

City Construction Update

March & April 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: March & April 2026

- Northbourne Avenue – intermittent road closures
- Commonwealth Avenue – intermittent lane and road closures
- New lyric theatre site – service relocations and piling works
- 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: 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 map on final page for detailed map of the 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 over March and April

Northbourne Avenue

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

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

Impacts: Intermittent road and lane closures on Northbourne Avenue between Cooyong Street and Vernon Circle, and on Alinga Street. 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.

Lane and shoulder closures on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street will continue, predominantly on weekends, nights and off-peak hours to minimise disruption.

London Circuit East

Description: Stormwater, Sydney Building and other verge works and road pavement works.

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

Overnight closures, fencing movements and traffic changes will be in place at London Circuit East and Verity Lane 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.

Overnight road closures will be in place between London Circuit East and Ainslie Place to facilitate the stormwater upgrade work south of Theatre Lane. Traffic controls and alternate traffic routes will be in place for the duration of the work.

Bus routes remain operational and alternative access to Verity Lane will be provided over the course of these works.

New lyric theatre project area

Description: Piling works have started and will be ongoing through to mid-2026. Gas and stormwater services will be relocated and the first of two tower cranes will be installed in late April.

Impacts: Intermittent 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 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, Melbourne Building and other verge works, road pavement 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.

Overnight 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. Access to Odgers Lane will be provided over the course of these works.

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 works.

Impacts: Off-peak temporary lane closures will continue to support bridge construction activities.

Commonwealth Avenue

Description: Excavation, stormwater works, watermain installation, streetlight installation, rail preparation works and rail bridge construction.

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

Impacts: Intermittent lane and road closures in both directions will occur during weekends and off-peak periods throughout March and April to support installation of utilities and rail track.

Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal Project

Road and shared path closures are now 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.

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.

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 March/April 2026

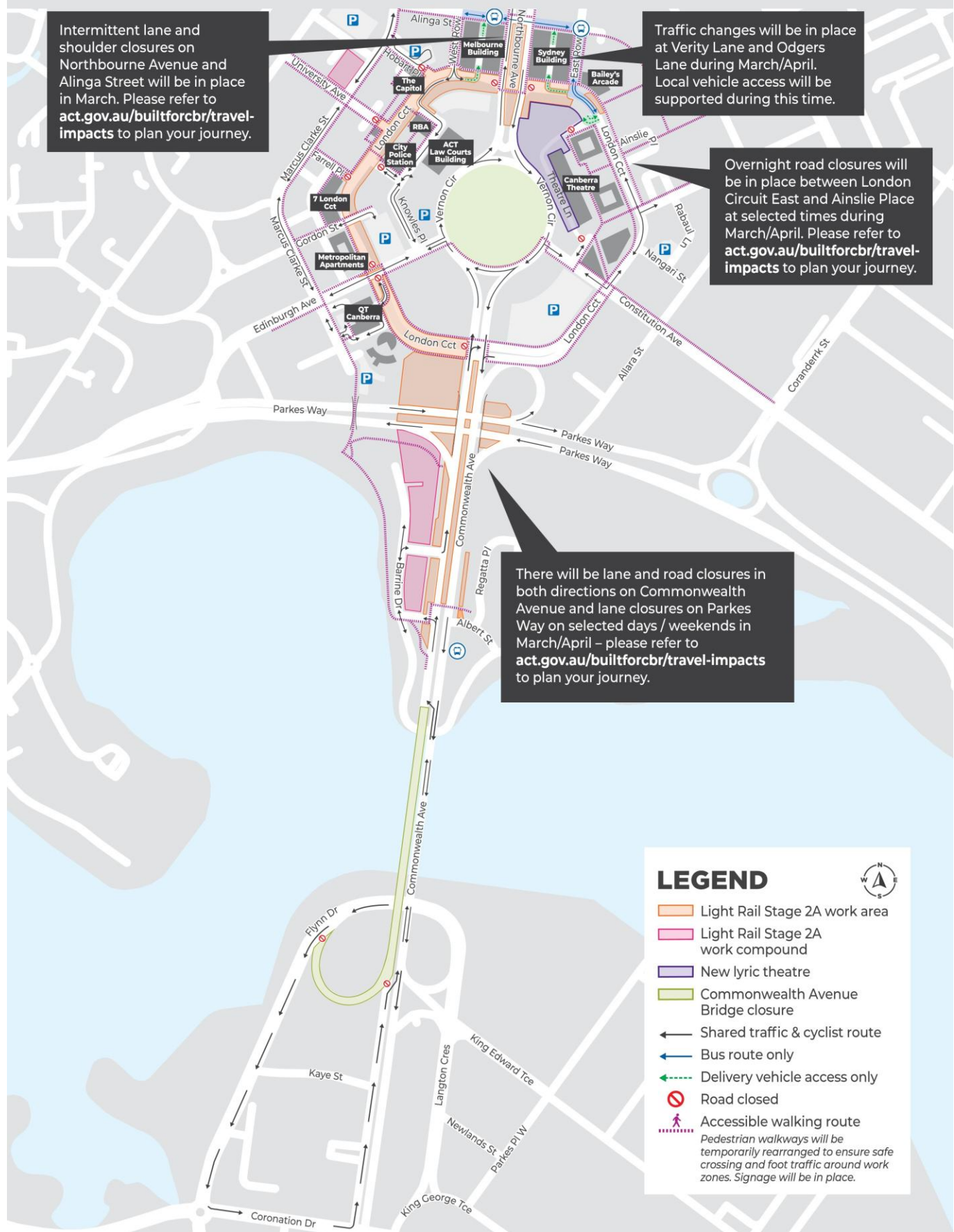


Intermittent lane and shoulder closures on Northbourne Avenue and Alinga Street will be in place in March. Please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.

Traffic changes will be in place at Verity Lane and Odgers Lane during March/April. 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 March/April. 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 March/April – please refer to act.gov.au/builtforcbr/travel-impacts to plan your journey.



LEGEND

- 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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