



Parramatta Light Rail

Frequently asked questions

Q. What is the Parramatta Light Rail route?

A. The Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres. It will connect Parramatta's CBD to the key areas being transformed by the NSW Government and private investment, including the **Westmead Precinct**, the **Cumberland Precinct**, the **Camellia Town Centre**, the **Telopea Precinct**, and **Western Sydney University campuses** at Westmead, Rydalmere and Parramatta.

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Q. What else is along the route?

A. The light rail route encompasses major attractions including the vibrant Parramatta Square, the cafés and restaurants on Church Street, the Bankwest Stadium, the new Powerhouse Museum and cultural precinct on the Parramatta River, new schools including the redeveloped Arthur Phillip High School, and the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

Q. When will Parramatta Light Rail construction begin and when will it open?

A. Early and enabling road works on the Parramatta Light Rail are in progress. Major construction will begin in 2020 and the light rail is expected to open in 2023.

Q. What are the key features of the project?

A. Key features of the Parramatta Light Rail include 16 highly accessible stops; regular services from early morning to late at night, including services every 7.5 minutes during peak periods; integrated Opal ticketing, and modern and comfortable air-conditioned vehicles with a capacity of at least 250 passengers.

Q. How much will Parramatta Light Rail cost?

A. The Parramatta Light Rail is part of a \$2.4 billion program. This budget includes two major contracts to build and operate the light rail, remediation works of the future light rail depot site, road and traffic works and upgrades, new bridges, walking and bike riding paths, urban design, changes to the bus network and project costs from 2015-2023.

Q. Will the project impact parking or trees?

A. The Parramatta Light Rail will bring visitors into the region and make it easier for workers and residents to move around new and existing communities. There will be impacts on street parking and some trees across the network, including in and around Parramatta CBD. Transport for NSW will continue to work on ways to minimise any loss of parking and trees during the design phase of the project. Visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/trees and parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/parking to find out more.

Q. How will construction of the Parramatta Light Rail affect my business?

A. Transport for NSW is committed to ensuring traffic and transport flows smoothly during and after construction of the Parramatta Light Rail.

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Dedicated Place Managers are engaging directly with businesses along the route to provide information and assistance, and to answer questions about the impacts of construction and access.

Transport for NSW and the project's delivery partner will develop local traffic management and access plans for deliveries in consultation with impacted business owners and managers.

Q. Will the project have an impact on the heritage of the Parramatta region?

A. The Parramatta Light Rail has been designed to minimise impacts on important heritage landmarks and items across the Parramatta region, and will use existing road and rail corridors to limit these impacts. However, there will be some impacts on both Aboriginal archaeological sites and non-Aboriginal heritage items.

Salvage excavations will be undertaken at some of the Aboriginal archaeological sites. Where direct impacts on non-Aboriginal heritage items cannot be avoided, we will seek to protect and conserve items such as looking for ways to incorporate materials for public art and heritage displays in and around the light rail route and sharing findings from our archaeological research.

We will work closely with local community groups and organisations to ensure we preserve and maintain heritage of the local area and, where possible, avoid handling items of significance. Consultation will continue to be carried out with the Office of Environment and Heritage (Heritage Division) during design development as required.

Q. Will I be able to travel to the Sydney CBD from Carlingford?

A. The single track of the Carlingford train line is being replaced with dual track light rail that will provide more frequent services and better connections to town centres, including the Parramatta CBD, from where you can connect to trains at the Parramatta interchange.

Q. How long will the Carlingford line be shut down once construction of light rail begins?

A. From 5 January 2020, the T6 Carlingford Line will permanently close for the construction and operation of the Parramatta Light Rail.

A new bus route, the 535, will operate between Carlingford, Telopea, Dundas, Rydalmere, Camellia/Rosehill and the Parramatta CBD, every 15 minutes during busy periods. Customers wishing to travel to Clyde will need to interchange at Parramatta for a rail service. A standard train fare will apply.



Artist's impression of light rail at Robin Thomas Reserve

Q. Are any private properties being acquired for light rail?

A. With a project of this scale, it was inevitable that some acquisitions of property were needed. Light rail is designed to fit within existing road corridors, and whole or partial acquisition of property occurred where this was not possible. Transport for NSW allocated case managers who worked directly with owners and tenants of affected properties.

Q. What is the progress of Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?

A. A Final Business Case for the second stage of Parramatta Light Rail is being considered by the NSW Government, with an investment decision to follow.

Q. Are there plans to extend the Parramatta Light Rail to Epping?

A. Investigations to date have identified Carlingford to Epping as a future dedicated public transport corridor, and light rail as a potential transport mode will be considered as part of any future planning in this area. Customers between Epping and Macquarie Park already enjoy good heavy rail services and the recently opened Sydney Metro Northwest line.

Further information

For questions about the Parramatta Light Rail project or to find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au or call the project information line on 1800 139 389.