

Monthly Notification – Lakemba Station

February 2026

The NSW Government announced that the extension of Sydney Metro services from Sydenham to Bankstown will be completed in the second half of 2026. Fare free Southwest Link buses will replace trains between Sydenham and Bankstown during this time.

You can plan your trip at transportnsw.info and on real time apps. Kerbside changes may also be in place around the affected train stations for temporary bus zones. Please check signage before parking your car.

Sydney Metro work during February and March 2026

Work will continue during and outside of standard construction hours within and around Lakemba Station during February and March. The main activities will include:

- Modification of cable service routes, cables, overhead wire and trackside equipment in the rail corridor, trackside substations and at the station
- Delivery of materials and equipment using light and heavy vehicles
- Installation and energisation of cables and communications equipment across stations, platforms, buildings and gates
- Adjustments to corridor boundary gates, track signal equipment, and related infrastructure
- Dynamic train testing and commissioning activities along the line and at stations, including the use of train horn
- Public Announcement (PA) performance testing, including emergency-style messages, 'white noise' or static, and announcements that seem louder than usual
- Installation, testing and commissioning of rail corridor security systems including CCTV, foundations, poles, outdoor equipment cabinets, solar panels, cable pits and cable containment. This work may include excavation of soil using a vacuum truck, which will cause some noise.
- Site investigations, surveys and associated activities
- De-vegetation and tree clearing throughout the rail corridor where required
- Mobilisation and demobilisation of plant and materials
- Work related to security fence installation and signalling
- Parking removal and lane closures to facilitate plant and truck operations around stations and along the corridor
- Work at station buildings and platforms and at the public plaza area
- Track related construction activities
- Work related to local utilities and overhead wiring
- Station landscaping work, with associated pedestrian diversions in place
- Concrete pouring and movement of trucks removing material at night.
- Rail corridor weekend work using elevated work platforms. Access to the rail corridor from Ewart Street
- Parking removal to facilitate plant and truck operation along the rail corridor.
- Continued barrier work at the Lakemba Station overbridge. Traffic and footpath changes to Haldon Street as required.
- Fencing and concreting work at the sides of the overbridge.
- Minor defect remediation work as required
- Testing and commissioning activities

Hours of work

Standard construction hours are Monday to Friday 7am – 6pm and Saturday 8am – 6pm excluding Public Holidays and Sundays. Some activities must be undertaken outside standard construction hours to minimise impacts on traffic and to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers. Respite hours will be implemented in line with the project's approvals. Highly impacted residents will be notified separately.

What to expect

- Equipment used includes, but is not limited to excavators (including rock hammering equipment), concrete trucks and pumps, concrete vibrators, mobile cranes, elevated work platforms, loaders, rail tamper, hammer drill, rail grinder, hi-rail vehicles, generators, lighting towers, milling machine, paver, water cart, light and heavy vehicles, tippers, dump and delivery trucks, hand-held and electric tools, demolition and road saws, jack hammers, power drills, vacuum truck, asphalt paver, welding equipment, rail and circular saws and compaction equipment including a roller.
- The project team will take every step possible to minimise noise impacts, however some of this work will be noisy. A range of measures are in place to reduce noise and meet the project's approval conditions, including noise barriers, using only the necessary equipment for each task, turning off equipment when not in use and equipping machinery with non-tonal movement alarms. Respite hours will be implemented in line with the project's approvals. Highly impacted residents will be notified separately.
- Some construction and testing activities will take place **at night and on weekends**, depending on the program schedule and worker safety considerations.
- Some equipment may be transported outside of standard construction hours in line with Transport for NSW requirements for transporting oversized vehicles.
- Access to buildings and driveways will be maintained at all times.
- We will park our vehicles along the rail corridor where possible however, please be aware that on-street parking may be limited near worksites, particularly during planned rail possessions.



Southwest Metro contractor Community Engagement Strategies are available online. Please visit <https://www.sydneymetro.info/citysouthwest/environment-planning> to view these documents and contact us to provide any feedback.

We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation while we complete these works.

Contact us



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