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### **Major construction to kick off on the Parramatta Light Rail**

Greater Parramatta will see new light rail bridges built, 60,000 tonnes of concrete poured, and more than 215,000 tonnes of earth moved to make way for the Parramatta Light Rail when major construction gets underway in 2020.

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said major construction on the Parramatta Light Rail will begin in January 2020 following the closure of the single-track T6 Carlingford Line for its conversion to dual-track light rail.

“We are getting on with the job of building a better connected Greater Parramatta and it’s exciting that major construction will soon get underway following the early works of this project that commenced this year,” Mr Lee said.

“The community will start to see work ramping up with fencing and hoardings installed along the future light rail route, and construction sites established.

“We know these works will involve some disruption and it’s not going to be easy. It’s our priority to manage the project carefully and minimise the impacts of construction on businesses and the community.”

In preparation for major construction, more than 1000 underground site investigations have been conducted so far to identify known utility services, such as water, gas, telecommunications and electricity, under the light rail route.

“Transport for NSW has spent more than three years carefully planning and undertaking detailed investigations to reduce the risk of encountering unknown underground utilities, heritage finds and contamination,” Mr Lee said.

“Beyond this, if we encounter unknown utilities or heritage items during construction, we have a robust process in place to allow effective preservation or localised removal on site.”

On 1 February 2020, Church Street between Macquarie and Market Streets (including the ‘Eat Street’ dining strip) will become a pedestrian only-zone with mobile work sites and temporary hoardings established for utility relocation work. In June 2020, major work will commence in this area with the removal of outdoor dining structures and street furniture.

The Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is set to open in 2023.

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