

# City Construction Update

December 2025 – January 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: December 2025 and January 2026

- Northbourne Ave and Alinga Street closures
- Light rail services replaced by buses
- London Circuit East – overnight lane closures, stormwater and paving works
- New lyric theatre – site establishment and early works
- Parkes Way and Commonwealth Ave – weekend closure for bridge works

## Work hours

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

To safely deliver works and minimise daytime traffic disruption, some activities may occur on weekends or at night. Nearby stakeholders will be informed of these works in advance.

## End of year shutdown dates

Light Rail Stage 2A: Wednesday 24 December to Thursday 1 January

New lyric theatre: Monday 22 December to Sunday 4 January

## 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.

## Noise and light impacts

There will be noise from machinery during construction and maintenance. Some night works may also generate light. For more details, see [act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/impacts](https://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/impacts)

## 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. Scan the QR code to view the city parking map.



## Light rail vehicle retrofit update

The first light rail vehicles fitted with battery technology are now operating on the network, paving the way for wire-free travel between the city and Commonwealth Park. These batteries charge along wired sections and store energy recovered from braking. Over the next two years, 14 vehicles will be progressively upgraded at the Mitchell depot, tested, and returned to service without impacting current passenger operations.

## Project map

Turn to page 4 for a full-size map of the project areas including pedestrian and vehicle access, or scan the QR code to see the interactive map.



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# Works in your area this month

## Light rail services disruption

**Description:** Preparation work and rail track installation.

**Work location:** Alinga Street light rail stop and Northbourne Avenue/Alinga Street intersection.

**Dates:** Light rail services between Alinga Street and Sandford Street stops will be replaced by buses on Monday 12 January to Friday 23 January 2026.

Specific details will be released by Transport Canberra in coming weeks at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

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

## Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street

**Description:** Utility and water services installation, and surface and track works at Alinga Street intersection.

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

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

- From 8pm Friday 28 November to 6am Tuesday 2 December, Northbourne Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Vehicles will not be able to cross Northbourne Avenue at Alinga Street during these days as the intersection will be closed.
- Contingency date: 8pm Friday 5 December to 6am Monday 8 December

- Throughout January, intermittent lane closures on Northbourne Avenue between Vernon Circle and Cooyong Street will also be required from time to time to enable important civil works to be completed. Wherever possible these will be undertaken outside of peak hours.

Detours will be in place for vehicles and on-road cyclists during these works.

**Pedestrian impacts:** Pedestrian paths will be temporarily rearranged to ensure works can be carried out safely.

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 significant changes to the city bus interchange due to detours around the Alinga Street intersection for the duration of the works. These changes may impact travel times during these works. Specific details will be released by Transport Canberra in coming weeks at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## London Circuit East

**Description:** Stormwater and pavement works.

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

Overnight road closures, fencing changes and traffic changes will be in place on London Circuit East as works progress.

The Theatre Lane pedestrian crossing at London Circuit will remain closed for the duration of the works. Pedestrians are asked to cross further south at Ainslie Place.

Bus routes remain operational and access to Verity Lane will be provided.

## London Circuit West

**Description:** Utility and verge upgrade works.

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

There will be temporary closures on the London Circuit West verge to carry out footpath upgrade and road restoration works.

## New lyric theatre project area

**Description:** Ongoing site establishment and early works including site shed and hoarding installation, utility relocations, Theatre Lane roadworks, demolition of existing kerb and other structures, concrete works, modification work to The Playhouse, new retaining wall construction, and work to establish piling areas.

**Impacts:** Noise impacts, pedestrian and vehicle diversions including Theatre Lane and Knowles Place closures, footpath along Vernon Circle and footbridge from Civic Square closed to pedestrians, increased construction traffic entering the site via London Circuit and leaving via Northbourne Avenue. Traffic control and signage will be in place to assist drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

## London Circuit West (South)

**Description:** Excavation and services installation.

**Impacts:** London Circuit is closed to on-road traffic between Edinburgh Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. Access to the QT Hotel remains open during this time.

## Parkes Way

**Description:** Light rail bridge construction works.

**Impacts:** Works are ongoing on the Parkes Way median to support crane installation of bridge

girders. To enable these works, from 8pm Friday 5 December to 6am Monday 8 December, closures will be in place in both directions on:

- Sections of Parkes Way
- Commonwealth Avenue between Vernon Circle and Parkes Way
- London Circuit East between Commonwealth Avenue and Constitution Avenue.

Detours will be in place.

In the event of wet weather or other impacts, the works will take place from 8pm Friday 12 December to 6am Monday 15 December.

Off-peak temporary lane closures will continue between the Edinburgh Avenue off-ramp and Commonwealth Avenue on-ramp in December and January.

A short section of Commonwealth Avenue southbound will also see an additional lane closure near the Parkes Way Bridge to enable deep excavation works as part of light rail bridge construction.

Out-of-hours works and temporary traffic management will be required at times to support delivery of major plant and equipment.

## City Renewal Authority projects

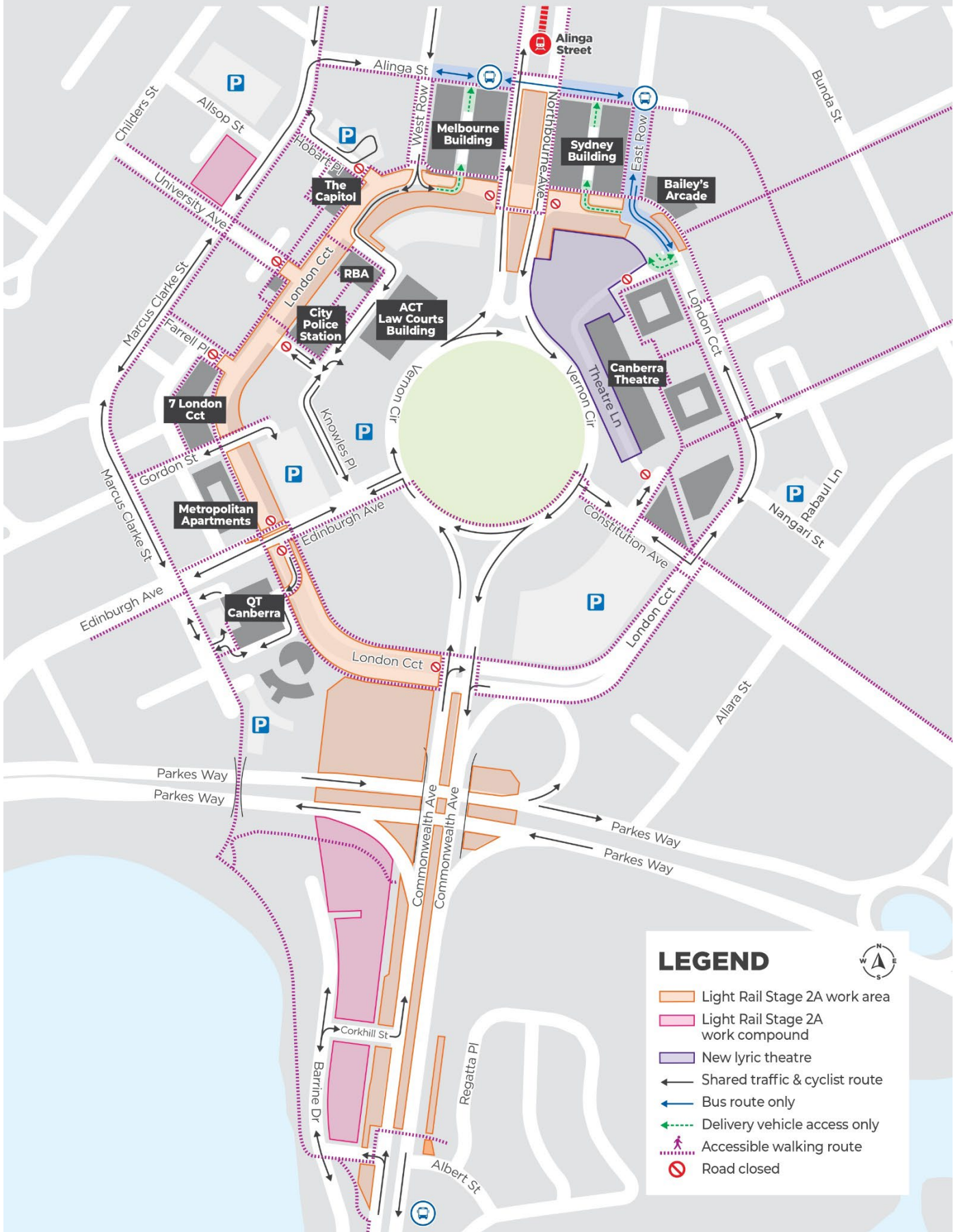
The City Renewal Authority is improving the heart of the city through a range of upgrades creating a more accessible, safe, and welcoming public spaces. Garema Place is on track to reopen in December 2025. Construction of improvements to City Walk, from East Row to Ainslie Place, will begin in early 2026. To find out more on these projects, visit [act.gov.au/cityrenewal](http://act.gov.au/cityrenewal)

## 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 December 2025/January 2026



## LEGEND

- Light Rail Stage 2A work area
- Light Rail Stage 2A work compound
- New lyric theatre
- Shared traffic & cyclist route
- Bus route only
- Delivery vehicle access only
- Accessible walking route
- Road closed

