

City Construction Update

July & August 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 growing 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: July & August 2026

- Northbourne Avenue – intermittent lane and road closures
- Commonwealth Avenue – intermittent lane and road closures
- New lyric theatre site – transitioning from excavation into structural construction
- London Circuit West and East – lane and road closures, fencing rearrangement, footpath, verge and paving works
- 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

About 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. For more details, see Light Rail Stage 2A: act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/impacts

New lyric theatre:

act.gov.au/canberratheatreproject

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.

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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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.

Upcoming works in your area in July and August

Light rail services disruption

Description: Cable and signalling installation along the light rail route.

Work location: Alinga Street and Swinden Street light rail stops, and along the light rail route.

Dates: Light rail services between Alinga Street and Gungahlin Place will be replaced from the first service on Saturday 4 July to the last service on Sunday 5 July. Buses will replace light rail operations during this time. More details are on the Transport Canberra website at transport.act.gov.au.

There will be other impacts for road users, bus users and pedestrians in this area in July. Please see below for more information.

Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street

Description: Cable and signalling installation at Alinga Street stop, earthworks, paving and footpath works.

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

Road impacts: Closures will be in place on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street during:

- From 1:00 am Saturday 4 July until 5:00 am Monday 6 July, Northbourne Avenue northbound will be reduced to two lanes between Alinga Street and Rudd Street.
- From 1:00 am Saturday 4 July to 5:00 am Monday 6 July, Northbourne Avenue

southbound will be reduced to one lane between Cooyong Street and Vernon Circle.

- Between 1:00 am and 5:00 am on Sunday 5 July and 1:00 am and 5:00 am on Monday 6 July, Northbourne Avenue southbound carriageway will be closed between Bunda Street and Alinga Street, with some local access permitted from Cooyong Street under traffic control.
- **Pedestrian impacts:** The pedestrian crossings at Alinga Street and Alinga light rail stop will be closed during these works. Pedestrians will be asked to cross Northbourne Avenue at Rudd Street/Bunda Street or Northbourne Avenue/London Circuit intersections.

Traffic controls and signage will be in place to safely direct pedestrians and road users.

- **Bus impacts:** There will be no changes to bus services and travel times during these works. More details will be released by Transport Canberra in coming weeks at transport.act.gov.au.

Northbourne Avenue

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

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

Impacts: Intermittent lane and shoulder closures on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street will continue, predominantly on weekends, nights and off-peak hours to minimise disruption. Pedestrian walkways will be temporarily rearranged to ensure safe crossing and foot traffic around the work

zones. Traffic controls and signage will be in place.

London Circuit East

Description: Stormwater, paving and verge works

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

Temporary closures, fencing rearrangements and traffic changes will be in place at London Circuit East 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.

Road and lanes closures will be in place between Baileys Corner and Ainslie Place to facilitate the stormwater upgrade work at London Circuit East, south of Theatre Lane. Traffic controls and alternate traffic routes will be in place for the duration of the work. There will be temporary rearrangement of loading and taxi shared zones to facilitate stormwater installation and road restoration.

Pedestrian footpaths in front of the Sydney Building will progressively be reopened to the public.

Bus routes remain operational during these works.

New lyric theatre site

Description: Construction activities will move from excavation into structural construction. Works will include installation of inground services, waterproofing, water tanks, walls and slabs. Crane use will increase to support structural works and material deliveries.

Hoarding will be installed at Knowles Place, between the new lyric theatre site, the North Building and The Playhouse, to support safe construction and provide overhead protection as scaffolding is progressively installed.

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 ongoing traffic management and signage to guide pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles safely around the project site.

Knowles Place will be closed behind The Playhouse for 5 days while the hoarding is installed. This work is planned to start late July or early August. Once these works are complete, access will be returned for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles under 3.5 metres high and 3.3 metres wide.

London Circuit West

Description: Pavement and verge works, track-related work, and asphaltting.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue.

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

There may be temporary lane and road closures within the Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit intersection to enable track-related works.

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

Pedestrian footpaths in front of the Melbourne Building will progressively be reopened to the public.

London Circuit South

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

Impacts: London Circuit remains closed to vehicles between Edinburgh Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. QT Hotel local access is available from Commonwealth Avenue and Marcus Clarke Street.

There may be intermittent lane and road closures on Edinburgh Avenue to enable rail installation and finishing works.

Parkes Way (Bridge)

Description: Rail installation and finishing works.

Impacts: Off-peak temporary lane and road closures may occur to support bridge construction activities.

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: paving, streetlight installation, rail works and landscaping works.

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

Impacts: Intermittent lane and road closures in both directions may occur during weekends and off-peak periods to support construction activities, with detours in place where required.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project

Road and shared path closures are 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. These works are not related to the Light Rail network expansion currently underway.

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.

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.

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

July/August 2026



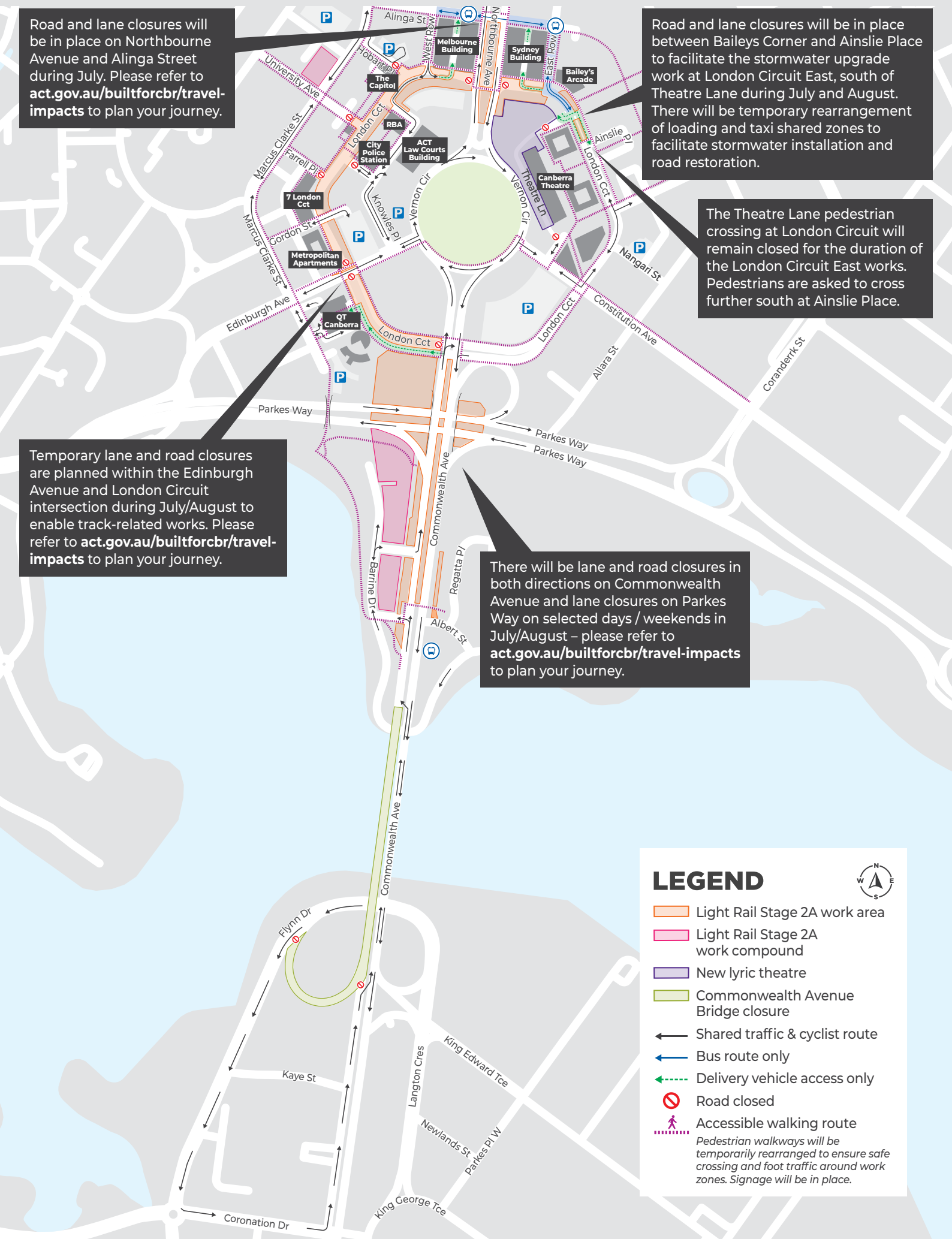
Road and lane closures will be in place on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street during July. Please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.

Road and lane closures will be in place between Baileys Corner and Ainslie Place to facilitate the stormwater upgrade work at London Circuit East, south of Theatre Lane during July and August. There will be temporary rearrangement of loading and taxi shared zones to facilitate stormwater installation and road restoration.

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.

Temporary lane and road closures are planned within the Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit intersection during July/August to enable track-related works. Please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.

There will be lane and road closures in both directions on Commonwealth Avenue and lane closures on Parkes Way on selected days / weekends in July/August – please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.



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- 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
- ⊘ Road closed
- Accessible walking route

Pedestrian walkways will be temporarily rearranged to ensure safe crossing and foot traffic around work zones. Signage will be in place.