



## Transport for NSW Media Release

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### PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL GOES GREEN

Taking inspiration from Porto to Paris, the NSW Government will deliver the Australia's longest stretch of "green track" as part of the Parramatta Light Rail project.

Parramatta Light Rail program director Tim Poole said the decision to install green track highlights yet another way the Parramatta Light Rail project is delivering for the west.

"NSW deserves the very best and we're ensuring the very latest technology, innovation, and best practice is applied here in Parramatta," said Mr Poole.

"Green track will make the light rail easier to embed in existing local landscapes and see it beautifully integrated into the public domain."

Parramatta Light Rail will feature up to one kilometre in total of green track, which involves planting grass or shrubs between and beside light rail tracks, across three zones: Cumberland Hospital, Robin Thomas Reserve and Tramway Avenue.

Mr Poole said countries around the globe, including France, Portugal and Spain, had embraced grass track as an aesthetic and sustainable urban design solution.

"Not only does green track look good, it contributes to increased biodiversity, noise reduction and urban cooling – a positive result for those who live and work in the Western Sydney heat," said Mr Poole.

"Green track on the Parramatta Light Rail will bring positive change to the historic landscape, local parks and streets through which it passes."

Transport for NSW has partnered with Western Sydney University to understand how green track will perform in Western Sydney.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is expected to open in 2023.

For more on the Parramatta Light Rail, visit [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au).

To view the Western Sydney University 'Green Track for Parramatta Light Rail' report, visit <https://researchdirect.westernsydney.edu.au/islandora/object/uws%3A48951>.