

Monthly update - Hunter Street (Sydney CBD)

February 2026

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 CBD.

Shaft excavation activities will continue at Hunter Street East and West in February.

Our first Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), named Ruby is currently being dismantled underground at Hunter Street Station.

Our second TBM, named Jessie is continuing tunnelling under Sydney CBD and is expected to reach Hunter Street Station in the coming months.

Both machines will be removed via the Hunter Street East site over the coming months.

Permanent lining work in the tunnels is ongoing. We'll continue operating concrete trucks in and around Hunter Street East to support this work and the demobilisation of our temporary access tunnels.

What work are we doing?

- Delivery and removal of materials, plant and equipment to and from Hunter Street East and West
- Shaft excavation and removal of concrete foundations using rock hammers
- Demolition activities
- Ground and building support activities including installation of support walls and rock anchoring
- Formwork, welding and steelwork

- Concrete deliveries and pours, includes operation of concrete trucks, pumps and support vehicles
- Site establishment activities including construction of a work platform at Hunter Street East and adjustments to site facilities
- Installation, removal and adjustments of scaffold and site hoarding
- Temporary storing of plant and equipment along site perimeters
- Operation of a tower crane and other support cranes
- Utility identification, relocation, and disconnection work
- Low impact site surveys and monitoring work
- TBM tunnelling
- Constructing permanent lining of the tunnels including waterproofing, steel and concrete work
- Detailed excavation in the turnback and support tunnels using a rock hammer may occur

When and where we'll be working

We'll be working at our Hunter Street East and West sites, and across the CBD seven days a week.

Standard construction hours for the sites are **7am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 6pm on Saturdays**. Shaft excavation activities will occur between **7am – 8pm seven days per week**.

Some above ground work is required outside of these construction hours to minimise impacts on traffic and to ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists and workers. Out-of-hours work will occur in the CBD between **6pm and 7am Monday to Saturday**.

Tunnelling and support activities including deliveries will be undertaken **24 hours per day, seven days a week.**

Updates to the construction program are provided in our weekly Hunter Street email updates. You can subscribe to these updates by emailing: MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au

What will this mean for you?

During construction, you may notice:

- Periods of increased noise (including groundborne) and vibration
- Presence of dust, water mist and lighting
- Use of machinery and equipment including concrete trucks, cranes and other support activities
- Presence of construction workers and vehicles, traffic controllers and traffic management
- Heavy and construction vehicle movements
- Temporary footpath, lane and road closures and detours

Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to avoid impacts to the community and the environment. Both our Hunter Street sites are designed to minimise impacts.

This includes:

- Site planning and layout to reduce impacts
- Dust suppression measures such as water mister attachments, water cannons, wheel washing
- Adhering to agreed respite breaks
- Using noise blankets where feasible.

Equipment and machinery used

Equipment used for above ground work includes but is not limited to drill rigs, piling rigs, concrete trucks and pumps, excavators with rock hammers and pulveriser attachments, rollers, saw cutters, vacuum trucks, elevated work platforms, tower, crawler and support cranes, fork lifts, hand tools including jack hammers, road saws and rattle guns, water cannons, temporary fencing, lighting towers, trucks, light vehicles, traffic control equipment and generators.

Equipment used for underground **work** includes but is not limited to tunnel boring machines, rock bolt rigs, shotcrete rigs, excavators with rock hammers, concrete trucks and pumps, dump trucks, cranes and light vehicles.

Above ground out-of-hours lookahead

Hunter Street East ● Hunter Street West ●

Activity	Feb	March	April
Removal of tunnel boring machines	●	●	●
Tower crane demobilisation		●	●
Low impact construction activities, surveys and monitoring	● ●	● ●	● ●
Service investigations and utility work	● ●	● ●	● ●
Delivery and removal of materials, plant and equipment to Hunter Street East and West	● ●	● ●	● ●
Ground and building support activities	● ●	● ●	● ●
Operation of concrete trucks, pumps and support vehicles	● ●	● ●	● ●
Hoarding installation, removal and adjustments	● ●	● ●	● ●
Site establishment activities including platform installation	● ●	● ●	● ●
Operation of tower, crawler and support cranes	● ●	● ●	● ●
Temporary road, lane and footpath closures	● ●	● ●	● ●
Loadout of rubble and spoil	● ●	● ●	● ●

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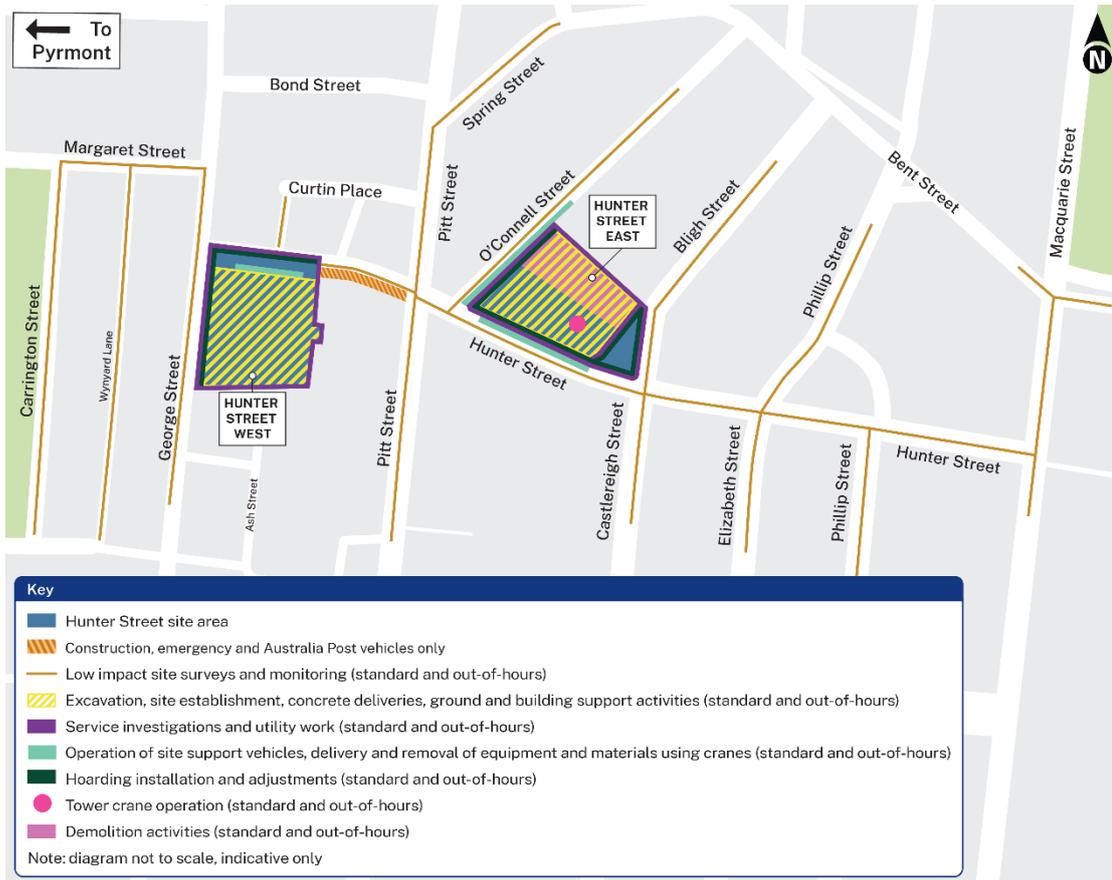
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Key above ground work locations



Below ground work



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