

# Notification – Hunter Street East Removal of oversized equipment

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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.

Two 1,100-tonne Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) named Ruby and Jessie have been used to excavate the twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays in Rozelle and Hunter Street CBD.

## Out of hours work

TBMs Ruby and Jessie have reached their final destination and successfully broken through into the Hunter Street Station cavern. The machines are currently being dismantled into transportable components underground at Hunter Street Station and removed via the Hunter Street East shaft. This work is ongoing and is expected to take another **three months to complete**.

This work will **occur 24 hours per day, seven days per week**. Out of hours work is required due to the size of the components being removed, to minimise impacts on traffic and ensure the safety of pedestrians, motorists and workers.

## Traffic and pedestrian changes

A work zone has been established on Hunter Street, adjacent to the Hunter Street East site to facilitate this work.

**Temporary traffic changes** will be in place on **Hunter Street** between Bligh Street and O'Connell Street, as required, **from Monday to Sunday between 6pm – 5am and weekends between 5am – 6pm**. Pedestrians will be intermittently detoured around the work zone during this time.

Traffic changes will generally include a temporary westbound traffic detour via Castlereagh Street. Please see map overleaf for further information.

A full closure of Hunter Street between Bligh Street and O'Connell Street will also be required during the above hours, while we remove the largest components. During this time, eastbound traffic will also be detoured via Pitt Street onto King Street and Elizabeth Street. We will provide an update ahead of this work happening.

Traffic changes on O'Connell Street may also be required during this work.



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## What work are we doing?

- Delivering and removing oversized tunnelling equipment, plant and materials
- Using a tower crane, support cranes and other equipment
- Installing traffic and pedestrian controls ahead of temporary traffic and footpath changes.

## What will this mean for you?

- Small crews occupying areas of the road or footpath, traffic management and heavy vehicle movements
- Presence of police and escort vehicles to help facilitate oversized vehicle movements
- Periods of increased noise during tunnelling equipment removal, deliveries and operation of equipment
- Traffic changes, temporary parking removal and pedestrian detours around the work area

## Equipment used

Equipment used for oversized tunnelling equipment removal work will include, but is not limited to, a tower crane, support cranes, telehandlers, elevated work platforms, hand tools, light vehicles, heavy vehicles including, trucks with trailers, self-propelled modular transporters, traffic control equipment and lighting.

## Temporary changes



## Contact us

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