

## Construction notification - Blues Point tunnel access site

August/ September 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 CBD metro railway stations at Martin Place, Pitt Street and Barangaroo and new metro platforms at Central.

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

Systems Connect (an unincorporated joint venture between CPB Contractors and UGL Limited) is delivering Line-wide Work, which includes installing metro rail track, power systems and infrastructure to turn the excavated tunnels into a working railway between Chatswood and Sydenham.

The Blues Point site is an access point for Systems Connect to complete the tunnel fit out activities between Victoria Cross and Barangaroo Stations. Systems Connect has been working at Blues Point since December 2020.

This notification provides a further update to the recent restart of construction and changes to heavy vehicle deliveries notification we sent you.

### Changes to work hours and activities at Blues Point

The recent pause on construction across Greater Sydney has significantly impacted the schedule of works at this site. As previously advised, Sydney Metro has been reviewing the Blues Point construction schedule to see what changes may be required.

This has included changes to heavy vehicle deliveries, with Sydney Metro now fully using the maximum operating hours available under the approved project modification. Deliveries to the Blues Point site are now taking place between 7am and 10pm, 7 days a week with up to 6 trucks per hour. This will now increase to **up to 10 trucks per hour** (subject to approval). These extended hours are expected to be in place throughout August and September.

Below is an update which outlines some further measures needed to ensure there is no delay to the acoustic shed being removed before Christmas and the park reinstated to the local community in early 2022. Further changes will be needed as the project continues.

For an overview of activities planned over the coming months, please refer to the attached project update.

#### From Monday 16 August until Thursday 18 December 2021

##### Closure of Blues Point Road at Henry Lawson Avenue

From **Monday 16 August 2021** the construction site boundary will be extended to include the end of Blues Point Road to the south of Henry Lawson Avenue (**see map on the next page**). This will require the removal of street parking and will enable more deliveries and workers to access the site.

A temporary pedestrian footpath will be established, providing safe community access around the work. Traffic management will continue to be in place along Blues Point Road to facilitate all vehicle movements. Local access to all areas outside the site boundary will be maintained as normal.

##### Extension of crane operating hours up to midnight

The crane within the acoustic shed currently operates between 7am and 10pm, Monday to Friday. From **Monday 16 August 2021** we will extend the operating hours of the crane and associated material handling equipment to **between 7am and 11:59pm, 7 days a week**.

The construction activities outlined in our August 2021 notification remain the same. All works are undertaken in line with Public Health Orders, using a range of COVID-safe measures and plans.

### What to expect:

- Delivery and installation of site sheds within the road closure on Blues Point Road, to accommodate the increased number of staff onsite and physical distancing requirements. This includes transporting sheds to site and lighting for safe operations.
- Extension of **crane operating hours from 7am – 11:59pm**, as outlined above. This will include the operation of other material handling plant such as a forklift to move the materials and equipment to the crane location. All workers will be advised to keep noise to a minimum where possible.
- Additional vehicle and heavy truck movements with up to 10 trucks per hour (subject to approval) between **7am to 10pm, 7 days a week** throughout August and September. We will minimise truck movements wherever possible.
- Temporary vehicle and pedestrian traffic changes including road closure of Blues Point Road to the south of Henry Lawson Avenue to facilitate the expansion of the site boundary. The expanded site boundary will be secured with barriers and fencing. The expanded site will be used for delivering, unloading and storing of additional materials and equipment. There will be more workers accessing the site.
- A temporary pedestrian footpath around the work area will be established for public use.
- Access to properties is maintained at all times.
- Access to the bus stop on Henry Lawson Avenue and McMahons Point ferry wharf is maintained.

### 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 Blues Point area, please register for email updates, which provide the latest information about our work, including out of hours activities.

You can register for updates by sending your details to [linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:linewidemetro@transport.nsw.gov.au), or call us on **1800 171 386** and ask for **Bella Shamal**.

Thank you for your cooperation while we complete this work.

### Blues Point tunnel access site map



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