

City Construction Update

February 2026



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The largest transformation in our City Centre's history is underway with a range of projects to improve public transport, connectivity with the lake and activate underutilised sections of City West.

Canberra is changing and is expected to have nearly 700,000 people by 2050. The ACT Government is shaping the City's future by investing in major infrastructure projects now, which will move our City towards a more connected, vibrant and sustainable future.

Businesses along London Circuit remain open. Signs are in place to help you find your way.

Works snapshot: February 2026

- Northbourne Avenue – intermittent road closures
- Commonwealth Avenue – road and lane closures
- Theatre Lane – piling works and utility relocations
- London Circuit East – lane closures, fencing rearrangement, stormwater and paving works
- Parkes Way – intermittent off-peak lane closures

Work hours

Standard work hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays and 7am to 1pm Saturdays. To safely deliver works and minimise daytime traffic disruption, some activities may be conducted on weekends or at night. Nearby stakeholders will be informed of these works in advance.

Safety around construction works

If you see an issue in or around construction sites please call 000 in an emergency, or call **1800 956 409** immediately to report your concern. Your quick action helps keep everyone safe.

Noise and light impacts

There will be noise from machinery during construction. Some works may also generate light. For more information see act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/impacts

From March 2026, this update will be bimonthly.

Detailed information on upcoming works will be available via email and on act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts. To subscribe to updates, scan the QR code on page 3.

For further information or questions on upcoming works, contact us using the details in the footer below.

Parking

More than 5,000 car parking spaces are available across the city, with free parking Wednesday to Sunday evenings from 5:30pm at nearby public car parks. Find out more at cityservices.act.gov.au/roads-and-paths/traffic/parking

Project map

Refer to map on final page for detailed map of the project areas including pedestrian and vehicle access, or scan the QR code to see an interactive map.



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To speak to someone in a language other than English, telephone the Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) on **13 14 50**. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Works in your area this month

Northbourne Avenue

Description: Utilities, landscaping, footpath and road paving, track related work along Northbourne Avenue and at Alinga Street intersection.

Work location: Intersections of Northbourne Avenue/Alinga Street, Northbourne Avenue/Rudd Street and Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit.

Impacts: There will be intermittent closures on Northbourne Avenue between Cooyong Street and Vernon Circle, and on Alinga Street.

Footpaths will be temporarily rearranged for safe access around the work zones.

Traffic controls and signage will be in place.

Lane and shoulder closures on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street will continue in 2026, predominantly on weekends, nights and off-peak hours to minimise disruption.

London Circuit East

Description: Stormwater, verge and road pavement works.

Impacts: London Circuit East remains closed to motorists and on-road cyclists between Northbourne Avenue and Theatre Lane.

Overnight closures, fencing movements and traffic changes will be in place at London Circuit East and Verity Lane as road, verge and footpath works progress.

The Theatre Lane pedestrian crossing at London Circuit will remain closed for the duration of the London Circuit East works.

Pedestrians are asked to cross further south at Ainslie Place.

Bus routes remain operational and alternative access to Verity Lane will be provided over the course of these works.

London Circuit West

Description: Utilities, road and footpath paving and track-related work.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue.

Impacts: London Circuit West, between Northbourne Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue, remains closed to motorists and cyclists.

Overnight road closures, perimeter fencing re-alignment and traffic changes will be in place at London Circuit West and Odgers Lane as road, verge and footpath works progress.

New lyric theatre project area

Description: Piling works will commence in February and will be ongoing through early 2026. Gas and stormwater relocations will also be underway.

Impacts: Intermittent noise impacts, pedestrian and vehicle diversions including Theatre Lane closed to pedestrians and vehicles, footpath along Vernon Circle and footbridge from Civic Square closed to pedestrians. Traffic control and signage will be in place to assist drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Trucks will be using the site exit directly onto Northbourne Avenue so there may be heavy vehicle traffic during construction hours.

London Circuit South

Description: Excavation, service installation, concrete pouring, rail track slab preparation, traffic signal works, and stormwater connections.

Impacts: London Circuit remains closed to vehicles between Edinburgh Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. Access to QT Hotel remains open from Edinburgh Avenue.

Parkes Way

Description: Light rail bridge works.

Impacts: Off-peak temporary lane closures will continue. Works are ongoing on the Parkes Way median to support bridge construction activities.

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: Excavation, utility installation, stormwater works, watermain installation, streetlight installation, rail preparation works and ongoing rail bridge construction.

Work location: Commonwealth Avenue, between Vernon Circle and Albert Street.

Impacts: Intermittent lane closures will occur on sections of Commonwealth Avenue during nights and weekends throughout February to support essential stormwater works. These works are planned during off peak and out of hours periods to reduce daytime traffic impacts.

There will be intermittent weekend closures of the northbound and southbound ramps from Commonwealth Avenue to Parkes Way, with detours in place. These closures will take place from 8pm Friday to 6am Monday.

Additionally, works will be underway for the installation of rail utilities and track foundations on multiple weekends in February

from 8pm Friday to 6am Monday. During these works, Commonwealth Avenue northbound will be closed between Parkes Way and Vernon Circle, with detours in place. One lane of traffic on Commonwealth Avenue southbound will remain open.

Works will also be carried out on the light rail bridge over Parkes Way. In order to safely carry out bridge deck pours, there will be temporary night and weekend closures of sections of Commonwealth Avenue and Parkes Way, with detours in place.

Traffic controls will be in place to manage motorist and pedestrian detours.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project

Road and shared path closures are now in place across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. These closures are to support essential upgrades being delivered by the National Capital Authority as part of the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project.

The northbound side of the bridge (lanes and shared path) is closed with all traffic detoured to the open southbound side of the bridge. There is one lane of general traffic in both directions and a northbound bus and emergency services priority lane. On-road cycling is not permitted through the work area with all pedestrians, cyclists, scooters etc. detoured to the open shared paths.

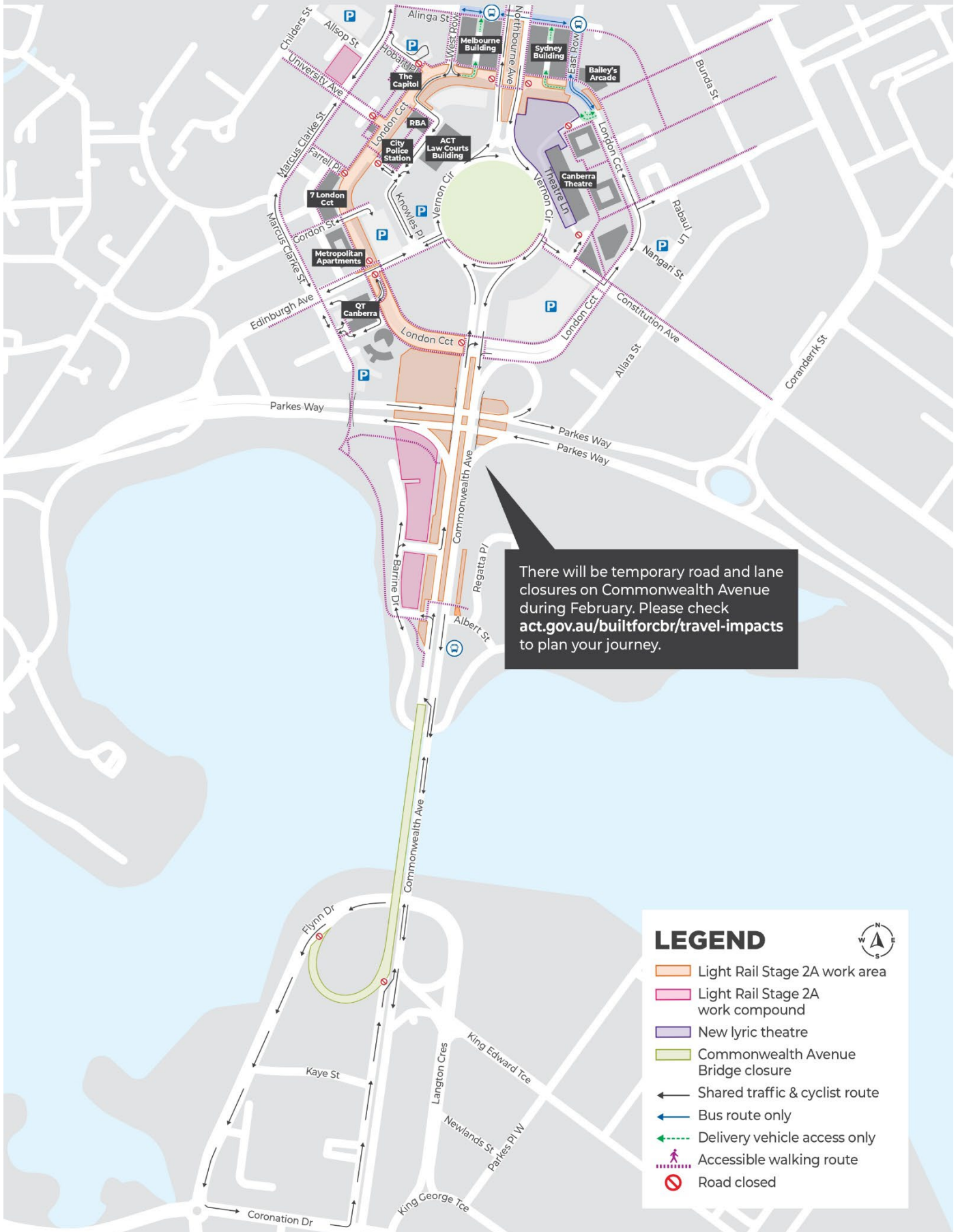
For more information and maps of the changes, visit nca.gov.au/commbridge

More information

Works are weather dependent and subject to change. Scan the QR code to receive construction notifications in your inbox.



ACT Government City construction footprint February 2026



LEGEND

- Light Rail Stage 2A work area
- Light Rail Stage 2A work compound
- New lyric theatre
- Commonwealth Avenue Bridge closure
- Shared traffic & cyclist route
- Bus route only
- Delivery vehicle access only
- Accessible walking route
- Road closed