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EAT STREET TRANSFORMATION BEGINS

Major construction for the Parramatta Light Rail has begun on 'Eat Street' in the first step towards the revitalisation of the famous dining strip.

Minister for Transport Andrew Constance said the light rail works in Eat Street have started this week. They will include the removal of the existing pavement and road surface, deep excavation and moving or replacing underground utilities including water, gas pipes and telecommunication services.

A micro-tunnelling machine beneath the ground will reduce noise and impact compared to street-level work, moving up to 10 metres a day.

"We know the community is eager to see this light rail built and we will be working hard over the next five months to make the most of this time," Mr Constance said.

"Our construction timetable together with innovative engineering techniques will see this precinct through to a fantastic new light rail network that will bring passengers into the heart of Parramatta."

A construction grace period will see works cease on 1 November 2020 until 1 February 2021 and outdoor dining restored over the busy warmer months.

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said the precinct, closed to car traffic in February ahead of light rail works, had been impacted by Covid-19 lockdown measures and would benefit from a vibrant program of events and activities planned to celebrate the distinctiveness of the area.

"We're pleased to give businesses certainty that hoardings will come down at the beginning of November, giving everyone a break from construction," Mr Lee.

"This is in addition to the many other ways we're proudly supporting Eat Street."

Further NSW Government support measures will include:

- Nearly 2000 metres of colourful shadecloth and hoarding will highlight the array of local retailers and reflect the popular dining area's rich cultural diversity.



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- 'Activate Parramatta', a new app, will be launched to attract the community, residents and visitors to dine or shop at businesses along the light rail route, as Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease.
- A 'Dine, Scan, Win' shop local campaign will give the community a chance to win weekly prizes from participating restaurants, cafes and takeaway shops.
- Realise Business, appointed by Transport for NSW to deliver free business support services, continues to provide guidance to businesses affected by light rail construction.

The \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia and is expected to open in 2023.

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