

Project Update - Blues Point tunnel access site

September/October 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.

Upcoming work at Blues Point

Our team is working to a strict COVID-safe workplace plan including the wearing of masks, separation of workforce, QR code log ins, hand sanitising stations, temperature checking, records of all people entering and leaving site and a COVID marshal to check for compliance and to support workers.

Recently we informed you of the additional measures implemented at Blues Point to ensure the timely removal of the acoustic shed before Christmas and to return the parklands to the community by March 2022. These measures are:

- the closure of the end of Blues Point Road at Henry Lawson Ave, to extend the site boundary
- extended operating hours of the crane inside the acoustic shed from 6pm until midnight, 7 days per week
- extended truck deliveries until 10pm, 7 days per week.

During September and October 2021, Systems Connect will continue construction activities, as outlined below.

| Project standard working hours are Monday to Sunday 7am-10pm | |
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| Location | Detail |
| Blues Point tunnel access site (including the extended site area on Blues Point Road) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of materials, plant and equipment, and lowering into the tunnel via mobile crane, forklift, acoustic panels, steelwork, cabling and work vehicles • Delivery of materials and pumping of concrete for permanent tunnel lining • Delivery and storing of materials, equipment, and site sheds • Survey work • Workers accessing the tunnels. |
| Inside the tunnels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross passage fit-out works • Survey work • Mechanical and electrical fit out work such as installation of brackets, cable ladders, walkway and pipework for firemain and drainage systems • Construction of permanent tunnel lining through Blues Point access point to begin backfilling of the shaft. |

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.

| Location | Date and time | Detail |
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| Blues Point tunnel access site and inside tunnels | 24/7 during September/October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Workers accessing the tunnelsCleaning and fit-out preparation works within the tunnelsMechanical and electrical fit out work such as installation of brackets, cable ladders, and pipework for firemain and drainage systems.Delivery and storage of materials, equipment, and establishment of site sheds in the expanded site area on Blues Point RoadClosure of Blues Point Road at Henry Lawson Avenue and removal of parking outside the site |
| | On-going from 6pm to 10pm, 7 days a week | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Heavy vehicle deliveries and unloading |
| | On-going until midnight, 7 days a week | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Crane operation inside the acoustic shed |

What to expect:

- Delivery and installation of additional sheds to accommodate the increased number of staff onsite and social distancing requirements. This includes transporting sheds to site and lighting for safe operations.
- Extension of **crane operating hours from 7am until midnight**, 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** during standard construction hours from **7am to 10pm, 7 days a week**.
- 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 and it 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.

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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 linewidemetrometro@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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