Sydney Metro West – the city’s next underground metro railway

Connecting the Sydney central business district (CBD) with Greater Parramatta, this once-in-a-century infrastructure investment will transform the city for generations to come.

Sydney Metro West will double rail capacity between these two areas, linking new communities to rail services and unlocking housing supply and employment growth between the two CBDs.

The NSW Government has identified the key precincts to be serviced by Sydney Metro West – Greater Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, The Bays and the Sydney CBD, which will be operational in the second half of the 2020s.

Following extensive community and industry consultation in 2016 and 2017, the Sydney Metro West scope of works has been expanded and refined. It now includes:

- a new underground metro station at Westmead. to support the growing residential area as well as the health, research and education precinct
- a new metro station under an existing suburban station on the T1 Northern Line east of Sydney Olympic Park – allowing faster connections for customers from the Central Coast and Sydney’s north to Parramatta and Sydney, through a quick and easy interchange between suburban and metro services
- at least one Sydney Metro West station under the Sydney CBD, delivering an easy interchange between suburban rail, new light rail and the new metro stations currently under construction
- an underground interchange with an existing suburban station on the T1 Western Line either at Parramatta or Westmead, allowing a fast and easy interchange to metro rail services for customers heading to and from the outer west and Blue Mountains.
Delivering new metro rail for Sydney

Strategic planning
Mass transit services are a fundamental part of a growing international city. The Greater Sydney Commission’s Metropolis of Three Cities includes the Eastern Harbour City, Central River City and Western Parkland City. Public transport improvements between Sydney’s three cities are part of Transport for NSW’s Future Transport Strategy, 2056.

Sydney Metro West is a critical step in the delivery of the Future Transport Strategy, along with other initiatives such as Parramatta Light Rail, and improvements to the suburban rail system.

New metro
With customers at the centre of all design decisions, stations will be fully accessible and quick and easy to get in and out of; trains will be fast, safe and reliable; and technology will keep people connected at every step of the journey.

Customer benefits
- No timetable – customers just turn up and go
- Opal ticketing
- Continuous mobile phone coverage
- New generation of fast, safe and reliable trains
- Video help points
- Level access between the platform and train
- Heating and air-conditioning in all metro trains
- On-board real-time travel information and live electronic route maps.

Sydney Metro's prototype underground station, including platform screen doors

Sydney Metro West
Servicing key precincts
- **Westmead** – which is becoming one of the largest health, education, research and training precincts in Australia.
- **Parramatta** – where the number of jobs is expected to double over the next 20 years to 100,000.
- **Sydney Olympic Park** – where 34,000 jobs and more than 23,000 residents will be located by 2030.
- **The Bays Precinct** – Sydney’s new innovation hub where 95 hectares of land is being regenerated.
- **The Sydney CBD** – allowing easy access to the existing public transport network and Sydney Metro Northwest and Sydney Metro City & Southwest.

Intermediate stations
Sydney Metro is investigating new metro stations between the five key precincts that the project will service. Delivering a fast, safe and reliable metro service will be balanced with improving community benefits: the project will deliver faster public transport journey times than currently possible between the two CBDs while also getting the best outcomes for communities, connecting as many people as possible to a new world-class mass transit system.

Sydney Metro is investigating options for new intermediate stations at Camellia/Rydalmere, North Burwood/Five Dock/Kings Bay and Pyrmont. We will continue to work with the community and stakeholders like local government and industry to shape the project.
Community feedback
More than 1200 people had their say on station options during community consultation this year. Over 1000 submissions were received and are being considered, including suggestions from the community for alternative stations. Feedback received includes:

- support for Sydney Metro West as a solution to congestion and an improvement to public transport options
- community support for stations at Silverwater, Newington and North Strathfield
- strong support for integration within the existing transport network and connectivity
- interest in accessibility and public amenity in station precincts
- support for intermediate stations to ensure new communities have access to public transport options.

Next steps
The NSW Government has announced that an initial $3 billion has been reserved for the Sydney Metro West project.

The funding will allow Sydney Metro to start:

- designing new metro railway stations and precincts to get the best outcomes for customers and communities
- the planning approvals process, with further community and industry consultation.

Work is well underway, with geotechnical investigations helping to determine the best route alignment, complementing feedback received from stakeholders, the community, and local councils as well as a range of other technical studies.

Developing the project will involve the following key stages.

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Sydney Metro West information session at Parramatta