

City Construction Update

May & June 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: May & June 2026

- Northbourne Avenue – intermittent road closures
- Commonwealth Avenue – intermittent lane and road closures
- New lyric theatre site – excavation and Tower Crane establishment
- London Circuit West and East – lane and road closures, fencing rearrangement, footpath and verge 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 may be conducted on weekends or at night.

Nearby stakeholders will be informed of these works in advance.

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

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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Upcoming works in your area in May and June

Northbourne Avenue

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

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 and Verity Lane as road, verge and footpath works progress.

Vehicle access to Verity Lane from London Circuit remains closed from Wednesday 15 April for about four weeks, with entry and exit via Alinga Street under traffic management.

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.

Overnight road 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.

New lyric theatre project area

Description: Bulk excavation is now underway. Two tower cranes will be installed during May, with Tower Crane 1 scheduled in early May, followed by Tower Crane 2 scheduled later in May.

Impacts: Noise impacts, pedestrian and vehicle diversions. Theatre Lane is closed to pedestrians and vehicles. The footpath along the outer edge of Vernon Circle and the footbridge from Civic Square are both closed to pedestrians. Traffic control and signage will be in place to assist drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. There will be an increase in heavy vehicle traffic during construction hours as trucks will be entering the site from London Circuit and exiting the site directly onto Northbourne Avenue.

London Circuit West

Description: Utilities, pavement and verge works, 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.

Temporary 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.

Vehicle access to Odgers Lane from London Circuit remains closed from Wednesday 15 April for about four weeks, with entry and exit via Alinga Street under traffic management.

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.

Parkes Way (Bridge)

Description: Light rail bridge construction finishing works.

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

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: Utilities, streetlight installation, rail preparation works and landscaping works.

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

Impacts: There will be intermittent lane and road closures in both directions during weekends and off-peak periods to support construction activities in both the median and verges, with detours in place where required.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project

Road and shared path closures remain 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.

From May 2026 there will be changes to access along Barrine Drive beneath Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. An approximately 200 metre section will be reduced to one lane with access to Regatta Point via Albert Street (East) only.

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

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 May/June 2026

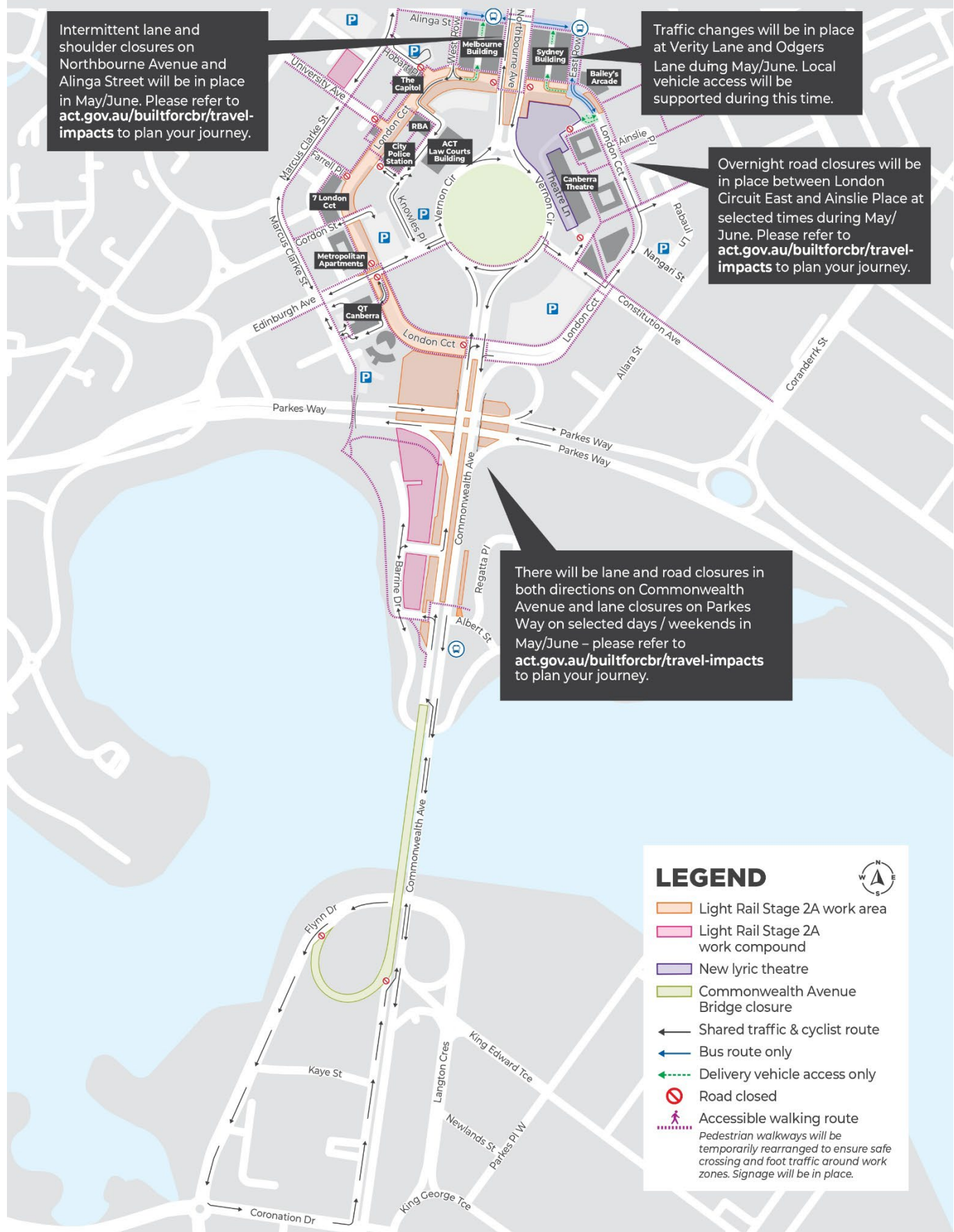


Intermittent lane and shoulder closures on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street will be in place in May/June. Please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.

Traffic changes will be in place at Verity Lane and Odgers Lane during May/June. Local vehicle access will be supported during this time.

Overnight road closures will be in place between London Circuit East and Ainslie Place at selected times during May/June. 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 May/June – 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.*



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