



Transport
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CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT



CBD and South East Light Rail is a **unique infrastructure project that will transform Sydney**. It will provide a **fast, reliable, low-emission public transport** service and act as a catalyst for urban renewal.



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Project overview

CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) is a \$1.6 billion light rail line from Circular Quay to Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills.

It will include major interchanges at ferry, rail and bus stations along the route, and pedestrianisation of a 1km section of George Street.

This high capacity transport system will help cut CBD congestion by reducing the need for many bus services and providing a frequent, reliable and comfortable travel option through the city and the south eastern suburbs.

Congestion currently costs the city's economy \$5.1 billion per year, higher than anywhere else in Australia.

The route was selected following a feasibility study carried out in consultation with key stakeholders, including the City of Sydney and Randwick City councils. The findings of this study are published in Sydney's Light Rail Future.

The project is also one of the key commitments of the NSW Government set out in the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan that aims to deliver an integrated, modern transport system that puts the customer first.

The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and Sydney's Light Rail Future are available for download at www.transport.nsw.gov.au.

Above ground through Surry Hills

A 2.2 kilometre tunnel under Moore Park, the Eastern Distributor and Surry Hills was considered for the project. This option is not being taken forward as it will not provide a stop in Surry Hills, costs more and presents significant engineering and environmental challenges.

The Government determined that the best route for light rail is along the surface of Devonshire Street in Surry Hills. This will give local residents access to frequent and reliable public transport, provide substantial benefits for the area through urban renewal and provide easy access for customers to businesses in Surry Hills.

Benefits

Less CBD congestion

- 220 fewer buses per hour in the CBD during the morning peak.

Faster, more reliable, more comfortable public transport

- Carry up to 9,000 people per hour in each direction.
- Quiet, air-conditioned vehicles.
- A 'turn up and go' reliable service every two to three minutes in peak times.
- 15 minutes from Central to Circular Quay.
- A maximum of 24 minutes from Kingsford or Randwick to Central Station.
- Integration with the Opal ticketing system.
- Modern, accessible stops with real time service information.

Urban renewal and improved amenity

- A world class pedestrian boulevard for Sydney on George Street.
- Opportunities for urban renewal along the route.



Light rail will provide fast and reliable links to key destinations like the Prince of Wales Hospital, University of NSW, SCG, Sydney Football Stadium, Moore Park, Central and Circular Quay.

Next steps

Transport for NSW is now developing the detailed design of the project, which will include the precise alignment of the route and the location of stops. Preliminary survey and investigation work is being undertaken to help inform the detailed design work. You may notice surveyors along the route as we carry out these activities.

Delivering a project of this scale in a busy urban environment presents significant challenges.

Planning work is being undertaken to assess any potential impacts, including access, traffic, noise, heritage, amenity and flora and fauna. This will culminate in an environmental assessment, which will be placed on display for community feedback in late 2013.

Subject to planning approval, major works will commence in 2014.

CSELR will be delivered as a single project to ensure efficient delivery.



Having your say

We want to ensure the project benefits from your input.

You don't have to wait for the formal planning process to have your say. The project team will be actively engaging with communities and other stakeholders throughout the year.

Activities will include, one to one meetings, public displays, information sessions and personal visits and in the coming months we will open a community information centre.

The project team is available to hear your views, answer questions and discuss the project at any time on **1800 684 490** or via email at **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**

Project timeline



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Light rail vehicles will be:

- Quiet
- Reliable
- Accessible
- Comfortable and air conditioned
- Fully integrated with the new Opal ticketing system
- Able to carry up to 300 people