



Media Release

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PROPOSED STATIONS AND CORRIDOR REVEALED FOR WEST METRO

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The NSW Government has revealed 11 proposed stations and a corridor alignment for the first extension of the Sydney Metro - the West Metro between Westmead, Parramatta and the city.

Minister for Transport David Campbell today said a joint NSW and Australian Government funded feasibility study into the West Metro had resulted in plans being drawn up for proposed stations and a corridor linking the CBD to Parramatta.

“This is the next exciting phase in the development of metro in Sydney, which will deliver great benefits to those in the west,” Mr Campbell said.

“It shows the hard work that is being done to get this project to a stage where it is ready to move forward as construction funding becomes available.

“This project will bring a state-of-the-art mass transit system to the western suburbs of Sydney and deliver an important alternative transport option on the city’s busiest transport corridor.

“Residential and employment growth forecasts indicate 106,000 new jobs will be created in the key employment centres of Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park / Rhodes and the Sydney CBD by 2031.

“The western corridor from Parramatta to the CBD is the busiest transport corridor in Australia’s biggest city.

“It accounts for 9.26 million passenger kilometres of daily travel, and generating \$125 billion in economic activity, 12 per cent of Australian GDP and over 38 per cent of the GDP of Sydney.”

Mr Campbell said the West Metro would change the way people in the west travel, with a clean, efficient and environmentally friendly transport option at their door step.

“The West Metro will plug into the Sydney Metro, a fully funded seven kilometre underground system which is to link Central, Town Hall, Martin Place, Barrangaroo, Pyrmont and Rozelle,” Mr Campbell said.

“Metro is the future of transport in Sydney and today we see another piece of it taking shape.”

Mr Campbell said the recommended station locations for the West Metro are:

Sydney University	Camperdown	Leichhardt	Five Dock
Burwood	Strathfield	Sydney Olympic Park	Silverwater
Camellia	Parramatta	Westmead	

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“The NSW and Australian Governments jointly provided \$30 million for a feasibility study and the initial planning work, which includes drawing up the West Metro tunnel alignment and station locations,” Mr Campbell said.

“A further \$91 million from the Australian Government is now funding detailed planning and pre-construction work, which will ensure we are ready to go with major construction contracts as further funding becomes available.

“The next step is to start the planning approval process with the lodgment of a Preliminary Environmental Assessment and Project Application with the Department of Planning.

“An extensive community consultation process will now get underway, and Sydney Metro will work closely with the community and stakeholders over the coming year to complete an Environmental Assessment of the project.”

Mr Campbell said key factors in the selection of station locations included:

- Supporting expected growth along the corridor, particularly at Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park and Burwood;
- Servicing the major education and health precinct in Westmead and providing an interchange with the North West transitway;
- Connecting with CityRail services, with the focus on convenient interchanges at Parramatta and Strathfield to link in with express and local services;
- Stations at Five Dock, Leichhardt, Camperdown, and Broadway-Sydney University to improve travel times and add transport capacity and choice to densely-populated areas currently dependent on buses.
- An alignment to the north of Parramatta Road and the M4, to attract and consolidate new land uses and urban regeneration for areas including Parramatta East, Rosehill, Camellia and Silverwater;

“There is now a clear choice for the people of NSW – the Government is committed to delivering metro across Sydney, while the NSW Opposition is determined to kill off this ultra-modern transport mode,” Mr Campbell said.

“The Government continues pre-construction work on the Sydney Metro, with the detailed environmental assessment being finalised, land acquisition starting and the tender process for construction and operation underway.”