

Light Rail to Woden Construction Update

Monthly look-ahead for February 2022



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The ACT Government is building light rail to Woden to help make Canberra a more connected, sustainable, and vibrant city. This construction look-ahead provides a summary of expected activity in the work zones for the month ahead.

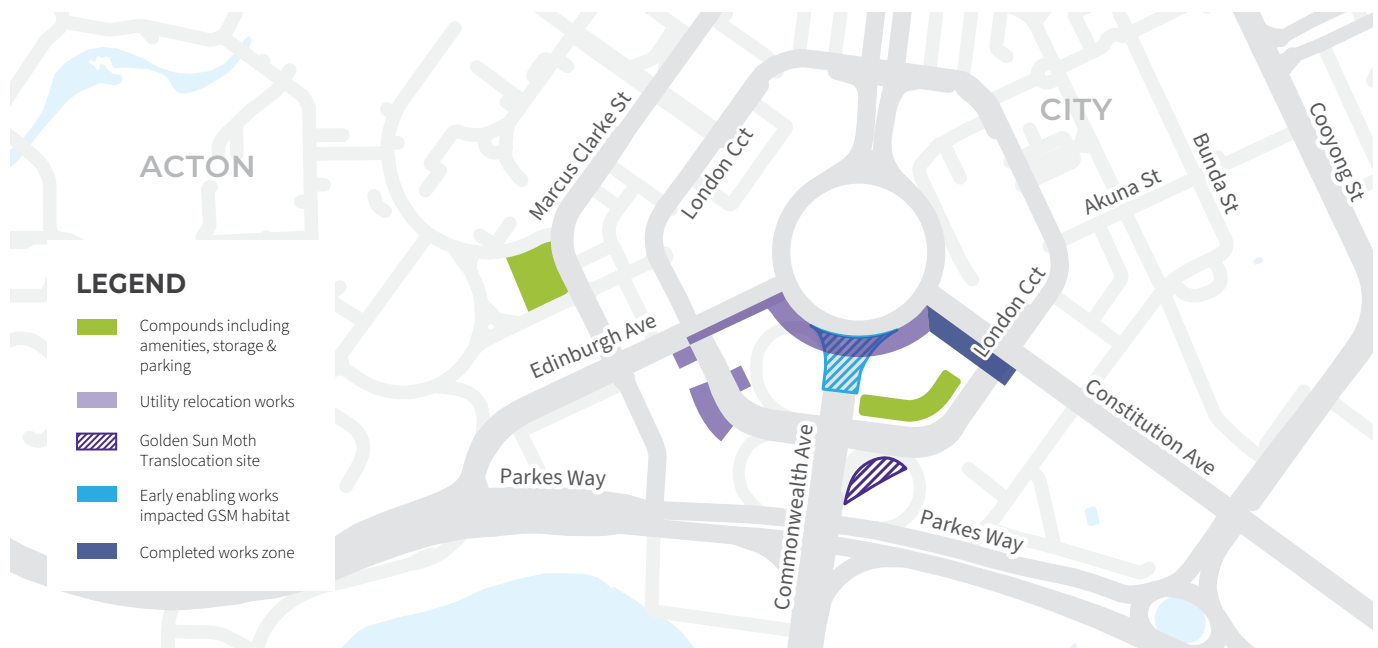


Construction update – Early works on Raising London Circuit Project

Utility relocations are being delivered in four stages and involves moving watermains and communications utilities from their current position along the southern portion of London Circuit, to a new alignment via Constitution Avenue, Vernon Circle and Edinburgh Avenue.

The team has commenced works on the western verge of Commonwealth Avenue including preparation of access tracks, tree removal, investigation and trenching works.

Throughout February the works will include watermain and communications installation along the western verge of Commonwealth Avenue and within the outer verge of London Circuit. Reinstatement works will also be ongoing throughout the project alignment which involve kerb and footpath replacement, paving and grassing.



Commonwealth Avenue single lane northbound

Commonwealth Avenue northbound will be reduced to a single lane around Vernon Circle on weekends throughout early February to allow for completion of road crossing and permanent reinstatement works. There will be traffic control, signage and pedestrian management in place.



Meet our Construction Team

Earl Alcon is a Construction Manager for Major Projects Canberra. He's responsible for managing the construction program for not only these Early Works, but all construction for Canberra's light rail. In addition to this Earl makes sure work is completed safely and on time. Outside of work he is a father of two energetic young boys that take after their dad with a love for construction, namely Lego! Earl enjoys travelling, being outdoors and sharing a meal with family and friends.

What is a normal day like for you?

After many years on the front line of construction projects, my body clock has been accustomed to the early morning starts. My mornings kick off with a quick piccolo latte that gets me ready for all the challenges the day has to offer (although more often I need a double shot). In construction, every day is different - there can be long days (and nights!), days when you're 'fire-fighting' issues, times when you need to think outside the box, or sometimes pleasant surprises are thrown your way. But overall, it's very rewarding.

What is the best part of your job?

Seeing all the hard work that the entire team has invested from the planning and design phases through to seeing a project come to life. For me, the highlights are when the 'big construction toys' are used; such as piling rigs, large cranes, tunnelling equipment and barges.

What advice do you give to those looking to get into the industry?

As a Civil Engineer, we need to be continuously learning - which could include lessons learnt from previous projects or advice given by industry leaders (locally and abroad). What we do in our industry will impact future generations so we have a duty of care to create sustainable solutions that will be enjoyed by future generations.

Working Hours

Monday to Friday - 6:30am to 6:00pm
Saturday - 7:00am to 3:00pm



While we make every effort to inform you of upcoming construction activities for light rail, we are experiencing impacts to our staff and teams due to the challenges of Covid-19. Dates and scheduling may change. Visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden to stay up to date. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Pit upgrade works

Southern Cable Services will be undertaking pit upgrade works in mid-February. This work is expected to start from Tuesday 15 February for approximately five days. The work will be undertaken on University Avenue between Marcus Clarke Street and Childers Street. The work involves demolition of existing pavements, installation of new pits and conduits and remediation works to restore the location to its original condition.

TPG maintenance work

TPG contractors will be undertaking minor landscaping works, which involves the trimming of hedges on the inside verge of London Circuit opposite Farrell Place. These works are being undertaken to maintain access to the existing communications pit directly adjacent to the existing hedges.

Other TPG works

TPG contractors will be installing communication conduits along Marcus Clarke Street between Farrell Place and University Avenue until around mid-February.

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