Start of work on the Sydney City Centre capacity improvement plan from Sunday 19 July

The NSW Government will improve road infrastructure in the city to make better use of Sydney’s available street space over the coming years and accommodate future growth in the CBD.

Roads and Maritime Services will start work on traffic capacity improvements at 17 sites throughout the CBD from Sunday 19 July 2015. This work is part of the NSW Government’s Sydney City Centre Access Strategy, which provides for efficient access to the CBD by putting the right mode in the right place in the city centre and supporting a globally competitive Sydney.

**Work schedule**

Work will be starting from **Sunday 19 July 2015** and will take **up to 10 months to complete the overall program**, weather permitting.

Our **day working hours** will be from **7am to 6pm between Mondays and Fridays** and from **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**.

Our **night working hours** will be from **8pm to 6am between Sundays and Thursdays**, with noisier work finishing at midnight.

**How will the work affect you?**

There will be noise associated with this work. We have included a table to help better explain the types of equipment and activities that will contribute to the noise.

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Every effort will be made to minimise the impact on residents and businesses by:

- Scheduling noisier activities during the day and before midnight
- Alternating between work locations to minimise continuous impacts on the same community
- Scheduling respite periods during lunchtimes
- Using equipment fitted with noise mitigation devices
- Monitoring noise at night.

Access to buildings, driveways and pedestrian footpaths will be maintained at all times.
CBD East construction zone

We identified five precincts during consultation, including the north-west, retail, southern, college and financial precincts. The College Street and Financial precincts have been combined into the CBD East construction zone, which is bordered by Elizabeth, Bridge, Macquarie and College streets and Wentworth and Eddy avenues.

When work begins, there will be a minimum of three crews rotating around three locations in this zone. This will ensure businesses and residents receive a minimum four night respite period.

During the next 10 months, you can expect the following work to be carried out:

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| **Wentworth Avenue between Oxford Street and Campbell Street** | - Build new corners, medians and kerbs  
- Demolish kerb extensions  
- Change line marking and lanes  
- Change pedestrian crossings and islands  
- Resurface part of the road  
- Change street furniture  
- Change kerbside use. | July 2015 for about seven months | Increased capacity at the intersections along Wentworth Avenue  
Increased traffic capacity on Wentworth Avenue during peak hours  
Improved pedestrian safety through installation of a new crossing  
Changed parking and loading arrangements  
Changed traffic and pedestrian movement |
| **College Street between Macquarie Street and Oxford Street** | - Build new corners, medians and kerbs  
- Demolish kerbs, existing median and cycleway*  
- Change line marking and lanes  
- Resurface part of the road  
- Change street furniture  
- Change kerbside use. | July 2015 for about seven months | Increased capacity at the intersections along College Street  
Increased traffic capacity on College Street during peak hours  
Changed parking and loading arrangements  
Changed traffic and pedestrian movement |
| **Macquarie Street between Bent Street and Bridge Street** | - Build new kerbs  
- Demolish kerb extensions  
- Change line marking and lanes  
- Change existing street furniture  
- Change kerbside use. | July 2015 for about three months | Increased capacity at the Macquarie Street / Bridge Street and Macquarie Street / Bent Street intersections  
Increased traffic capacity on Macquarie Street during peak hours  
Changed parking and loading |
* The College Street cycleway will remain operational until Liverpool the Castlereagh street south cycleways are operational.

Access to the College Street cycleway will be maintained throughout construction, removal of the cycleway will only occur once the Castlereagh and Liverpool street cycleways have been completed and linked to Kent Street.

**Night and weekend work**
Night work and weekend work will be required to meet the construction program and minimise impacts to the community.

We will work for three consecutive nights, followed by a respite period of at least four night respite period. Noisy work will take place between 8pm and midnight with less noisy construction work between midnight and 6am.

We will need to carry out work in selected locations up to three weekends each month. On these weekends work will be carried out from Friday night to Monday morning with noisier work being completed at midnight each night. Some sections of road will be closed to traffic during this time so that uninterrupted construction work can take place.

Directly impacted residents, businesses and stakeholders will be notified closer to when night work or weekend closures are scheduled.

**Traffic changes**
There will be some temporary traffic changes to make sure pedestrians, motorists and workers are safe.

Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

**Keeping you up to date**
Roads and Maritime is committed to keeping the community informed about our work in the CBD.

You can find a map on our website that shows all of our work across Sydney City and includes information about the dates, hours and details of work for each project. The map includes work on the Bus Infrastructure program, Cycleways projects and the Capacity Improvement Plan. To view the map, please visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cbdaccess

Before work begins we will notify you by a letter box drop or through email, if you have subscribed to our mailing list. To subscribe to our weekly email list please contact our community information line 1800 822 486.

You will also receive a project update every six to eight weeks outlining our progress and details on upcoming work.
Contact

If you would like more information on the project or would like to be added to the project email list, please contact us on 1800 822 486 or email CBD_access@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Outside business hours, or for more information on scheduled road work, visit www.livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW application or call the Transport Management Centre on 132 701.

If you would like more information about changes to bus services during construction, please contact 131500 or visit sydneybuses.info


For information on the CBD and South East Light Rail visit www.sydneylightrail.transport.nsw.gov.au.