Project Update - Sydney Harbour Bridge Access Lifts

The NSW Government is investing in projects to modernise and improve access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Roads and Maritime Services is installing lifts to the Sydney Harbour Bridge pedestrian walkway at Kirribilli and The Rocks to ensure everybody can enjoy the experience of being on one of Australia’s most recognisable landmarks.

Full walkway closures starting

As advised in our May 2018 letter, we need to shut the pedestrian walkway at night to complete some activity that requires the use of large machinery. Full closures of the walkway are planned for about 20 nights over a three month period, weather permitting, and will start from Tuesday 19 June.

Specific dates for the closures will be advertised on the project website every week for duration of the work. You can also register for email or SMS updates. We have included maps to show the alternative pedestrian routes.

Map of pedestrian route in the south

Map of pedestrian route in the north
How will the work closure of the walkway affect you?

To carry out this work, the walkway will be fully closed to pedestrians from 10pm to 5am.

On these nights, pedestrians will be directed to use the cycleway on the western side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Work starting on the northern access lifts

As part of this project, Roads and Maritime are also installing a lift on Broughton Street, Kirribilli. Major work to build the northern lift will start on Monday 18 June, weather permitting.

Work to build the lift will involve:

- setting up a site compound and installing construction signage on the western side of Broughton Street between Burton and Fitzroy streets
- establishing a temporary work zone at this location and removing 9 parking spaces
- installing one lift
- building new platforms to connect the lift to the existing walkway
- removing and relocating utilities
- removing and replacing around 100 metres of asphalt in the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge pedestrian walkway.

How will the work affect you?

To carry out this work the footpath on the western side of Broughton Street will be closed between Burton Street and Fitzroy Street. Pedestrians will be diverted to the footpath on the eastern side of Broughton Street. We have included a map to show the changes.

Location of northern lift site compound
Work hours

Our work hours will still be from 7am to 6pm between Mondays and Fridays, and from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

We will be required to work outside normal working hours at times. Our night work hours will be from 8pm to 5am. At this stage we will work no more than two nights each week.

Noise

There will be some noise associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise its impact by using less noisy work methods where possible and completing any noisier work before midnight on night shifts.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like to receive updates, please contact the project team on 1800 581 515 or email sydneyharbourbridgeprojects@rms.nsw.gov.au

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.