

News Update

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EIS Update

The Parramatta Light Rail team has had an enthusiastic response from the community at its information sessions for the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS for Stage 1 is on exhibition until 23 October 2017 so you can still have your say on this important project.

The EIS addresses design options, and the associated potential environment and social impacts arising during construction and operation of the proposed project.

The project must undergo environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). Approval from the NSW Minister for Planning is required following public exhibition before Transport for NSW can proceed with construction of the project.

The Parramatta Light Rail project team held six community information sessions during the exhibition period. The community had the opportunity to interact with members of the project team and ask questions about the project.



Above: EIS exhibition session at Rosehill Bowling Club

As part of the environmental assessment process, you are encouraged to make a formal submission to the Department of Planning and Environment.

Making a submission through the EIS process is your chance to 'Have your say' on the Parramatta Light Rail proposal.

Submissions must be made in writing and can be lodged either electronically or via mail.

The full EIS and its accompanying documents may be viewed on the Department of Planning and Environment's website: **www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au**.

Navigate your way through the EIS

Be sure to use the innovative EIS Navigator on the Parramatta Light Rail website.

The EIS Navigator is a tool that makes it easier to find key details in the Environmental Impact Statement for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1.

It includes links to the Environmental Impact Statement at the Department of Planning and Environment's website, where submissions can be made until 23 October 2017.

The EIS Navigator was developed to assist in easily accessing information in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Details on how to use the EIS Navigator are provided within the tool on the project website.

The Parramatta Light Rail EIS Navigator can be found at **www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/eis-navigator**.

Find out more at

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National Tree Day a success

Staff from Parramatta Light Rail and their families attended this year's National Tree Day event hosted by City of Parramatta Council at Third Settlement Reserve in Winston Hills.

The aim of the day was to plant 10,000 native seedlings to increase biodiversity and the bushland's habitat for native animals and birds.

They were joined by ABC Gardening Australia host Costa Georgiadis and dirtgirl from the popular ABC Kids television series.

In addition to this event, Transport for NSW employees rolled up their sleeves at National Tree Day events in the Central Coast and Penrith.

Below: Staff from Parramatta Light Rail show their gardening skills.



Precinct fact sheets

Local precinct fact sheets for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 are now available to download from the project website.

These fact sheets provide more information to those in the community wanting to know more about the precincts light rail will serve once operational.

The brochure has been translated into Chinese, Arabic and Korean.

To view the fact sheets and brochures, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library

Industry meets to discuss project

Over 500 professional services suppliers, contractors and operators came together in August to hear more about the delivery and operation of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1.

The industry briefing provided an update on the delivery model for Parramatta Light Rail, as well as the procurement process and timelines for the project.

Speakers on the day included the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance, Parramatta Light Rail Program Director Tim Poole, Transport for NSW Secretary Tim Reardon, Transport for NSW CBD Coordinator General Marg Prendergast and Transport for NSW's Infrastructure and Services Deputy Secretary Stephen Troughton.



Calls to build world-class light rail

The next stage of the procurement process for Parramatta Light Rail kicked off in September, marking another milestone for the project.

Expressions of Interest have been released to design, construct, operate and maintain Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1, with world-leading international and Australian companies specialising in delivering state-of-the-art light rail networks.

Expressions of Interest have been called for:

- Early works – remediation of the stabling and maintenance facility site
- Infrastructure – design and construct Stage 1
- Supply, operate and maintain – Supply light rail vehicles, as well as operate and maintain the Stage 1 system

The call for Expressions of Interest will ensure contracts will be awarded next year.





Checking in with businesses

The Parramatta Light Rail project is committed to keeping local businesses along the route informed about Stage 1.

An extra EIS session for businesses will be held on Thursday 12 October, between 7am and 11am, at the Novotel Sydney Parramatta, at 350 Church Street, Parramatta.

Members of the project team have been visiting businesses to conduct surveys in preparation for construction in 2018.

These surveys will help Parramatta Light Rail understand how businesses function, and help minimise impacts both during construction and operation.

To take part in the survey, please contact the Parramatta Light Rail project team via parramattalightrail@transport.nsw.gov.au or 1800 684 490.

New family accommodation at Westmead

Accommodation services for families of seriously ill or injured children will be boosted at The Children's Hospital at Westmead with a new accommodation facility funded by Parramatta Light Rail.

Parramatta Mission's Wesley Apartments have been providing accommodation for families with sick children for over 10 years but a small part of the site is required for light rail to turn safely from Hawkesbury Road into Hainsworth Street in Westmead.

Led by the Parramatta Light Rail project team, an agreement has been made with Parramatta Mission and the hospital to redevelop some space on the hospital grounds to accommodate families while the light rail is being constructed.

Once construction of the light rail in this section is completed, the majority of the Parramatta Mission site will be returned so that new apartments can be built.

You can read the full media release at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library



Launch of Advisory Group

In August, the Parramatta Light Rail project team hosted the inaugural meeting of the Parramatta Light Rail Advisory Group.

The advisory group is providing advice to the project team facilitated by discussion, ideas, and collaboration from a range of key government and local stakeholders.

The advisory group will utilise knowledge and the relationships of various NSW Government agencies and stakeholders to tap into local expertise and viewpoints, support effective communication and provide a forum for members to learn more about the project.

The advisory group will help ensure the needs of stakeholders and businesses are represented during the delivery of the project.

Parramatta Light Rail leads the way

Last month, Parramatta Light Rail was part of the annual NSW Transport Infrastructure Leaders Conference held in Sydney.

Parramatta Light Rail Program Director Tim Poole attended and gave a project update on Stage 1.

Also, Parramatta Light Rail featured in a speech given by Member for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee, who spoke about the economic and strategic development of Western Sydney through transport infrastructure development.

Lennox Bridge ready for rail

Planning and design work for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 is continuing and a number of site investigations works have already taken place, including surveys at Lennox Bridge on Church Street in Parramatta's CBD.

To ensure the bridge can take the weight of a light rail vehicle travelling over it, during early planning a structural assessment of the bridge was carried out and supervised by a heritage expert.

This included a visual inspection with ground penetrating radar, and drilling small holes into the sandstone and concrete to test its strength.

To complete this work, Transport for NSW obtained approval from Roads and Maritime Services, who own the bridge, and the Office of Environment and Heritage.



Key features of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 – opening in 2023

- A new light rail network of 12 kilometres in length, including approximately seven kilometres within the existing road corridor and approximately five kilometres within the existing Carlingford Line and Sandown Line, replacing current heavy rail services.
- 16 stops that are fully accessible and integrated into the urban environment.
- High frequency 'turn-up-and-go' services seven days a week from 5am to 1am. Services will operate around every 7.5 minutes in the peak period between 7am and 7pm.
- Modern and comfortable air-conditioned vehicles, 45m long and driver-operated carrying up to 300 customers.
- Interchanges with existing rail, bus and/or ferry facilities at Westmead, Parramatta CBD, and Carlingford.
- Creation of two light rail and pedestrian zones (no general vehicle access) within the Parramatta CBD along Church Street (generally between Market and Macquarie Streets) and Macquarie Street (generally between Horwood Place and Smith Street).
- Alterations to the existing road network including line marking, additional traffic lanes and turning lanes, new traffic signals, and changes to traffic flows.
- The heavy rail line between Camellia and Clyde will close permanently, meaning traffic will no longer be held up at the railway crossing on Parramatta Road, improving traffic flow on one of Sydney's major arterial roads.
- Active transport corridors and additional urban design features along sections of the alignment and within stop precincts.
- Integration with the Opal card electronic ticketing system.
- Real time information will be provided on the light rail vehicle via visual displays and audio.



Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask them to telephone Parramatta Light Rail on 1800 684 490.

Arabic

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Cantonese

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Mandarin

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