

# Light Rail to Woden Construction Update

Monthly Look Ahead for March 2023



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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 on Raising London Circuit – an enabling project for light rail to Woden.



## Main works on Raising London Circuit

In March, we will continue decommissioning streetlights, erosion and sedimentation controls, vegetation removal, removing footpaths and kerbs and site remediation activities. We will also be working on relocating water, stormwater and wastewater mains, and communications services, including potholing to identify existing service locations, and removing redundant services.

## What's next? Sidetrack and bridge demolition

Construction work on the Raising London Circuit project will be completed in stages to minimise the impact to traffic on Commonwealth Avenue between Parkes Way and Vernon Circle. During construction, we will maintain two lanes of traffic in both directions (northbound and southbound) during peak periods.

To achieve this, a sidetrack will be built in the coming months to divert traffic and allow for demolition of the existing bridges. The sidetrack will be built along the western side of

the existing Commonwealth Avenue bridge (northbound), providing a temporary northbound road so that the existing southbound bridge can be closed and demolished.

Traffic will then be moved to the newly opened southbound lane, allowing the demolition of the northbound Commonwealth Avenue bridge. This method will allow for the existing bridges to be demolished with minimal disruption to motorists.

## Asbestos Containing Material removal

As the Raising London Circuit project continues, construction activities including excavation, clearing works, removal of existing concrete structures, and configuring underground utilities may result in the discovery of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM). This material, particularly in the case of the existing utilities, are usually from historical infrastructure. The Raising London Circuit project has processes in place to manage any ACM found on site to ensure the safety of workers, the broader community, and the environment.

ACM has been identified along London Circuit (eastern side) and the western cloverleaves during investigation and environmental control works. There is no risk to our workers on site or to the broader community outside of the site.

Throughout March, the ACM will be analysed and removed by a licensed asbestos removalist in accordance with the project management plan and guidelines outlined by WorkSafe ACT. Air monitoring will also be undertaken during asbestos removal works.

As the project progresses, we may uncover more ACM that will need to be removed. This work will also be undertaken in compliance with the guidelines outlined by WorkSafe ACT, including the removal of ACM by a licensed asbestos removalist.

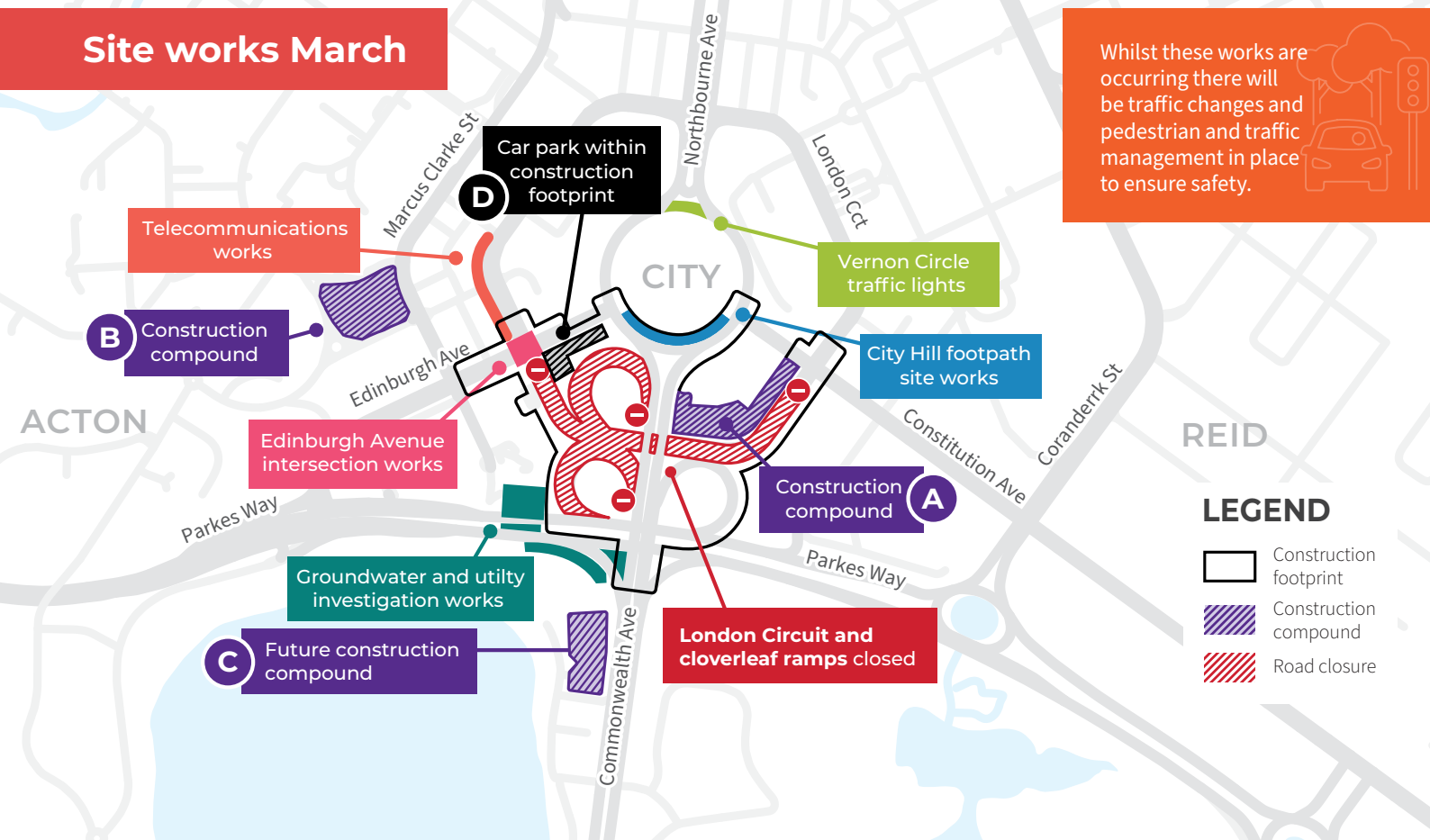
Due to asbestos management regulations, workers handling the material must wear protective clothing regardless of the level of risk involved.

More information on asbestos in the ACT can be found on the **Worksafe ACT website**.



## Site works March

Whilst these works are occurring there will be traffic changes and pedestrian and traffic management in place to ensure safety.



## Overall project works in March

### Status of site compounds

The Raising London Circuit project is using space within four city car parks for site compounds, resulting in a loss of parking spaces:

- A** ACT Government surface City Hill car park (corner of Constitution Avenue and London Circuit)
- B** ACT Government surface car park at 41 Marcus Clarke Street
- C** ACT Government Acton waterfront surface car park
- D** ACT Government surface carpark at the corner of London Circuit and Edinburgh Avenue

Compounds A, B and D have been set up and are now in use. Carpark C is expected to be closed in the coming months for the duration of the project.

In March, five disabled parking spaces near Compound A will be moved from their current location facing London Circuit to face Constitution Avenue.

For more information refer to on-site signage at the car park.

### Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit intersection

Work to modify the intersection of Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit is required as part of the London Circuit closure. Throughout March, there will be traffic changes and lane closures at the Edinburgh Avenue intersection and along Edinburgh Avenue, between London Circuit and Marcus Clarke Street. Work will be conducted for utility investigations and installation, along with the removal of the western traffic median (in front of the Metropolitan Building). While traffic changes are in place, detours may be implemented and local and pedestrian access will be maintained. Access to the QT Hotel will also be maintained at all times.

### City Hill footpath

The new City Hill footpath is now open, linking the footpaths between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue. Some final work will be completed in March including landscaping and demobilisation of the work site. The footpath will remain open during the day but will close some nights and weekends (see **page 3**). Signage and traffic control will be in place to direct pedestrians during closures.

### Vernon Circle

Traffic lights have been installed on the northern section of Vernon Circle and are now operational. In March, final reinstatement work including landscaping will be completed. Some of this work will be required to take place at night and involve lane or road closures.

### Early works – telecommunications work

Work will continue to connect new and existing infrastructure as well as reinstate the area following telecommunications trenching and conduit installation along London Circuit.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Service providers undertaking connections will issue a notification to customers if there are any scheduled impacts to existing services.

### Early works – groundwater and utility investigations

Groundwater investigations to determine if there is suitable water yield for irrigating the project's landscaping features will continue from mid-March along Parkes Way, west of Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

## LEGEND

 Work area - road closed

 Detour route



## Weekend day and night work

Throughout March there will be night work at Vernon Circle and the City Hill footpath, laying asphalt, landscaping and reinstating work areas. This will include the City Hill footpath being closed from **8pm Friday 17 March to 6am Monday 20 March, and 8pm Friday 24 March to 6am Monday 27 March**. To ensure safety, there will be northbound and southbound lane closures at night (between 8pm and 6am).

The south-east off-ramp located off Parkes Way (eastbound) to Commonwealth Avenue will be closed from **8pm Friday 3 March to 6am Monday 6 March** to allow for stormwater works. During this time, motorists wanting to drive to South

Canberra should travel via Coranderrk Street and Constitution Avenue or use the Kings Avenue Bridge.

Additional closures of the Parkes Way off-ramp may be required in March. Notifications will be published online with confirmed dates and times.

In March night work will be required at the intersection of Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit to undertake utility cutovers. This work will be carried out by the asset owner and may include some noisy activities. Properties will be notified directly where services will be impacted. While work is undertaken there will be lane closures and traffic control in place around the intersection, but local access will be maintained.

Throughout March, low noise activities will take place between **6pm and 8pm and 6am and 7am**. Activities will include moving materials, inspecting machinery, conducting pre-start meetings, cleaning work areas, removing temporary fencing and placing bollards.

Some oversized deliveries are required to be made at night due to road restrictions. These oversized trucks will come into the closure area or compound and will be unloaded before the truck leaves.

Other night works may need to take place in March. Notifications will be published at [act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden](http://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden).

## What to expect

While we make every effort to minimise construction disruption and impacts to the community, at times you can expect an increase in noise, dust and construction vehicle movements, as well as changes and detours for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. Throughout construction we will continue to notify of upcoming work

and we will monitor our activities and make adjustments to our controls where needed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we carry out this important work. Visit [act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden](http://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden) to stay up to date.

## Sign up for updates

Use this **QR code** to sign up and receive this look ahead and supplementary construction notifications direct to your inbox.

Travel impacts will be published at **Travel impacts - Built for CBR**.

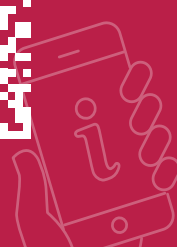
## Main works - work hours

Our standard construction work hours are Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 7am to 1pm.

At times, to ensure safety and minimise impacts on the community, works will take place at night and outside of standard work hours.

Dates, times and more information are notified in construction look aheads, by email, or online.

While we make every effort to inform you of upcoming construction activities, works are weather dependant and subject to change. Visit [act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/construction](http://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/construction) to stay up to date.





# Progress update



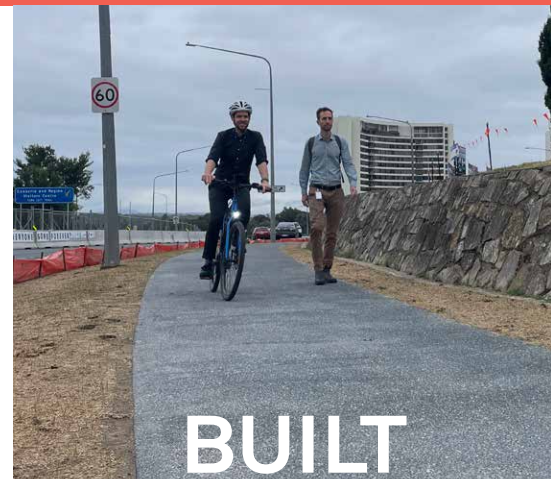
## High mast lighting towers removal

Work is progressing well on the Raising London Circuit project in 2023. Site establishment and early works are taking place, including the removal of these high mast lighting towers near and within the cloverleaves near London Circuit. These lighting towers have been decommissioned as more modern and energy efficient options will be installed on the newly raised London Circuit.

## City Hill footpath now open

The new City Hill footpath is now open to the public. The path links Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue along City Hill. It provides a safe connection for Canberrans and visitors to cross the City Centre, particularly during construction on the Raising London Circuit project.

With the new City Hill path open, the pedestrian and cyclist access on London Circuit between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue is now closed for the duration of the project. Please note that some landscaping and site reinstatement works will continue in March (see [page 3](#)).



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