CBD and South East Light Rail

Major contract awarded for light rail expansion

The CBD and South East Light Rail will transform Sydney by offering fast, reliable journeys from Circular Quay through the CBD to South East Sydney’s sporting precincts, medical facilities, education and business precincts, every four minutes during the peak.

The project has recently taken a major step forward with the appointment of ALTRAC Light Rail to deliver and operate the new light rail line.

Key facts

The CBD and South East Light Rail will:

- carry up to 450 people per vehicle, the same amount as 9 standard buses or 90 cars
- provide frequent and reliable services, operating separate from traffic, every four minutes in the city during peak hours
- provide seamless interchange between trains, buses, ferries and light rail with the use of Opal card
- feature electric powered light rail vehicles with air conditioning and a fully accessible low floor design
- generate more than $4 billion for the NSW economy
- create approximately 10,000 jobs
- minimise the loss of trees and plant up to eight replacement trees for every tree removed.

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Transforming Sydney

Contract awarded

ALTRAC Light Rail was announced, in mid December 2014, as the successful consortium to build and deliver the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) line, with construction now expected to finish one year ahead of schedule in 2018.

ALTRAC Light Rail comprises leading national and international companies including Transdev Sydney, Alstom Transport Australia, Acciona Infrastructure Australia and Capella Capital.

ALTRAC Light Rail’s proposal resulted in a number of modifications and improvements to the project.

These modifications were placed on public exhibition in December 2014 and were approved by the Department of Planning and Environment in February 2015. It is expected that customers will be able to use the new light rail service from early 2019, which will ultimately move up to 13,500 people every hour.

Further details on the modifications and the submissions made during the public exhibition are available at www.sydneylightrail.com.au.

Project improvements

A number of improvements have been made to CSELR project design, including:

• greater passenger capacity
• more efficient journey time in the CBD
• reduced visual impact from overhead wiring structures in the CBD
• improved crowd management during special events at Moore Park.

Transport for NSW continues to work with stakeholders, including City of Sydney and Randwick City Council to ensure the project design optimises public transport outcomes for the local community and reduces its impact on the environment.

Final designs for interchanges and light rail stops will be developed in detail over the coming months and will include plans to deliver seamless connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians.

In your area

CBD

The CSELR will travel through the CBD, via George Street, beginning at Circular Quay. The CBD portion of the route has eight stops and will feature a pedestrian zone along George Street between Bathurst and Hunter Streets, and wire-free operation between Town Hall and Circular Quay.

Surry Hills and Moore Park

The route from Central to Moore Park will travel through Surry Hills, along Devonshire Street with a stop at Ward Park.

Light rail will improve transport links to this area as well as support a vibrant and active street character and improved pedestrian environments.

Randwick

At the southern end of Moore Park the alignment extends to Randwick via Alison Road, Wansey Road and High Street. A bus interchange will be provided in Randwick.

Kingsford and Kensington

The route will also travel to Kingsford through Kensington via Anzac Parade. The CSELR will service the UNSW Campus, providing a safe, reliable and accessible connection between the University, Kensington and Central Station.

Did you know?

One light rail vehicle can carry up to 450 people, the same amount as 9 standard buses or 90 cars.

12 kilometre route • 450 people per vehicle • 19 stops • ‘Turn up and go’ services
Early works update

Following consultation with local businesses and community members, early works were carried out on eight intersections along George Street over a number of weekends between October and January.

These works were essential to ensure existing underground utilities, such as power, water, gas and telecommunications at a number of George Street intersections were identified, relocated and, in some cases, protected to minimise any disruption to businesses, residents and commuters when major construction starts in the CBD later this year.

This work follows the largest survey of sub-surface utilities in Sydney with more than 3,500 pit surveys and over 200 trench investigations carried out along the 12 kilometre alignment.

Early works are also currently underway at Moore Park Tennis Centre, expected to be completed in March, and work has also started in Surry Hills.

Further night time and weekend preparatory work will be carried out in the coming months. The project team will continue to work with businesses, residents and the community and will ensure all are kept informed of scheduled early works.

Major construction

As we move closer to the start of major construction, preparatory work will continue across the route and communities, residents, businesses and other stakeholders will be advised of work well before it begins.

Major construction is not expected to begin in George Street until September or October and there will be no changes to bus routes in this area until that time.

Work will be staged along the route, to reduce the impact on residents and businesses.

Transport for NSW and ALTRAC Light Rail will continue to consult with communities and stakeholders and provide information on upcoming work to minimise disruptions, and to maintain access along the route.

Additional dedicated staff will also be employed on the ground to work closely with residents, businesses and local communities to inform them of developments and provide advance notice of work activities in each area.

ALTRAC Light Rail is finalising the detailed work schedule so communities and businesses have plenty of notice when work is taking place.

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