



Tunnelling update - Newtown

The M4-M5 Link Tunnels team started tunnelling from the Campbell Road civil and tunnel site in May 2019 and work will continue in Newtown heading north throughout December 2020.

What we're doing

In **December 2020** excavation of the top half of the tunnel (heading) will continue in the St Peters Interchange on and off ramps in a northerly direction to Camden Street, Kent Street and King Street, Newtown. The excavation of the top half of the tunnel (heading) in the mainline tunnels will progress towards Holmwood Street, Newtown.

Excavation of the bottom half of the tunnel (benching) in the ramps will continue towards Alice Street and Camden Street and beneath Darley Street towards Dickson Street, Newtown in the mainline tunnel.

A map showing the approximate location and progress of tunnelling activity throughout December 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 with saw cutters and jackhammers

The tunnel is excavated using machines called roadheaders (Stage 1 and 2). To help progress excavation in areas of hard sandstone, at times rock-hammers may be used. After the completion of the benching, drainage channels are dug using a trenching machine and where required jackhammers (Stage 3). The excavated dirt and rock, called spoil, will be removed using trucks with trailers from the Campbell Road site.

When

Throughout December 2020

Hours of operation

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
No tunnelling work will be undertaken on 25 and 26 December and 1 to 3 January 2021.

Where

Camden Street, Kent Street, Alice Street, Holmwood Street, Dickson Street, Wells Street, Darley Street and King Street, Newtown

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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How this affects you

Each individual's experience of tunnelling will 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. Stakeholders report experiencing 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, creating an audible 'rumbling' noise
- Vibration – you may feel 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.

The M4-M5 Link Tunnels Community Information Centre at Haberfield will be closed from Tuesday 22 December 2020 and reopen on Monday 4 January 2021.

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.

Location and progress of tunnelling activities

