

Monthly Notification – Lakemba Station

August 2026

The NSW Government has announced that the extension of Sydney Metro services from Sydenham to Bankstown will be completed in 2026.

The Southwest Metro corridor between Sydenham and Bankstown was recently handed over to operator Metro Trains Sydney to undertake final testing and commissioning activities before passenger services begin later this year. Dynamic train testing and commissioning, including trains running along the line and stopping at stations, may take place overnight as part of 24-hour testing. You may hear operational rail noise such as trains running, train horns and public address announcements.

Testing and commissioning activities will also be done outside of hours at associated facilities such as Metro Services Buildings along the corridor.

Fare free Southwest Link buses are continuing to replace trains between Sydenham and Bankstown. You can plan your trip at transport.nsw.gov.au 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 August and September 2026

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

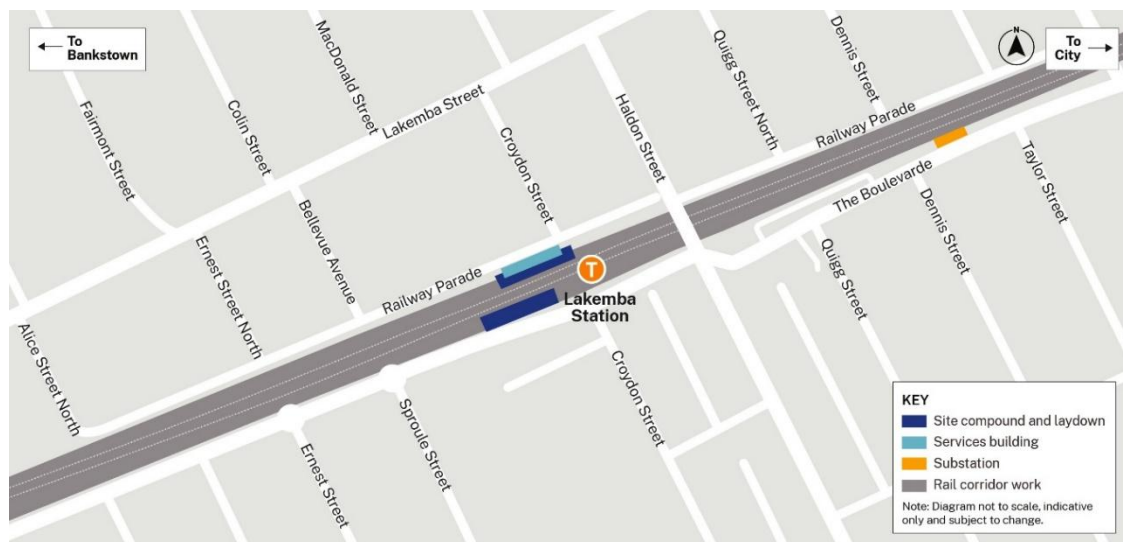
- Modification of cables, wiring and trackside equipment in the rail corridor, at substations and the station
- Delivery of materials and equipment using light and heavy vehicles
- Installation and energisation of cables and communications equipment across stations, platforms, buildings and gates
- Adjustments 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 and PA announcements outside of working hours
- Public announcement (PA) performance testing will be carried out as part of 24-hour testing. This includes emergency style messages, brief static or background noise, and announcements that may sound louder than usual. PA announcements will be heard from time to time when trains pass through the area.
- Track related construction activities and track treatments and maintenance, including rail grinding, outside of hours
- 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 operation around the station and along the corridor
- Work at station buildings and platforms, and at the public plaza area
- Work related to local utilities and overhead wiring
- Installing wayfinding and signage
- Station landscaping work, with pedestrian diversions in place as required
- Remediation and defect work during the day and night
- Testing and Commissioning of services in station and service buildings

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. Work will be planned to minimise impacts on the local community, however some works must be undertaken out of hours to meet safety and testing requirements. Respite hours will be implemented in line with the project's approvals. Highly impacted residents will be notified separately. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank residents for their patience and understanding.

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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