



# Northern Sydney Freight Corridor Program Epping to Thornleigh Third Track



## OCTOBER 2015 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### Upcoming works in October

Construction activities on the ETTT Project will continue in October. All works are undertaken in accordance with Environmental Protection Licence #20287 and the project's Conditions of Approval. The following activities will occur inside and outside the rail corridor. Subject to our Environmental Protection Licence and approval by relevant authorities, other activities may occur at night and on weekends.

### Beecroft playground upgrade – temporary closure from 7 October

The children's playground at Beecroft Station on Wongala Crescent will be closed from **Wednesday 7 October for approximately two months**. This will allow for the playground to be upgraded with new play equipment, additional seating and new plants. The nearest playground for families during this time is at Beecroft Village Green. For more details on the improvements being made at the playground please view the Urban Design and Landscaping Plan available at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects) (go to Northern Sydney Freight Corridor and then ETTT).

### Traffic and access changes

Location	Activities
Cheltenham Road, and Chapman Avenue bridges	Temporary lane closures will be in place on the Cheltenham Road and Chapman Avenue Bridges between 8am and 4pm on weekdays to allow for the continued installation of safety screens. Pedestrian and vehicle access will be maintained.

Various temporary and intermittent lane closures may be required along roads adjacent to the rail corridor including Beecroft Road at Epping, The Crescent and Sutherland Road at Cheltenham, Wongala Crescent and Sutherland Road at Beecroft as well as Yarrara Road, Railway Street and Pennant Hills Road at Pennant Hills. Please note that traffic control measures will be in place during works to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

### Weekend and night works in October

We will undertake some work outside standard hours to ensure the safety of workers and minimise impacts on motorists and pedestrians. The night and weekend work currently planned is listed in the table below.

Location	Date	Time	Activities
Between Epping and Thornleigh stations	24 to 26 October	2am Saturday to 2am Monday	Day and night works, including high noise works, during a scheduled weekend rail shutdown.
Epping Station precinct	Selected weekends	8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday	Installation of cables in the Hills M2 Motorway median strip.
Cheltenham Station precinct	7 -9 and 12-14 October	6pm to 7am	Platform and concourse works.
Pennant Hills Station precinct	Selected nights in October	6pm to 7am Monday to Friday	Station and precinct works including kerb, gutter and footpath works on Yarrara Road and Railway Street. Safety screen installation on Pennant Hills Road Bridge.

Some of this work is subject to approval and dates may change or be added. Depending on expected impacts, surrounding residents will receive further notification regarding night and weekend work closer to the dates.

## What you may notice

Some of this work will be noisy. Light vehicles, trucks and plant will access the rail corridor, stations and nearby streets. Please be aware of slow moving vehicles entering and exiting access gates. Your cooperation is appreciated during these essential works. For safety reasons, some deliveries of oversized equipment may occur outside standard construction hours to comply with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) guidelines. Noise monitoring will be undertaken regularly to ensure the noise goals for the work are met.

Equipment required during the works includes trucks, piling rigs, excavators, rock breakers, mobile cranes, wood chippers, chainsaws, generators, concrete pumps and saws, water trucks to suppress dust, street sweepers, light towers, jack hammers, vacuum trucks, elevated work platforms, concrete traffic barriers, traffic management, compaction equipment, hand and power tools.

## General works in October

Work during standard construction hours – Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm.

Location	Activities
Epping Station precinct (up to the Hills M2 Motorway)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continued installation of permanent fencing, gates and some minor landscaping works north of the station along Beecroft Road.</li><li>Continued drainage and retaining wall work opposite Kandy Avenue including removal of temporary work platforms previously installed for bridge and retaining wall construction.</li><li>Continued works on the new bridge over the Hills M2 Motorway and Devlin's Creek.</li><li>Completion of drainage works at the bottom of Sutherland Road north of Hills M2 Motorway.</li></ul>
Cheltenham Station precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opening sections of The Crescent commuter car park.</li><li>Commencement of landscaping works along the commuter car park on The Crescent.</li><li>Ballast delivery and placement via an access gate on The Crescent, south of Lyne Road.</li><li>Continued retaining wall and drainage works on Sutherland Road and The Crescent.</li><li>Continued works on the new permanent 'Kiss and Ride' facility and the adjoining pedestrian plaza at the corner of The Crescent and Cheltenham Road.</li><li>Completion works to the Sutherland Road car park and footpaths.</li><li>Finishing works to station platforms and external painting and cladding to the lifts shafts.</li></ul>
Beecroft Station precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completion works at Beecroft Station commuter car park until mid-October.</li><li>Noise wall works along Sutherland Road between Copland Road and Chapman Avenue Bridges as well as along Wongala Crescent north of Arden School. Works will include piling and excavation for footings and some tree and vegetation removal inside the rail corridor.</li><li>Drainage works inside and outside the rail corridor. These works will require lane closures on Sutherland Road south of Narena Close and tree removal inside a private property.</li><li>Commencement of landscaping works at the Beecroft Station gardens.</li></ul>
Pennant Hills Station to Thornleigh Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Footpath, kerb and gutter restoration works, installation of traffic signals and landscaping on Yarrara Road and Railway Street as well as installation of safety screens to the Pennant Hills Road Bridge.</li><li>Noise wall works to commence inside the rail corridor south of Pennant Hills Road. Works will include piling and excavation for foundations, post installation and some tree and vegetation removal inside the rail corridor.</li><li>Ballast delivery and placement via an access gate on Wongala Crescent south of Boundary Road as well as delivery of rail sleepers to Pennant Hills Station.</li><li>Landscaping works north of the station.</li><li>Continued installation of glazing and cladding to the station concourse, platform canopies and stairs.</li><li>Continued installation and commissioning of station services, along with construction of the platform and track formation through Pennant Hills Station.</li></ul>

Various locations along the corridor between Epping and Thornleigh stations

- Earthworks including adjustment of existing track, vibratory rolling, drilling and piling, strengthening and stabilisation of ground, concreting and shotcreting.
  - Removal of old and installation of new signalling cables and structures, overhead wiring, footings and pedestals and installation of ballast and rail track.
  - Service relocation and commissioning. If service outages are required, residents will be contacted by the relevant authority (may include vacuum excavation and concrete cutting).
  - Installation of drainage inside and adjacent to the rail corridor at various locations (may include excavating trenches with rock breakers).
  - Removal, installation, adjustment and replacement of safety barriers, handrails, protection hoarding, fencing, safety screens, posts, erosion and sediment controls.
  - Continued use of compounds at Talavera Road, Macquarie Park and Blaxland Road, Epping, including some large deliveries; approved heavy vehicle routes for delivery and transport of materials, access gates, roads, lay down areas, stockpiles and amenities.
  - Tree removal and vegetation clearing (only if required and in line with project approvals).
  - Surveying at various locations inside and outside the rail corridor.
  - Removal of asbestos in accordance with NSW WorkCover requirements, if required.
- Use of audible safety devices including train horns, hand-held horns, railway detonators, and automated train warning systems. Residents may hear noise from these devices.

### Noise barrier colour and replanting feedback

Three noise barriers are being built along the rail corridor to minimise noise associated with the new third track. The project team are seeking community feedback on the noise barrier colour and replanting options.

Photomontages showing what the noise barrier may look like as well as the colour and replanting options, can be viewed on the project website at [transport.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/projects) (click on 'Northern Sydney Freight Corridor' then Epping to Thornleigh Third Track' and then 'Current works'.

### New lifts for customers as part of major upgrade to Cheltenham Station

A new concourse and two new lifts to improve access for customers at Cheltenham Station was opened on 31 August.

Customers are now using the new concourse on Cheltenham Road Bridge and new stairs to move between the station platforms. The upgrade also includes a modern ticket office, Opal card readers, improved security features including CCTV, and new passenger information display boards.

Two disabled car parking spaces on The Crescent have been relocated to the Sutherland Road car park closer to the new lifts, allowing easy access to the station concourse and platforms.

Finishing works will continue over the coming months, including fit out works on the concourse, planting native vegetation, reinstatement of the commuter car park on The Crescent, and a new kiss and ride area near Cheltenham Road Bridge.



Customers using the new concourse on Cheltenham Road Bridge



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