

Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park

Active Travel Fact Sheet

Stage 2 light rail to Woden is being constructed in two stages for a faster project delivery. The first stage (2A) will extend the line from the City to Commonwealth Park, while the second stage (2B) will take light rail all the way to Woden.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for Stage 2A as part of the project's planning and works approval process. This fact sheet outlines the key points you need to know about active travel changes and improvements.



Artist impression of the new City South stop and Commonwealth Avenue/London Circuit intersection

How does the Light Rail Stage 2A promote the use of active travel?

- New off-road cycleways and pedestrian infrastructure providing safer active travel options
- The proposed infrastructure integrates with existing cycling paths and footpaths, improving active travel around the city
- Dedicated bike racks onboard all light rail vehicles and at each new stop
- Revitalised and improved access to the southern side of the city
- Alignment with the ACT Government's social goal of fostering social connectedness
- Improves access to major attractions such as Lake Burley Griffin, Commonwealth Park, and future development sites
- Alignment with the ACT Government's Climate Change Strategy by reducing carbon emissions, and getting more cars off the road towards a less car dependant city

What is active travel?

Active travel is a term used to describe any transport that involves physical activity. This includes cycling, scooting, rollerblading, rollerskating, skateboarding, as well as walking, jogging, and running. It also includes pedestrians pushing prams and wheelchairs.



Impacts to active travel during construction

During construction the project is expected to have only minimal impacts on pedestrian and cyclists, such as temporary diversions to circumvent hazardous construction activity. For safety, clear signage would be in place before the works start.

The addition of new pedestrian crossings could also potentially increase wait times at some intersections.

Better connecting Canberra

Light Rail Stage 2A has been intentionally designed to elevate active travel connections to increase the use of active travel, which will in-turn decrease congestion in the CBD. This will also have a knock-on effect of increasing community well-being and reducing carbon emissions.

Enhancing active travel facilities and connections is a cost-effective, timely, and practical project outcome for a future-focused city.

Light Rail Stage 2A facilitates active living by providing more active travel infrastructure, connecting existing networks, reducing car dependency and improving air quality.



New active travel infrastructure

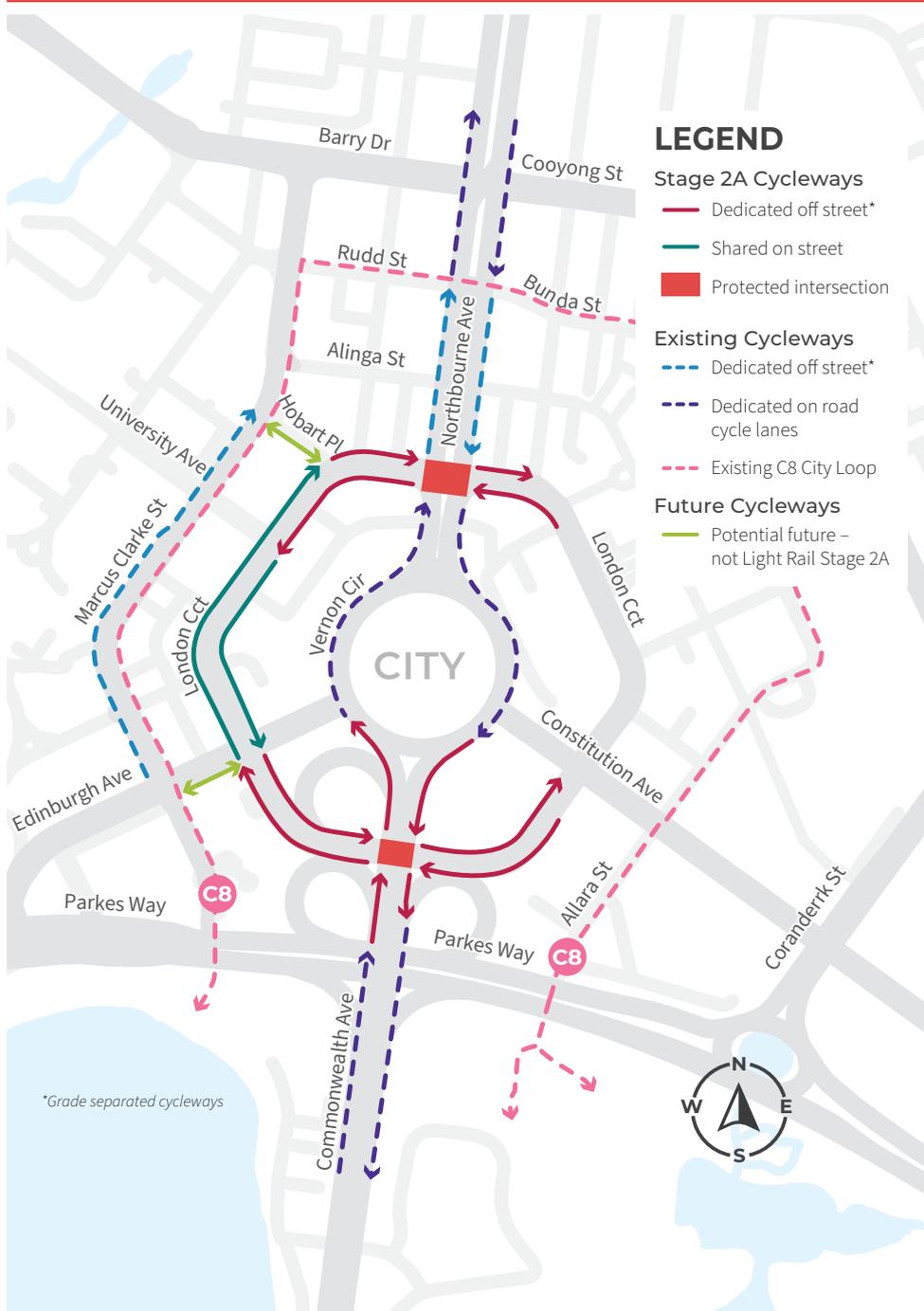
The project will build on an existing cycling network, creating a longer, safer, and easier-to-navigate option for travelling across Canberra. It will also create a dedicated, continuous pedestrian footpath that provides plenty of space and amenity for active travel users to take in the beautiful Canberra landscape. Where possible, existing kerb-side space will be used for active travel infrastructure without disrupting other traffic.

To achieve this, the project will provide the following new active travel infrastructure:

- Dedicated pedestrian paths, 2.15 kilometres of off-street cycling paths, and 830 metres of shared on-street cycling
- Four bike racks inside each light rail vehicle
- Continuous footpath access across Hobart Place
- New protected intersections at the Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit, Commonwealth Avenue/London Circuit crossings
- New dedicated off-street and shared on-street cycling around London Circuit, complementing the existing infrastructure and the C8 City Loop cycleway
- Bike racks installed at each of the new stops, including room for 40 bikes at the Edinburgh Avenue stop, 12 at the City South stop and 12 at the Commonwealth Park stop

These combined active travel upgrades will enhance the walkability and cycling connectivity along the Light Rail Stage 2A alignment.

Connecting cyclists in the city



Have your say

As part of the planning approval process for the Light Rail Stage 2A project, a Works Approval has been submitted to the National Capital Authority (NCA) and a Development Application has been submitted to the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA).

To have your say on the project, you can make a submission to the NCA or ACTPLA.

Visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden to learn more about the project and how to have your say.

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