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LIGHT RAIL TO RENEW WESTMEAD PRECINCT

The Westmead Precinct will have access to light rail services from 2023, with works beginning this week in preparation for major Parramatta Light Rail construction.

Member for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee said the essential road widening works by Transport for NSW, in association with the \$1 billion Westmead Redevelopment project, are part of creating the new light rail service that will transport the many new workers, students and visitors attracted by the dynamic innovation precinct.

“This is a transformative time for the Westmead Precinct, one of Australia’s largest health, education, research and training hubs,” said Dr Lee.

“We’re looking at more than 40,000 full-time staff and more than 30,000 students by 2036, and we are building the public infrastructure needed to support this growth.”

The widening of Hawkesbury Road, Westmead, will create room for one lane of traffic on each side of the new dual-track light rail. Construction works on Hawkesbury Road, between Darcy Road and Jessie Street, will include:

- Relocation of utilities and parking
- Removal of roundabouts, median strips and median kerbs
- New footpath, street lighting and landscaping
- Footpath improvements
- Trimming or removal of some trees, and planting of new trees

“The Parramatta Light Rail is an important part of the Westmead story. It will begin and end its journey here, delivering people to the front door of the precinct and also providing seamless connections to existing bus and suburban rail services,” said Dr Lee.

“We know that construction is disruptive and that’s why we have spent years planning Parramatta Light Rail. We’re asking people to bear with us while we build a bigger, better and more accessible Westmead Precinct.”

Stage 1 of the \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is expected to open in 2023

To find out more, visit, www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au, www.westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au or view the [Hawkesbury Road fact sheet](#).

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