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## NEW ROUTE FOR FREE PARRAMATTA SHUTTLE

Parramatta's free shuttle bus service will remain in operation along a modified route, connecting key destinations in Parramatta's booming CBD.

Following community feedback, Member for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee said the NSW Government has decided to retain the service following the start of works for Parramatta Light Rail.

"We want to ensure the 900 bus route maintains the best possible connectivity for customers within the Parramatta CBD to places such as Bankwest Stadium, the Parramatta Leagues Club and the Riverside Theatre," said Dr Lee.

"We believe we have developed a solution that will enable the service to continue during Parramatta Light Rail construction with minimal disruption to daily commutes."

The free shuttle bus, operated by Transdev NSW for Transport for NSW, currently services the Parramatta CBD in a loop from 7am to 6:30pm Mondays to Fridays, and from 8am to 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

From 1 February 2020, a modified route will see the shuttle bus run along George Street instead of Macquarie Street, one block north from its previous route. In addition, the shuttle bus will turn right into Villiers Street from Grose Street, heading south with a new stop at Prince Alfred Square, before turning left onto Phillip Street.

Dr Lee said the new route has been designed with a focus on minimal change.

"We have created a route as close as possible to the original, serving the community with the same levels of convenience and ease as before," Dr Lee said.

The Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia and is expected to commence services in 2023.

For more information on the Transport for NSW 900 Shuttle Bus, visit <u>transportnsw.info</u>.

For more on the Parramatta Light Rail project, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au.

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