City Construction Update

November 2026 – January 2027

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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: November 2026 – January 2027

- Northbourne Avenue – light rail works in median. Lane closures
- New lyric theatre site – structural construction continues
- London Circuit West – 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.

End of year shutdown dates

Light Rail Stage 2A and new lyric theatre sites will be closed from Thursday 24 December, reopening Monday 4 January.

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. For more details see 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 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 November – January

Light rail services disruption

- Saturday 31 October to Sunday 1 November 2026
- Saturday 28 to Sunday 29 November 2026
- Saturday 19 to Tuesday 22 December 2026
- Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 January 2027

Northbourne Avenue

Description: Light rail infrastructure works, including track, signaling, communications and electrical upgrades.

Work location: Along the light rail corridor between Alinga Street and Gungahlin, with works focused around the Alinga Street stop and Northbourne Avenue.

Impacts: Light rail services will be replaced by rail replacement buses across the entire network between Gungahlin Place and Alinga Street during the above dates.

Public transport information on bus and light rail services can be found at www.transport.act.gov.au

Temporary traffic changes will be in place around Alinga Street, Northbourne Avenue and the Rudd Street/Bunda Street intersection.

London Circuit East

Description: Road closure.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and East Row.

Impacts: London Circuit East remains closed to motorists and on-road cyclists travelling eastbound between Northbourne Avenue and East Row.

London Circuit East is **expected to reopen from late October** to motorists and on-road cyclists travelling westbound towards Northbourne Avenue.

The Theatre Lane car park is **expected to reopen from late October**, providing about 50 car parks, including accessible parking.

New lyric theatre

Description: Construction activities include installation of concrete slabs, structural walls, columns, stair cores and lift cores, with more of the building becoming visible above ground.

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: Pavement, verges, rail and asphalting.

Work location: Between Northbourne Avenue and Edinburgh Avenue.

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

Access to Knowles Place from West Row is closed until December 2026. Access to parking for ACT Law Courts is available from Edinburgh Avenue.

There will be intermittent lane and road closures of the Edinburgh Avenue and London Circuit intersection to complete final asphalting and final line marking.

There will be changes to pedestrian paths and crossing locations as works progress. Signage will be in place to support pedestrians.

London Circuit South

Description: Rail track preparation, asphalting and paving.

Work location: London Circuit between Edinburgh Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue.

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Impacts: London Circuit remains generally 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 via Commonwealth Avenue will stop temporarily on select weekends to complete the final layers of asphalting and line marking. Information about alternative access to QT Hotel will be provided ahead of the closures.

Parkes Way

Description: Light rail bridge works.

Impacts: Landscaping works are continuing in the Parkes Way median. Off-peak temporary lane closures will continue.

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: Pavement, verges, rail and asphalting.

Work location: Between Vernon Circle and Albert Street.

Impacts: Intermittent lane and road closures in both directions will occur to support construction activities, with detours for motorists and active travellers in place as required.

The pedestrian crossing across Commonwealth Avenue adjacent to Albert Street will be closed from mid-October to mid-December. Alternatively, pedestrians can cross safely along Barrine Drive.

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 active travellers detoured to the open shared paths.

Minor delays may occur along Flynn Drive beneath Commonwealth Avenue during daywork hours in November while new precast shared path panels are transported to site and installed. The bridge will visibly transform as the new, wider shared path takes shape.

The project remains on track for the renewed northbound bridge and new shared path to reopen in mid-January 2027, weather permitting. Work will then switch to the southbound side of the bridge.

There are also changes for road users, cyclists and pedestrians along Barrine Drive beneath Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, which will continue into 2027. For more information and maps of the changes, see nca.gov.au/commbridge.

Light rail vehicle testing will commence in 2027

Before passenger services begin running on the extended light rail network in 2028, the new network will undergo extensive testing and commissioning to ensure it is safe and ready for operation.

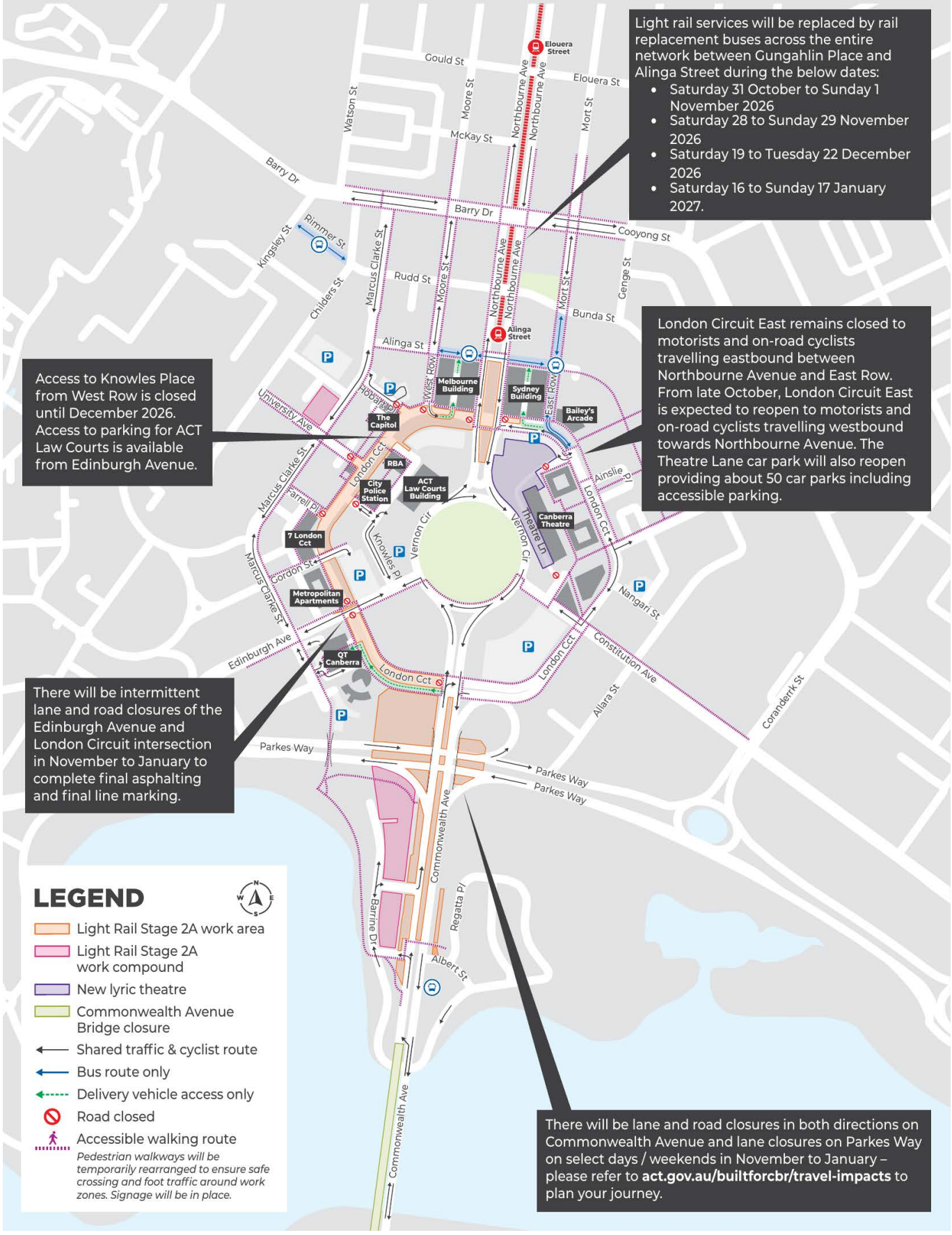
From early 2027 the community may begin to see light rail vehicles testing along the new corridor as part of this testing program.

While the vehicles may look ready for service, they will be undertaking controlled testing activities and will not be carrying passengers.

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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