Welcome to the M4-M5 Link Tunnels summer edition of the Pyrmont Bridge Road construction update. This update provides a lookahead of planned work over the next three months as we prepare for the start of tunnelling mid 2019.

If you would like to receive regular emails about work progress, please sign up for our fortnightly updates at:

info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au

During the last few months of 2018, we demolished the majority of the buildings within the project boundary. By removing these existing structures, we are able to start work on the foundations of the tunnelling site.

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we establish our site - this first stage of construction is typically the most disruptive to pedestrians and traffic movements in the area.

Pyrmont Bridge Road site activities

Apart from finishing demolition of the buildings within the project boundary, we have a lot of work planned in and around the site over the next three months. This work will include:

- Removing concrete slabs at the base of each demolished building. Some noise and low level vibrations to neighbouring properties may be experienced
- Continuing trenching work for utilities relocations, installations and disconnections around the site
- Replacing current hoarding with concrete barriers and construction fencing until permanent hoarding is in place
- Installing site offices, worker sheds, a parking area, drive-ways and support facilities
- Starting the excavation of a decline ramp inside the site that will provide access for the construction of the mainline tunnels
- Building the foundations of the acoustic shed and surrounding area. This will involve concrete pours
- Installation of a water treatment plant (required during tunnelling)
- Commencing work for the realignment of Bignell Lane.

Aerial view of the Pyrmont Bridge Road site prior to construction starting, December 2018
Pyrmont Bridge Road tunnelling site layout

Construction over the next three months will continue to establish the Pyrmont Bridge Road tunnelling site. Features of the site in its operational state are outlined in the image below. This layout is indicative only and may be subject to change.

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Have your say - Construction shed colour

Our temporary construction shed will be built for tunnelling activities and will remain in place for the duration of the project. The shed will measure approximately 100 metres in length and range between 8.5 and 12 metres high. The shed will be used to enclose most of the noise and dust generated by tunnelling.

The Project team would like to give the residents and businesses of Camperdown/Annandale an opportunity to vote on the preferred colour for the shed.

To submit your colour preference call or email us by **Friday 8 February 2019**.

**Email:** info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au

**Phone:** 1800 660 248 (ask to speak with a member of the M4-M5 Link Tunnels team)

*These colours may appear slightly different on paper to the actual product colour*
Visible changes around the tunnelling site

In order to establish the tunnelling site, a number of visible changes will occur over the next three months outside the site.

Utilities work
A key part of setting up a tunnelling site involves installing, relocating and disconnecting utilities in the vicinity of the site. Trenching work will start shortly to install power on Mallett Street and Mason Street, and relocate an existing water and sewer main on Pyrmont Bridge Road. While we endeavour to carry out most work during the daytime, some night work will be required in order to reduce impacts on traffic and to ensure the safety of workers.

Trenching involves digging in the road and footpath to access services. Temporary work sites will be established for the duration of the work and will move progressively along the chosen route. Further information about each activity, including any traffic and pedestrian changes, will be provided to businesses and residents closer to the time.

Relocation of bus stop
A proposal is being reviewed by the Department of Planning and Sydney Transit Authority to relocate the existing bus stop at the corner of Mallett Street and Parramatta Road approximately 70 metres east (city bound) through the intersection for the duration of construction. Notice of the relocation will be advertised at the bus stop at least one week prior to the change being implemented which is expected to take place in the coming weeks. The new bus stop will maintain the features of the original bus stop.

Changes to on-street parking
On-street parking around the site, as highlighted in the above image, will be removed by early February 2019 for the duration of the project. This is required to facilitate new entry and exit points to the work area. Impacted businesses and residents have been consulted about this change.

Traffic and pedestrian changes
Temporary changes to traffic and pedestrian routes will be ongoing while we continue to set up the tunnelling site. We encourage motorists and pedestrians to take note of traffic control and directional signage as they will continue to change regularly as a result of the work.

During site establishment, trucks are authorised to access the site using Parramatta Road, Pyrmont Bridge Road and Mallett Street.

A Traffic and Transport and Access Management Plan has been prepared and is available on the WestConnex website, outlining the vehicle routes to be used during tunnelling. Further information on this will be provided in updates later in the year.

Working hours
Standard construction hours during the site establishment period are 7.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am – 6.00pm Saturday.

Work considered to have a very low noise level impact (non-intrusive) may be undertaken outside of these hours. These activities may include security patrols, service inspections and oversized deliveries and will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the Project’s Environmental Protection Licence.
Night work

While the Project endeavours to carry out its work during standard construction hours, some activities must be performed at night for the safety of workers, motorists and pedestrians. Please see below a high level overview of night time construction work that may occur over the next three months outside the site. If you have an enquiry, complaint or would like to provide feedback about this work, please call the M4-M5 Link Tunnels Team at the details provided below.

Equipment

Equipment to be used includes but is not limited to; excavators, haulage vehicles, cranes, jackhammers, concrete trucks and pumps, compaction rollers, water carts, piling rigs, saw cutters, hand tools, generators, light vehicles, traffic control, vacuum trucks, surveying equipment, drill rigs and scissor lifts.

For more information

Drop into our Community Information Centre at 201-205 Parramatta Road, Haberfield (corner of Alt Street), opening 4 February 2019. Operating hours are 9am-5pm Monday to Friday – excluding public holidays.

You can also contact the WestConnex info line on 1800 660 248, email info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au or visit westconnex.com.au/M4-M5LinkTunnels for more information.

We speak your language
To learn more, visit westconnex.com.au. Need an interpreter? Call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

Minimising impacts on the community

The Project endeavours to:

- Observe respite periods during extended periods of high noise impact work. During night work, we will endeavour to schedule high impact noise activities earlier in the shift
- Conduct monitoring of noise and vibration levels during high impact activities to ensure they are within acceptable limits
- Use non-tonal reverse beepers and instructing workers to keep noise to a minimum
- Mitigate dust impacts by using water carts, sprinklers and hoses to dampen work areas and stockpiles
- Engage with impacted residents and businesses ahead of work taking place
- Conduct regular inspections to assess the adequacy of mitigation measures and implementing further measures if required.