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PARRAMATTA PREPARES FOR LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION

George Street in the Parramatta CBD will become two-way and O'Connell Street will be widened to four lanes as part of road and traffic changes ahead of Parramatta Light Rail construction.

Parramatta Light Rail program director Tim Poole said that the Diona Ward Joint Venture (comprising Diona Pty Ltd and Ward Civil & Environmental Engineering Pty Ltd) has been appointed to deliver the Parramatta Light Rail 'Enabling Works', which will encompass the relocation of underground utilities, intersection upgrades, new traffic lights, landscaping, and changes to street lanes and parking.

"Parramatta Light Rail will be fantastic for the region when it opens in 2023, with nearly 30,000 people predicted to use it every day by 2026 to reach essential services and destinations across Western Sydney," Mr Poole said.

"These enabling works are vital to keep the city moving and to minimise disruption for the people of Parramatta. These changes, while not directly along the Parramatta Light Rail route, will provide additional capacity and connections for everyone in the CBD before, during and after the light rail construction."

These works aim to increase road capacity to ensure traffic can move in and around the Parramatta area.

In the most significant change, George Street in the Parramatta CBD is set to become two-way, moving traffic through the heart of Parramatta more efficiently by redistributing traffic volumes across the local road network. O'Connell Street will also be widened to four lanes from Barney Street to Albert Street to accommodate additional traffic as an alternative to Church Street.

Enabling Works are expected to begin in late 2018 and is the second of four major contracts announced to facilitate the construction and operation of Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail.

A contract to remediate the planned light rail depot site was awarded in April 2018, and contracts to deliver Infrastructure Works, and Supply, Operate and Maintain the Parramatta Light Rail are currently out to tender and will be awarded by the end of this year.

A fact sheet is available at parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au with full location details.

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