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**Holiday road closures coming, as light rail work ramps up in South East**

Significant light rail work will occur in Moore Park and Randwick over the Christmas/New Year period, including utility investigations and tree removal, as the countdown continues to major construction in the south east.

CBD Coordinator General Marg Prendergast today announced that essential work on the CBD & South East Light Rail will ramp up over the holiday season in an effort to confine road closures to off-peak times and minimise ongoing weekend and night work.

“From Christmas night through to early January, we are taking advantage of reduced demand on major roads and the fact many Sydneysiders are out of town,” Ms Prendergast said.

“By doing this work now, we will reduce the need for future night and weekend work.

“Late on Christmas Day we will establish a site on South Dowling Street to prepare for construction of the new light rail bridge over the Eastern Distributor. From 9am on Boxing Day we will be preparing the bridge’s foundations which mean some noisy work, but tackling this job now will save up to 10 weeks of noisy night and weekend work later on.

“From 28 December, there will be closures of Alison Road in Randwick between Cowper Street and Avoca Street and Wansey Road at Alison Road for utility relocations and tree pruning and removal, with limited vehicle access remaining.

“We are committed to keeping tree removal to an absolute minimum. Wherever practical, we plan to refine design and prune trees rather than remove them.

“Minimising the construction impact on the road network and ensuring as few trees as possible are removed have always been leading priorities on this project, and will continue to be throughout the next three years.

“At least two trees will be planted for every small tree we remove, four for every medium sized tree, and eight for every significant tree.

“That means we will plant significantly more new trees than we remove,” Ms Prendergast said.

Details of upcoming work to prepare for light rail construction:

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- South Dowling Street will be closed southbound at Flinders Street from 11pm on 25 December until 10am on 31 December, though some lanes will re-open on the nights of 26 and 27 December to accommodate traffic for sporting events at Moore Park. If further work is required after 31 December, the southbound lanes will close again at 6am on 1 January and will reopen by 9am on 3 January. Motorists will be diverted via Anzac Parade. One northbound lane on South Dowling Street will remain open. Motorists will still be able to access the Eastern Distributor.
- Alison Road at Randwick will be closed between Cowper and Avoca streets, and Wansey Road closed at Alison Road, from 6am on 28 December until 10am on 31 December. Eastbound access will be maintained between Cook and Avoca streets, while access across Alison Road will be maintained at Avoca Street, Belmore Road/Cook Street and Botany and Church streets, and Alison Road/Cowper Street will be open. Local access to Wansey Road will be maintained. Motorists are advised to use High Street to avoid delays.
- Further tree pruning and removal on Alison Road and Anzac Parade will take place in January. This work will involve lane closures but is unlikely to require significant road closures.

Up-to-date traffic conditions and road closures can be viewed at [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) and bus customers can plan their journey, including routes that will be diverted to allow for road closures, at [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info).

The CBD and South East Light Rail Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), EIS submissions report and Modifications Report can be found on the Sydney Light Rail website: [www.sydneylightrail.com.au](http://www.sydneylightrail.com.au).