

Fact sheet

Parking



Parramatta Light Rail will provide frequent, reliable light rail services for the Greater Parramatta region, with around 28,000 people getting on and off every day. To enable the construction and operation of Stage 1 of Parramatta Light Rail, parking along the route and its surrounding streets will be removed or changed.

What is the Parramatta Light Rail?

The Parramatta Light Rail is one of the NSW Government's latest major infrastructure projects being delivered to serve a growing Sydney. Stage 1 of the project will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD and Camellia, improving access to retail and business centres, supporting urban renewal and creating great public and pedestrian-friendly spaces along the route.

Parramatta Light Rail will reduce the need for people to travel by car around Parramatta CBD and the Greater Parramatta region, reducing congestion and the need for car parking spaces. Our modelling predicts that Parramatta Light Rail, when operational, will take the equivalent of 25,000 cars off the road by 2041.

How many spaces will be removed?

Around 865 parking spaces will be directly impacted along the proposed route and surrounding areas. Around 168 spaces for specific use (such as accessible parking, loading and taxi zones) will be relocated to adjacent streets.

Why are these spaces being removed?

To enable the construction and operation of the Parramatta Light Rail, parking spaces along the route will need to be removed or relocated to provide space for the light rail corridor and to retain traffic lanes where required. Parking in surrounding areas may also be lost to accommodate supporting works such as road widening and traffic changes.

What other parking will be available?

Transport for NSW has conducted parking assessments and found that general parking spaces in the Parramatta area are under-utilised. For example, peak demand usage of on-street parking in the Parramatta CBD is at around 70 per cent, indicating that suitable parking will be available during and after construction.

The City of Parramatta Council also recently released its Parramatta CBD Public Car Parking Strategy, which identifies ways to better utilise and manage existing CBD car parking facilities, as well as relocate all-day parking further from the centre of the CBD.

When will the impacts take effect?

Construction is due to begin later in 2018. The loss of parking spaces will occur gradually and apply once construction commences in each area.

What is being done to limit the loss of parking spaces?

Transport for NSW is working with the City of Parramatta Council and Sydney Coordination Office to identify feasible and reasonable parking management measures to be incorporated into the Parramatta Light Rail project design. This will involve ongoing work to refine the project design and assess traffic to reduce the extent of parking loss.

What will happen on Church Street?

On-street parking along Church Street from Macquarie Street to Victoria Road will be removed. This includes the removal of parking along Church Street, known as "Eat Street", to enable a pedestrianised boulevard that will improve amenity and access for the community and businesses.

Specific-use parking (such as accessible parking, loading and taxi zones) will be relocated, where possible, to adjacent streets.

What will happen at Westmead Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Westmead?

All existing on-street parking along Hawkesbury Road will be permanently removed to accommodate the two-light rail tracks with one lane of traffic on either side.

As in other areas, specific-use parking such as accessible parking, loading and taxi zones will be relocated, wherever possible, to adjacent streets.

How can I find out more?

To find out more about the project, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au or call the community enquiry line on **1800 139 389**.