



Tunnelling update - Annandale

Tunnelling will continue in Annandale throughout August, with all three stages of excavation now underway. The Project undertook a controlled trial blast on Monday, 27 July 2020. During the trial, extensive monitoring was undertaken, and this will be used to assess the viability of controlled blasting as an excavation method. Should the project proceed with controlled blasting, additional information will be communicated to stakeholders in the area in the coming weeks. Regular tunnelling activities such as roadheader excavation, rock bolting and shotcreting will still continue. We thank you for your patience during this time as we move through this area.

What we're doing

In **August 2020** excavation of the top of the tunnel (heading) will continue beneath Young Street moving towards Mayes Street, Annandale. Excavation of the bottom half of the tunnel (benching) will continue towards Johnston Street, Annandale.

A map showing the approximate location and progress of tunnelling activity throughout August is provided overleaf.

Tunnelling activities will be **undertaken 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

The tunnel is being excavated in several stages:

- **Stage 1** - excavating the top of the tunnel and cross passages, called the heading, and the installation of support including large steel bolts into the rock and sprayed on concrete
- **Stage 2** - excavation of the lower half of the tunnel, called benching
- **Stage 3** - excavation of drainage channels using sawcutters, trencher and jackhammers. Stage three is done in sections following the tunnel excavation.

The tunnel is excavated using machines called roadheaders (Stage 1 and 2). In areas of hard sandstone alternate excavation methodologies such as rock-hammers or controlled blasting may also need to be used. After the completion of the benching, drainage channels are dug using a trenching machine and where required jackhammers (Stage 3).

When

Throughout August 2020

Hours of operation

24 hours a day, seven days a week

Where

Johnston Street, Reserve Street, Trafalgar Street, Annandale Street, Young Street and Mayes Street, Annandale

For more information please call the Community Relations team on 1800 660 248 or email your enquiry to info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au

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The excavated dirt and rock, called spoil, will be removed using trucks with trailers from the Pymont Bridge Road site. Spoil trucks will enter the site via Parramatta Road and exit via Pymont Bridge Road, Camperdown.

How this affects you

Each individual's experience of tunnelling may vary due to a range of local conditions and variables. Vibration and noise levels experienced depend on ground conditions, building types, existing background noise levels and the materials used to build your property. It also depends on how far away you are from the tunnel. In some instances, you may experience the following:

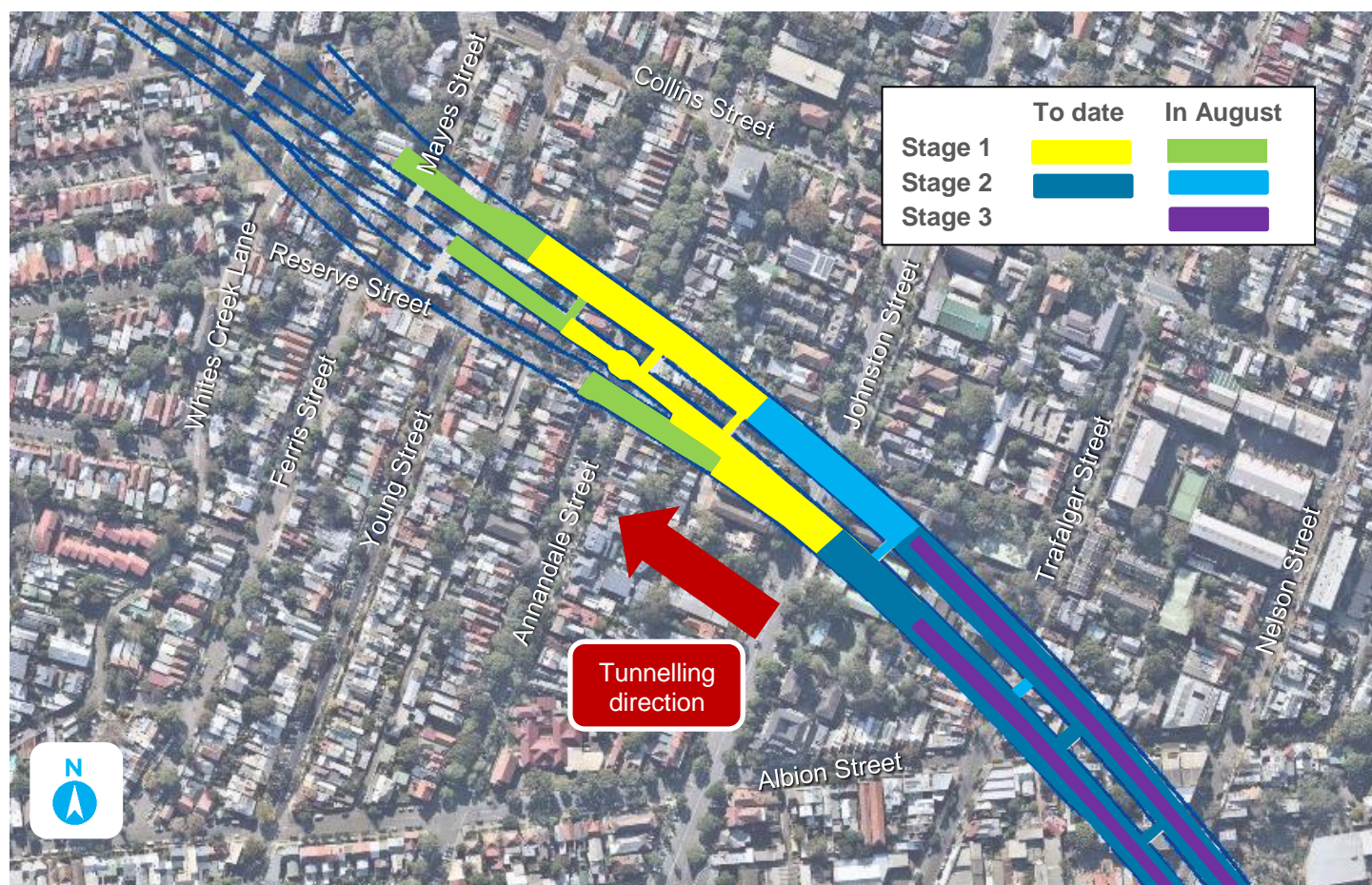
- Ground borne noise – this is created when vibration from tunnel excavation travels through the ground and causes a building's flat surface to vibrate, occasionally creating an audible 'rumbling' noise
- Vibration – at times you may feel some vibration, however, the predicted levels are as expected and not high enough to cause damage to the property.

Once the tunnel is complete, you will not hear or feel any vibration from vehicles using the operational motorway.

To understand the location of the M4-M5 Link Tunnels, or for further information regarding the sequence/ process, please visit the interactive tunnelling tool at <https://stage3a.anzgeo.com/> or refer to our tunnelling fact sheet, available in the document library on the WestConnex website.

If you have an enquiry or complaint about this work, please contact the M4-M5 Link Tunnels team on toll free 1800 660 248, email info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au or write to PO Box 63, Mascot, NSW 1460.

Approximate location and progress of tunnelling activities



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