

# Light Rail Stage 2A City to Commonwealth Park

## Traffic and Transport 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 in the Traffic and Transport chapter.



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

### Benefits of Light Rail Stage 2A on traffic and transport



#### Improved movement and function

Light rail, off-road cycling paths, more trees and improved landscaping features will improve movement and function along Northbourne Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue and London Circuit.



#### Improved safety

Better footpaths, an off-road cycling path and protected intersections that separate cyclists and cars will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.



#### Better access to public transport

Three new stops will improve access to public transport for more people living, working and visiting the area, now and in the future, and will reduce road congestion.

### Traffic management

Light Rail Stage 2A will create some traffic impacts for road users. During construction, travel times may increase between two to five minutes for motorists travelling via the city at peak hours for typical journeys. There will be more vehicles in a smaller space due to lane closures and an increase in construction vehicles in the area, which could lead to additional congestion.

The ACT Government's Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) will be used to coordinate traffic closures in the area and across the city, helping to minimise the extent and duration of closures. Appropriate access will be maintained to the Sydney and Melbourne Buildings, Reserve Bank of Australia, Canberra City Police Station, ACT Courts, and 1 and 7 London Circuit at all times during construction.

Frequent updates will be published to ensure road users have the latest information on

closures and the best detour routes. A public awareness campaign will also support the understanding of new traffic arrangements and interactions between cars, cyclists and pedestrians with light rail.

During construction, the ACT Government's multi-agency Disruption Taskforce will implement measures to help mitigate congestion in the area. These measures will include initiatives to encourage Canberrans to change their travel behaviour, like the Rethink your Routine campaign, as well as providing real-time information on traffic and up-to-date alternative routes and detours.





## Public transport

Construction will temporarily disrupt public transport in the city, with rapid bus routes 2 and 4 expected to experience delays of up to four minutes during the AM peak hour.

**When completed, the three new stops will better connect Canberra's city south with city north and Gungahlin, and will improve access to public transport for existing and new residential and commercial activity in the city.**

Following construction, most of the assessed bus travel times are expected to decrease due to traffic reassignment.



## Parking in the City

Of the 3,840 short-term and all-day public parking spaces available in the area near the works, approximately 700 all-day parking spaces will be temporarily lost during construction. Street parking will be permanently removed along London Circuit West.

Parking maps will be available to support people driving to the city and accessible parking will be maintained in the area.

Approximately 95 car parking spaces will be permanently removed from the short-term car parks on the corner of Northbourne Avenue and London Circuit. This will allow the increase of the footpath width on London Circuit, supporting safer active travel and increasing urban amenity.



## 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](https://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden) to learn more about the project and how to have your say.

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