Sydney Metro West

Temporary weekend traffic changes on O'Connell Street, Sydney

28 November 2025

The NSW Government is delivering Sydney Metro West – a new underground metro railway which will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, transforming Sydney for generations to come.

Stations have been confirmed at Westmead, Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, North Strathfield, Burwood North, Five Dock, The Bays, Pyrmont and Hunter Street in the Sydney CBD.

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 CBD and excavate the Pyrmont and Hunter Street metro stations.

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A tower crane will be assembled at the Hunter Street East site, in preparation for the arrival and demobilisation of two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) from this location over the coming months. To minimise impacts to busy weekday pedestrian and traffic conditions, we will assemble the tower crane over a continuous period **from 9pm on Friday 5 December until 5am on Monday 8 December 2025.**

During this work there will be **lane closures** and a **general traffic detour on O'Connell Street** between Bent Street and Hunter Street. General traffic, including buses will be detoured via Pitt and Bligh Streets.

Local traffic access to O'Connell Street will be always maintained, however minor delays can be expected during this time.

Traffic changes on Hunter Street adjacent to the Hunter Street East site will be required to facilitate some of this work, however traffic in both directions will be maintained at all times.

Temporary footpath closures will be in place around the Hunter Street East site boundary and on the eastern side of O'Connell Street between Bent Street and Hunter Street to guide pedestrians' safety around the work area. All property access will be maintained.

Parking will be removed from Bligh Street between Bent Street and Hunter Street to accommodate a temporary bus layover zone.

Please see map overpage for further information.

If our work is impacted by weather or site conditions, this work may be rescheduled to the next available time. We will notify you again if this is required.

Further temporary traffic changes around the Hunter Street East site will be required over the coming months as we demobilise the TBMs. We will continue to provide updates about temporary traffic changes as work progresses.

Work will include

- Installation of traffic and pedestrian controls ahead of temporary traffic and footpath changes
- Installation of temporary signage, fencing and environmental controls

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- Traffic and pedestrian management
- Delivery of materials, plant and equipment to Hunter Street East
- Mobilisation of support cranes to support the installation of a tower crane
- Assembly of a tower crane at the Hunter Street East site via O'Connell Street

What to expect

- Small crews occupying areas of the road or footpath
- Presence of traffic management
- Periods of increased noise during deliveries and when hand tools and equipment are being used
- Traffic changes, temporary parking removal and pedestrian detours around the work area

Equipment used

Equipment used for the tower crane assembly will include but is not limited to, mobile cranes, tower crane, telehandlers, trucks, light vehicles, heavy vehicles, traffic control vehicles, rattle guns, hoists and hand tools.

Temporary changes

Contact us

Please contact JCG's Community team on **1800 612 173** or **MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au** if you have any questions, complaints or would like to provide feedback about this work. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of work in your area. Thank you for your cooperation while we complete this essential work.

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