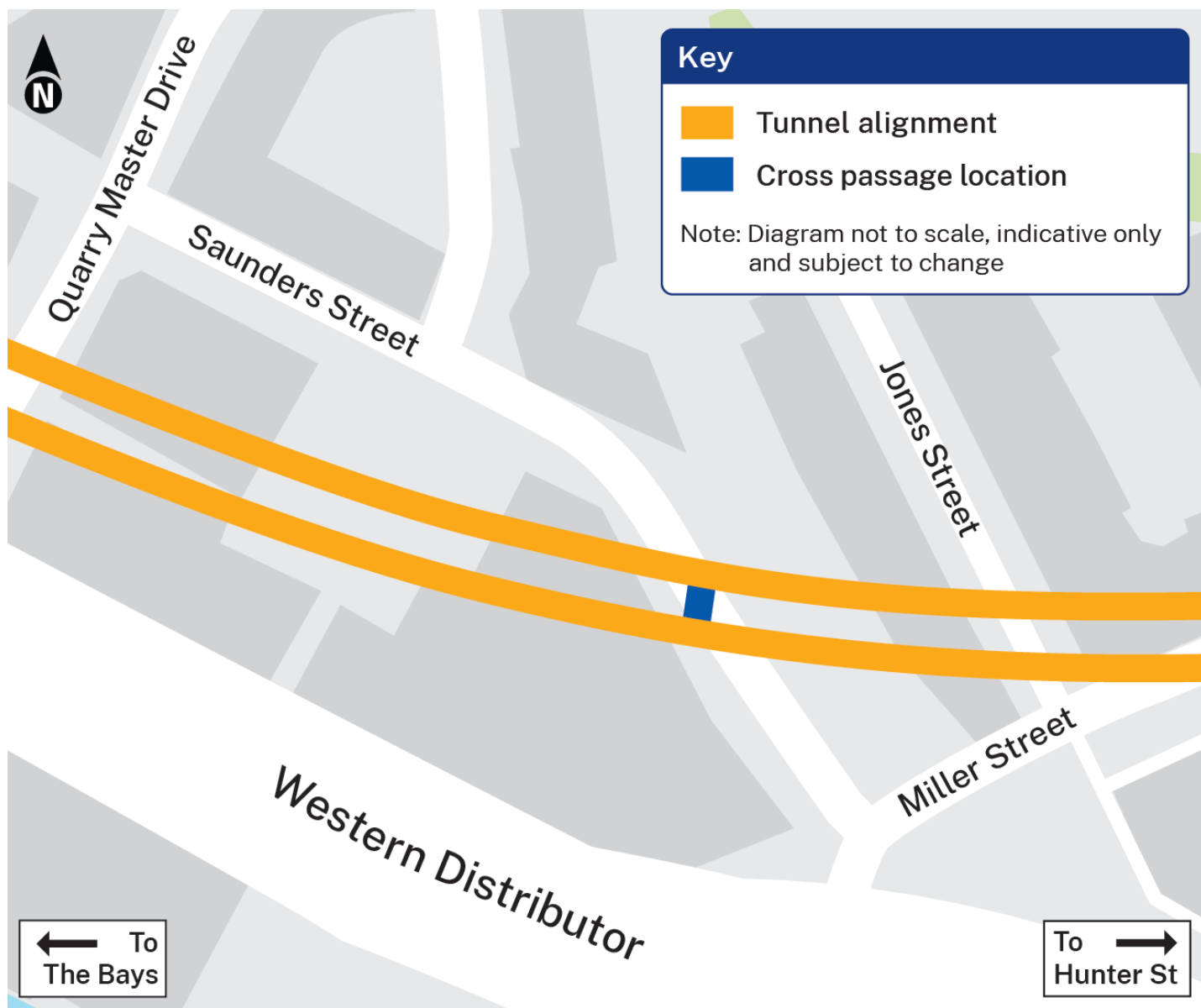
May include but is not limited to: excavators, rock hammers, drills, saws, elevated work platform, concrete trucks and equipment.

## Stay up to date

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## Location of cross passage



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