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LIGHT RAIL CHIEF TO LEAD PARRAMATTA PROJECT

The man who led the successful delivery of the Newcastle Light Rail, Anand Thomas, will helm the \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail program, the NSW Government has confirmed.

A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the project is fortunate to have secured Mr Thomas as program director after he led the implementation of the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program, which included the Newcastle Light Rail.

“Anand has a proven background of delivering a light rail project on time and successfully,” the spokesperson said.

“His experience will be a valuable asset for the project, which is at a critical juncture as it transitions from planning to building phase.”

Early works have begun on Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail, connecting Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta and Camellia, with major construction to begin in 2020.

As part of the Parramatta Light Rail program, Transport for NSW is also delivering a five-kilometre active transport link, new bridges and road network upgrades.

Mr Thomas joins the project with a wealth of knowledge of NSW public transport and infrastructure including his most recent position as program director for the Newcastle Light Rail project.

He said he is delighted to be joining the team in Parramatta and playing a role in delivering light rail for the Greater Parramatta region.

“This is an exciting project as we realise the vision of the 30-minute city in Western Sydney,” Mr Thomas said.

Former Parramatta Light Rail program director Tim Poole, who has led the program since 2016, has accepted a new role as chief operating officer for the Western City and Aerotropolis Authority.

Transport for NSW thanked Mr Poole for his leadership and service progressing the Parramatta Light Rail project through planning to the delivery of Stage 1 and the design of Stage 2.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 is expected to commence services in 2023.