

Project update – Northern Connection and Chatswood Dive

July 2021

Sydney Metro is Australia’s biggest public transport project.

Services started in May 2019 in the city’s North West with a train every four minutes in the peak. Metro rail will be extended into the CBD and beyond to Bankstown in 2024. There will be new metro railway stations at Martin Place, Pitt Street and Barangaroo and new metro platforms at Central Station.

In 2024, Sydney will have 31 metro railway stations and a 66km standalone metro railway system. There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the Sydney city centre.

Work in Chatswood and Artarmon

Work is underway between Artarmon and Chatswood stations to prepare for the future connection of the Metro North West Line and Sydney Metro City & Southwest at Chatswood.

Systems Connect (an unincorporated joint venture between CPB Contractors and UGL Limited) is delivering line-wide Work including installing metro rail track, power systems and infrastructure to turn the excavated tunnels into a working railway between Chatswood and Sydenham. Line-wide Work also includes the permanent systems, services and buildings required for Sydney Metro operations between Chatswood and Bankstown.

Weekend working hours

We wrote to you in February about the NSW Government’s decision to extend operating hours for construction sites to support the industry during the evolving COVID-19 situation, with sites now able to operate on weekends and public holidays. The standard construction hours at our site will be 7am - 6pm from Monday to Sunday until 27 March 2022.

There will be no change to high-impact noise and vibration activities, which are still only permitted to occur between Monday and Friday from 8am - 6pm and on Saturdays from 8am - 1pm.

Day work	
Project standard working hours are Monday to Sunday from 7am - 6pm.	
Location	Detail
Within the rail corridor between Brand Street and Seldon Lane, Artarmon and Chatswood (using the Brand Street access gate, Hopetoun Avenue and Chatswood Dive)	Work activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing spoil, material stockpiles, construction waste and redundant structures • Material deliveries • Excavation work and earthworks • Concrete and piling works including pile trimming • Construction of concrete structures • Monitoring activities inside and outside the rail corridor
Chatswood Dive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crane works in and around the acoustic shed • Material deliveries • Moving materials into and fitting out the tunnels • Installing cross passage equipment in the tunnels • Concrete pumping, including from a concrete consist (work train) • Track construction in the dive site and tunnel, including welding of steel rail lengths together

- Mechanical and electrical work inside the tunnel, including installation of wiring and pipe work
- Installing block walls and hydraulic pipes inside the Northern Services Building
- Site maintenance, establishment and demobilisation activities
- Construction works for the service buildings

Out-of-hours work (night)

Due to the nature of some activities and for the safety of workers, some work will occur outside standard construction hours.

Date / time	Location	Detail
3am Saturday 3 July 2021 until 2am Monday 5 July 2021	Within the rail corridor between Brand Street and Seldon Lane, Artarmon and Chatswood (using the Brand Street access gate, Valetta Lane, Drake Street access, Hopetoun Avenue and Chatswood Dive)	Rail possession works, around the clock for the full weekend including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavation works • Service investigations • Drainage construction • Spoil removal • Material and plant deliveries • Piling works
3am Saturday 10 July 2021 until 2am Monday 12 July 2021	Within the rail corridor between Brand Street and Seldon Lane, Artarmon and Chatswood (using the Brand Street access gate, Valetta Lane, Drake Street access, Hopetoun Avenue and Chatswood Dive)	Rail possession works, around the clock for the full weekend including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excavation works • Service investigations • Drainage construction • Spoil removal • Material and plant deliveries • Piling works
24/7 during July	Chatswood Dive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of machinery and materials • Workers accessing the tunnels • Installation of temporary machinery and equipment • Tunnel fit out • Track construction in the dive site and tunnel • Monitoring activities inside and outside the rail corridor • Concrete deliveries in the early morning and in the evening • Track construction in the dive site and tunnel, including welding of steel rail lengths together • Mechanical and electrical work inside the tunnel, including installation of wiring and pipe work

Further out of hours work may occur throughout July. We will notify residents in advance of any future out of hours work.

What to expect

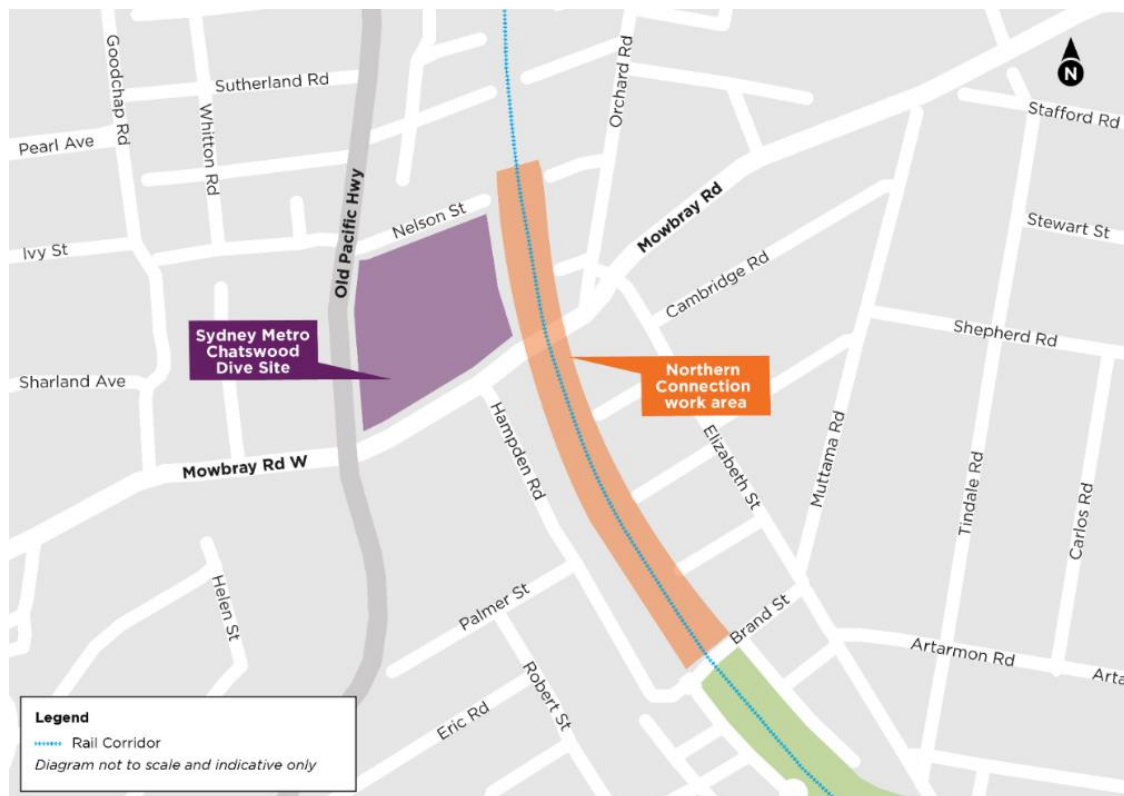
- Equipment used will include, but not be limited to excavators, skid-steer loaders, concrete mixers and pumps, bobcats, mobile cranes, loaders, lighting towers, light trucks and heavy vehicles, rollers, tippers, dump and delivery trucks, piling rig, hand held and electric tools, demolition saws, jack hammers, power drills, compaction equipment.

- **Some of this work will be noisy. We will specifically notify impacted residents before out of hours work occurs.**
- The project team will take every step possible to minimise noise impacts. A range of mitigation measures are in place to meet the project's approval conditions and reduce noise, including noise barriers, using only the necessary equipment for each task, turning off equipment when not in use and equipping all machinery with non-tonal movement alarms.
- Some equipment will be transported outside of standard construction hours in line with the Transport for NSW requirements for transporting oversized vehicles.
- Delivery trucks will exit the Chatswood Dive site via the signalised intersection at Mowbray Road.
- Concrete deliveries and concrete pumping will continue via Hopetoun Avenue.
- Access to the rail corridor, deliveries and spoil removal will be via the existing gates in Brand Street and Drake Street, Valetta Lane, Hopetoun Avenue, Lambs Road and Cleland Road.
- Access to buildings and driveways will be maintained at all times. Where temporary footpath or lane closures are required, signage and traffic control will be in place to assist pedestrians and motorists.
- Temporary fencing, barricades and access gates will be installed to provide a safe and secure site.

Keeping you informed

Sydney Metro will continue to undertake work across its projects in accordance with current Government advice, and will continue to implement physical distancing and travel and hygiene measures to protect employees and members of the community. To keep up to date with what is happening in the Chatswood and Artarmon area we encourage you to register for email updates, which provide the latest information about our work, including out-of-hours activities. If you have not already done so, please register for these updates by sending your name, address, email and phone number to linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au, or call us on **1800 171 386**.

Location of work



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