

Building Light Rail to Woden Project Update

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Indicative artist impression

Have your say on Light Rail to Commonwealth Park

Plans released for public comment

Canberrans can have their say on Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park, with plans now open for public comment.

Stage 2A is the next step in future-proofing our growing city's transport network with a frequent, reliable and sustainable north-south transit spine.

Stage 2A plans have been submitted to the National Capital Authority (NCA) and ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA). Canberrans are invited to make

a submission to the NCA or ACTPLA to help inform their assessment of the project.

A detailed document called an 'Environmental Assessment' (EA) supports the plans and outlines the project's benefits, opportunities, impacts and mitigations. The EA covers topics such as traffic, heritage, sustainability, landscape, urban design, and more. EA chapter summaries and fact sheets are available to help Canberrans understand the project and inform your submission.

Pending the outcomes of these planning processes, Stage 2A construction is

expected to commence soon after the Raising London Circuit project is complete.

To find out more, including how to make a submission, visit

act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden.

Attend one of the 'Ask an expert' drop-in information sessions to ask project experts about Stage 2A before making your submission. See the schedule at act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden. If you can't make it in person, send your questions to lightrailtowoden@act.gov.au.

A message from Minister for Transport

Detailed plans for extending light rail track, light rail systems and 3 new stops from the City to Commonwealth Park are now available for public comment. I encourage all Canberrans to have their say on the design.

Meanwhile, work to raise London Circuit to make the road level with Commonwealth Avenue is well underway.

Construction will soon move to a new phase with the demolition of the first

overpass on Commonwealth Avenue over London Circuit. During this phase two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction using one bridge and a 'side track' to minimise the impact.

With construction changing how you travel to and around the city, the ACT Government is making every effort to minimise disruption and keep you well informed.

Chris Steel MLA



How London Circuit is being raised

Works on the Raising London Circuit project are now well underway in the city centre.


Since December 2022, a section of London Circuit and the western cloverleaves have been closed so that construction crews could get started on site establishment activities such as decommissioning streetlights and relocating water, stormwater and wastewater mains.

But what's actually involved in raising a road by six metres?

It takes a number of steps, especially while maintaining two lanes of traffic in both directions to minimise impacts on Canberrans.

Step 1 starting soon will see the construction of a side track.

What is a side track?

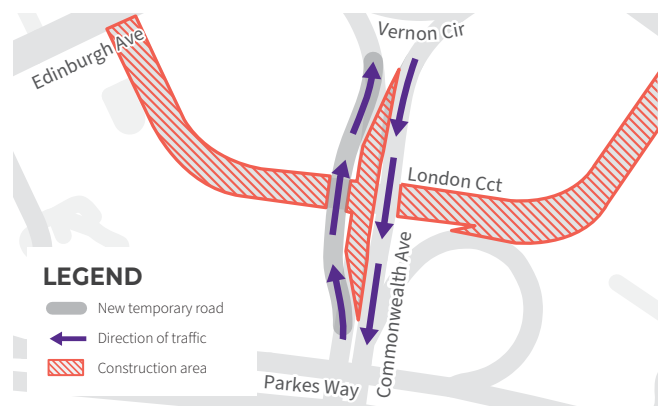


A temporary side track road, will divert traffic off the existing Commonwealth Avenue bridge over London Circuit so work can start to demolish the bridge.



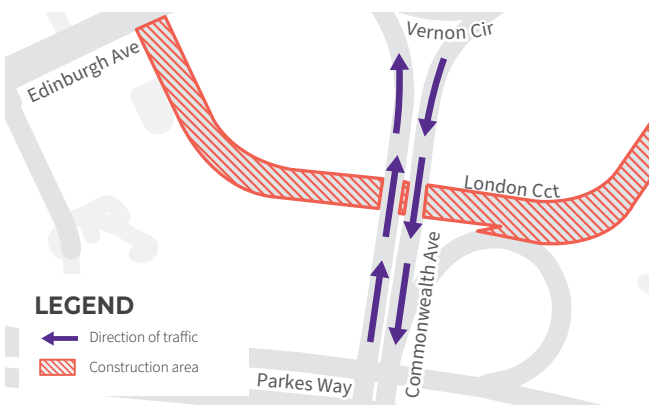
Step 1

A side track will be built to the west of Commonwealth Avenue. Northbound traffic will be diverted to the side track, and southbound traffic will be diverted to the existing northbound bridge over London Circuit. The southbound bridge will then be demolished.



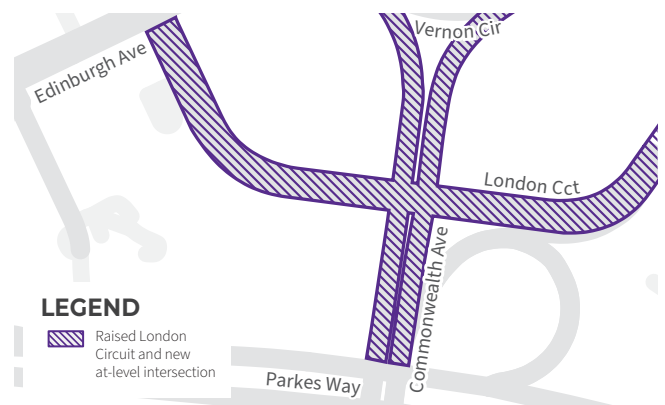
Step 2

An embankment will be constructed on the eastern side of London Circuit and in place of the demolished southbound bridge. A new road will be constructed on the embankment. On completion, southbound traffic will be diverted to the new road and the northbound bridge will then be demolished.



Step 3

Embankment earthworks will continue on the western side of London Circuit and a new road will be constructed in place of the northbound bridge. Northbound traffic will be diverted from the side track to the new northbound lanes. At completion, this project will enable Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park.



Step 4

Raising London Circuit is complete and ready for Light Rail Stage 2A.

We will keep you informed throughout these steps. To stay up to date, visit builtforbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts.



Did you know?

Stage 2A improves city access for pedestrians and cyclists

The proposed Stage 2A design will add to existing cycling and pedestrian networks in the city, making cycling and walking safer and easier to navigate transport options.

The Stage 2A design will add:

- > Dedicated pedestrian paths
- > More than two kilometres of off-street cycling

- > About 800m of shared on-street cycling
- > New protected intersections where pedestrians, cyclists and cars each have their own dedicated path to safely cross
- > Bicycle racks at each of the new stops.

In a Canberra first, the design introduces in-ground pedestrian lights to alert and

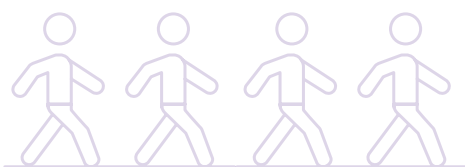
remind pedestrians to cross light rail tracks safely.

These combined active transport upgrades should considerably improve the walking and cycling experience along the City to Commonwealth Park route.



City hill footpath now open

To walk, e-scoot or cycle between the city's east and west, active travellers can use a new footpath on City Hill between Constitution Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue. This new path provides a safe route during construction and after the completion of the Raising London Circuit project.



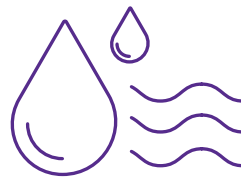
Building light rail sustainably

The ACT Government is committed to implementing sustainable initiatives at every stage of light rail construction.

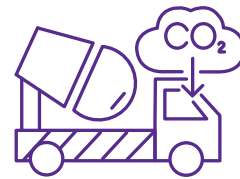
The Raising London Circuit project is doing this by:



Replacing at least 40% of cement with a less carbon intensive alternative



Reducing water usage through passive irrigation by kerb channeling into the root system



Reducing emissions associated with the production and transport of construction materials by 10%

The sustainability benefits of light rail as illustrated by students at Margaret Hendry school. These and other drawings are featured on construction site fencing in the city.



Stay informed

Construction work will impact how people travel through the city. The ACT Government's priority is to keep the community informed about changes, impacts, and how to plan for them.

For the latest information, including alternative car parking and how to best avoid the impacts, visit [BuiltforCBR.act.gov.au/travel-impacts](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts)



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