

City Construction Update

September & October 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: September & October 2026

- Northbourne Avenue – light rail works in median. Lane and road closures
- Knowles Place – temporary changes to access
- New lyric theatre site – structural construction continues
- London Circuit West and East – verge and paving works. Lane and road closures
- Commonwealth Avenue – verge and median works. Lane and road closures
- Parkes Way – intermittent off-peak lane closures

Work hours

Standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays and 7am to 1pm Saturdays.

To safely deliver works and minimise daytime traffic disruption, some activities are conducted on weekends or at night.

Nearby stakeholders will be informed of these works in advance.

Parking

More than 10,000 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

Noise and light impacts

There will be noise from machinery during construction. Some works may also generate light. Find out more at Light Rail Stage 2A: act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/impacts

Safety around construction works

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

Project map

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



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Upcoming works September/October

Northbourne Avenue

Description: Light rail track work and verge works in the median, and road asphaltting.

Work location: Between Alinga Street and Vernon Circle.

Impacts: Some weekend closures of Northbourne Avenue between Vernon Circle and Cooyong Street/Barry Drive (from 8pm on Friday to 5am on Monday) may be required.

Traffic controls and detour signage will be in place.

London Circuit East

Description: Pavement, paving, car park reconstruction and verge works.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and Ainslie Place.

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

Temporary closures, fencing re-arrangements and traffic changes will be in place at London Circuit East as road, verge, footpath and carpark construction works progress.

The Theatre Lane pedestrian crossing at London Circuit is closed during these works.

Pedestrians are asked to cross further south at Ainslie Place.

New lyric theatre

Description: Construction activities include installation of ground floor slab works, structural walls, columns, stair cores and lift cores.

Impacts: Noise and vibration impacts will continue during standard construction hours.

Existing closures around Theatre Lane, Vernon Circle and surrounding footpaths will remain in place, with traffic management and signage to guide pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

London Circuit West

Description: Works relating to new stormwater, pavement, verges, track and asphaltting.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue.

Impacts: London Circuit West remains closed to motorists and cyclists.

It is anticipated that access to Knowles Place from West Row will be temporarily closed from September. Access to parking for ACT Law Courts will be available from Edinburgh Avenue.

Traffic on Edinburgh Avenue will be reduced to one lane between Knowles Place and The Mews travelling **westbound only** for part of September.

There will be temporary closures of the Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit intersection for track and civil works over select weekends in September.

There may be additional lane closures and small changes to perimeter fencing and pedestrian crossing locations as road, verge and footpath works progress.

London Circuit South

Description: Rail track preparation, asphaltting and paving.

Impacts: London Circuit remains closed to general traffic between Edinburgh Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. QT Hotel local access is available from Commonwealth

Avenue and Marcus Clarke Street. Local access will be temporarily halted on select weekends in October to complete the final layers of asphaltting and line marking.

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: Paving, rail and verge works.

Work location: Between Vernon Circle and Albert Street.

Impacts: Intermittent lane and road closures in both directions will occur during weekends and off-peak periods to support construction activities, with detours for motorists and cyclists in place as required.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project

Road and shared path closures are in place across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

The northbound side of the bridge (lanes and shared path) is closed with all traffic detoured to the open southbound side of the bridge. On-road cycling is not permitted through the work area with all pedestrians, cyclists, scooters detoured to the open shared paths.

There are also changes for road users, cyclists and pedestrians along Barrine Drive beneath Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

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

Access changes to Floriade – 12 September – 11 October 2026

Visitors to Floriade are advised to expect changes to traffic, pedestrian access and parking conditions in and around the city due to the ongoing construction of major infrastructure projects.

To help visitors get to Floriade this year, additional transport services will operate throughout the event, providing connections from key locations across Canberra.

Public bus services and free express Floriade shuttle services, operated by CDC Canberra, will be operating from Tuggeranong, Woden and Belconnen on weekends, to connect to Floriade. Parking locations in the city or National Triangle will provide easy access to walking trails and a free daily Floriade shuttle bus operating throughout the festival.

New Floriade cyclist and pedestrian maps are available to guide cyclists and pedestrians to the festival.

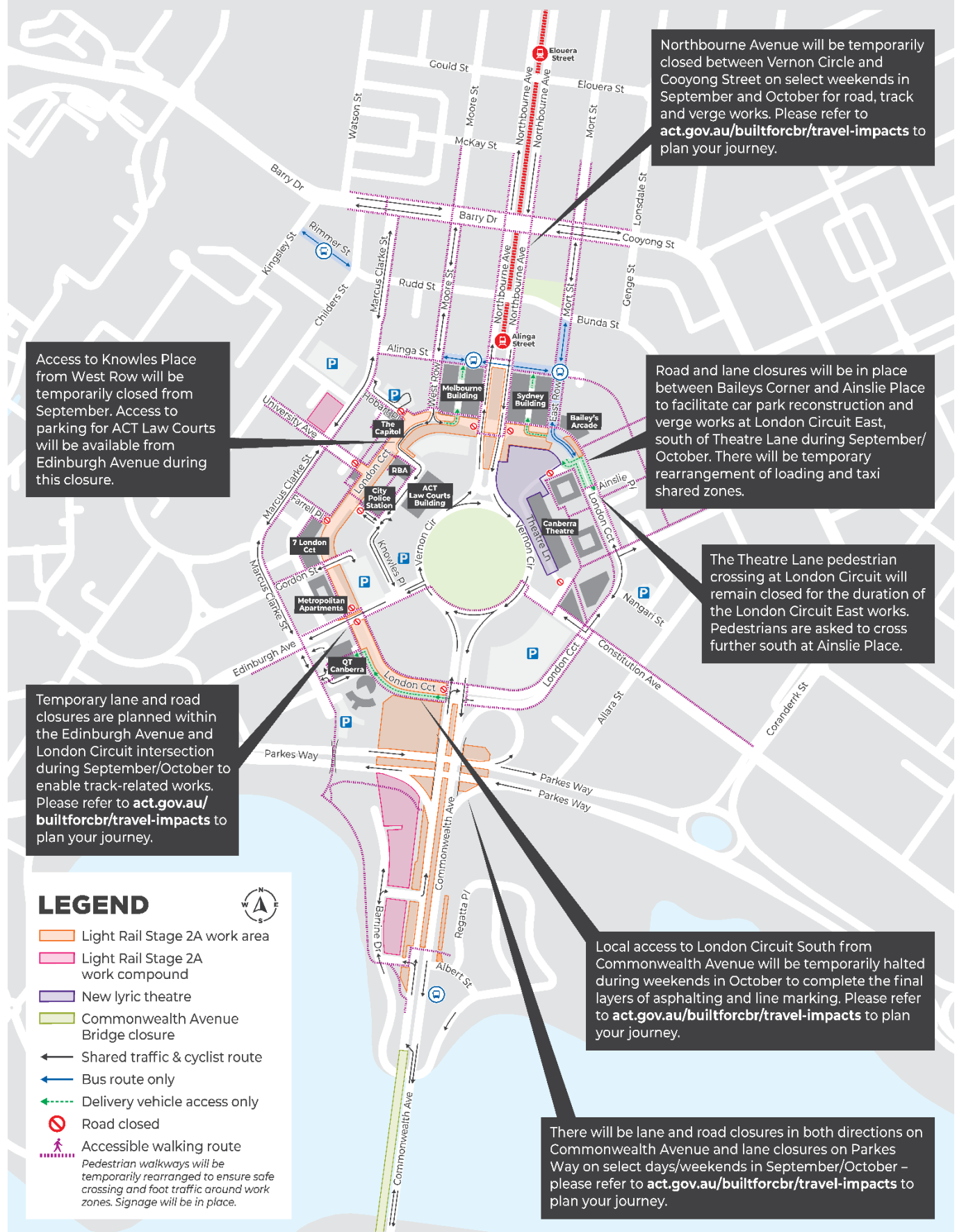
Visitors are encouraged to plan their journey. For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com.

More information

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



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