Sydney Metro City & Southwest

Monthly Notification – Dulwich Hill Station

October 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.

Train testing and commissioning will 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 standard hours at associated facilities such as Metro Services Buildings.

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 October and November 2026

Work will continue during and outside of standard construction hours, including at night and on weekends, within and around Dulwich Hill station during October. The main activities will include:

- Work at station buildings and platforms, testing and commissioning of services, mechanical gap fillers and platform screen doors and handrail installation
- Work requiring fire testing and fire system isolations, which may result in beeping or alarms
- Track treatments and maintenance, including rail grinding, track welding, tamping and grinding
- Workers on foot completing track inspections and preventative maintenance using handheld tools
- Signalling work, overhead wire replacement and inspection and CCTV related work
- General preventative and corrective maintenance including de-vegetation and tree clearing throughout the rail corridor
- Modification of cable service route, cables, overhead wire and equipment in the rail corridor, substations and the station
- Modification of services within services buildings and works within the traction and pad mount substations
- Installation and energisation of cables and communications equipment, including at stations, buildings and gates
- Adjustments to corridor boundary gates, track signal equipment, and related infrastructure
- Work related to the finishing of corridor safeguarding and associated demobilisation
- Delivery of materials and equipment using light and heavy vehicles to enter and exit sites as required
- Site investigations, surveys and associated activities and mobilisation and demobilisation of plant and materials
- Work related to security and segregation fence installation and signalling
- Parking removal and lane closures to facilitate plant and truck operation around the station and various corridor locations
- Installing wayfinding and signage
- Remediation work during the day and night
- Installation of lights at Bedford Crescent

Track and maintenance work: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October

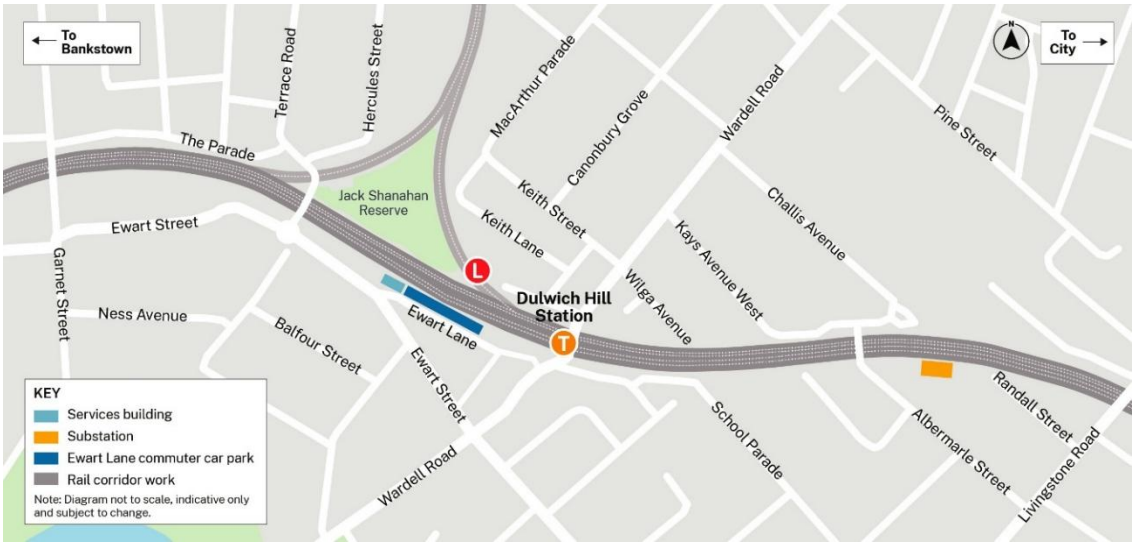
Train testing will stop across this weekend to allow for track maintenance activities, including rail tamping, which adjusts and stabilises the track. You may see specialised equipment and machinery compacting the ballast (crushed stone) underneath the track. Residents may experience temporary noise and vibration impacts while the compacting takes place. Work will move along the alignment throughout the weekend. Further details will be provided closer to this work at highly impacted locations.

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.
- 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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