

Building Light Rail to Woden Project Update

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The ACT Government is building light rail to Woden. We are investing in our city's future by ensuring Canberra is a more connected, sustainable and vibrant city.



London Circuit works to deliver a better city

To extend light rail and deliver better transport to Canberra's south, first we need to raise London Circuit. Once complete, it will change the current overpass-underpass road configuration into a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly intersection that connects the city seamlessly to the lake. It's the most significant road project in Canberra's CBD in decades.

The project will also unlock new opportunities for diverse land use, improve active travel connections across the city and create high quality, attractive and functional public spaces.

Around 60,000 cubic metres of fill will be used to raise the current road to form an at-grade intersection with Commonwealth Avenue. Two of the existing cloverleaf ramps will also be removed, with access routes via Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue channelling traffic to the City's west and east.

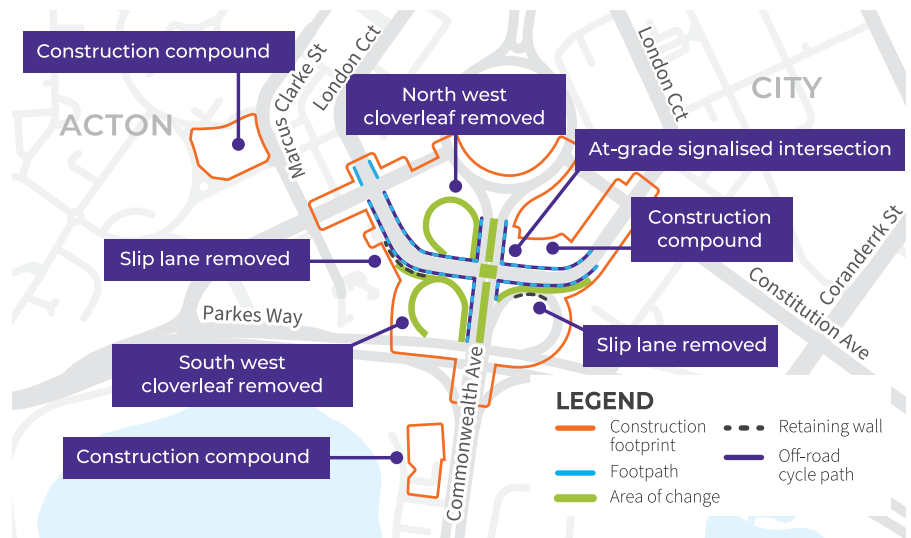
The works will also include new pedestrian footpath links, dedicated cycle lanes and major landscaping improvements will add to the amenity of the area.

Before we can get started, traffic lights need to be installed on the Coranderrk Street roundabout and on Vernon Circle. This will help with traffic flows in and around the city during construction.

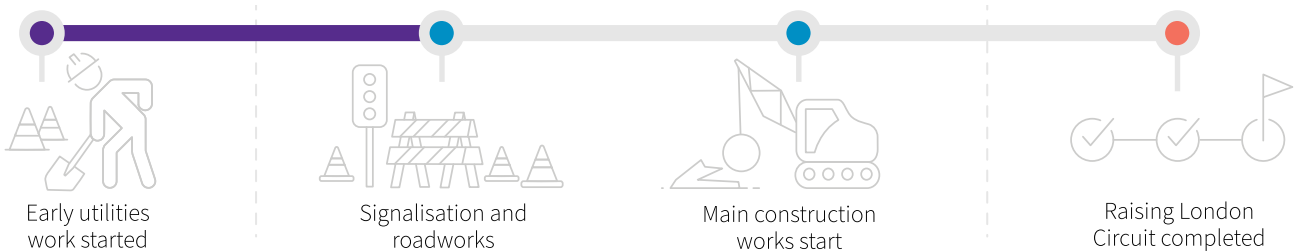
Raising London Circuit is also a supporting piece of infrastructure for Stage 2 of light rail to Woden, which will deliver better public transport to Canberra's southside.

Main works are expected to start later this year.

The most disruptive construction work is likely to start in 2023 with the removal of the Commonwealth Avenue overpasses over London Circuit.

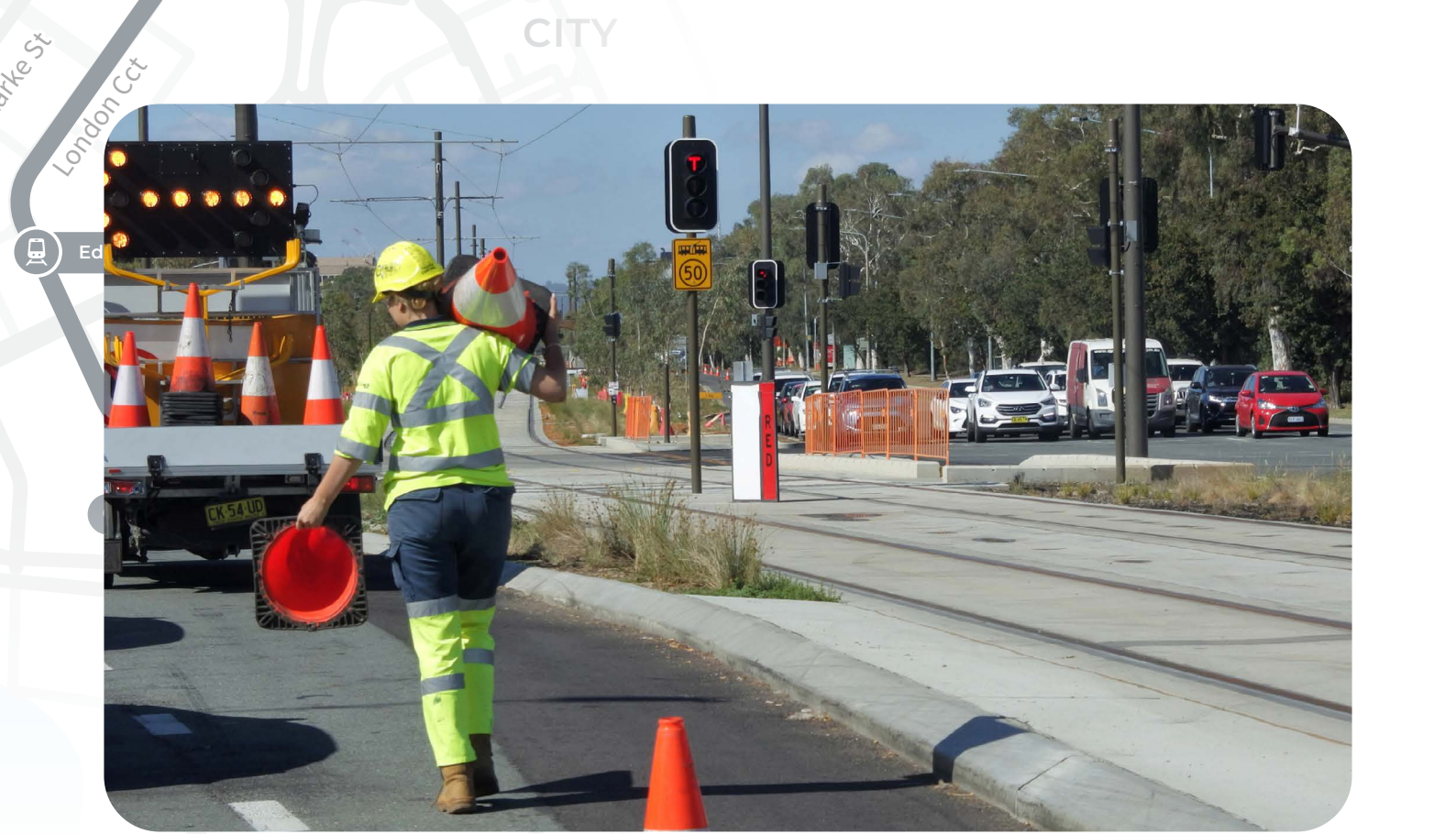


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Minimising disruption in the City

To prepare for the disruption ahead due to construction works in the city, the ACT Government's Disruption Taskforce is implementing several traffic management activities in the coming months. Vernon Circle and Coranderrk Street will both be signalised to help minimise impacts on traffic flows in and out of the city.

Traffic lights at the Coranderrk Street roundabout

Raising London Circuit is expected to see traffic move away from Commonwealth Avenue and migrate to Kings Avenue and Parkes Way. To improve traffic flow, we are installing traffic lights on the westbound approach to the Corranderrk Street roundabout on Parkes Way.

Traffic lights will be installed to control the westbound right-turn movement from Parkes Way into Coranderrk Street. This will better regulate traffic flow and improve the capacity of the intersection. It will mean it can support the greater volumes of traffic expected during the construction of light rail and the raising of London Circuit. It is planned the westbound turning lanes at the roundabout will also be extended to provide improved storage capacity at the new lights.

Traffic lights on Vernon Circle

The ACT Government has also received approval to temporarily install traffic lights on the northern side of Vernon Circle to allow safe right-turn movements onto Constitution Avenue and London Circuit (see map). This is being done due

to the closure of the London Circuit clover leaves, which means traffic to the east side of the City will be re-routed during construction via Vernon Circle and Constitution Avenue.

Intelligent transport systems

The ACT Government will install intelligent transport monitoring technology in strategic locations across central Canberra where disruption and congestion are likely. This will include new intersection cameras and Bluetooth sensors capable of feeding traffic insights back to the central Traffic Operations Centre at Fyshwick.

Data from these devices will be used to provide up-to-date information about journey times and potential disruption through wireless variable message signage on our roads, via radio and social media. Active monitoring of the network will also mean a faster response to accidents or issues before they cause major congestion.

Disruption Taskforce – contact us

Throughout the year, the ACT Government's Disruption Taskforce will be leading more work to reduce impacts from construction in the city. Got an idea, a question or want more information? You can contact the Taskforce at disruptiontaskforce@act.gov.au

For more information about the Disruption Taskforce visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden



Download your local public transport, cycling and walking guide

As we move forward with major infrastructure projects like raising London Circuit, we will be asking Canberrans to 'rethink your route, rethink your routine'. This could mean finding other ways to travel to the city, travelling outside peak times, or trying public transport and active travel.

Have you thought about other ways you can get to work to avoid the upcoming disruption? Now is a great time to give Canberra's public transport or extensive path network a try. Local guides that outline public transport and active travel connections across Canberra are available to download now at transport.act.gov.au.

There's a guide for the City, Tuggeranong, Woden/Weston Creek/ Molonglo, Gungahlin and Belconnen.



Watch the video: flythrough of a raised London Circuit

To see a visual flythrough of how a raised London Circuit will look, scan the QR code or visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden



Have your say at information sessions

Over the coming months, the light rail project team will be out and about across the city providing information on the raising of London Circuit, the construction program and how we'll minimise the impacts to your journey into the city.

We'll also be available to answer any question you might have on light rail to Woden.

A schedule of information sessions and online engagement activities is available at: act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden





Works at Woden

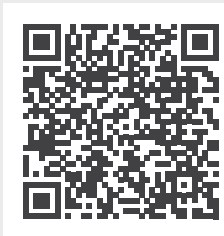
A light rail stop will be built as part of the new Woden public transport interchange coming soon. It will be used for bus services until light rail reaches Woden. For more information on the new interchange visit act.gov.au/citcampuswoden

Ask a question

The light rail to Woden interactive map allows you to ask a question and view the answers to other questions from the community. Simply drop a pin, ask your question and the project team will respond.

You can also ask a question by emailing lightrailtowoden@act.gov.au.

The interactive map can be accessed via the project website at act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden/interactive-map.



Stay informed

To stay up to date on construction activity and road impacts in the raising London Circuit work zone, scan the QR code to subscribe to the monthly construction look ahead.

You can also sign up to receive more regular paperless updates through the light rail to Woden e-newsletter.



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