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CANBERRA LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2 (CITY TO WODEN)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What are the benefits of taking light rail to Woden?

The ACT Government is working to make Canberra a more connected, sustainable and vibrant city. Building Stage 2 of light rail to Woden is an important step to deliver this.

As our city grows, we want to maintain the high quality of life we enjoy in Canberra. That means finding smart and sustainable ways to meet the needs of a growing community while protecting our environment and quality of life so that future generations of Canberrans can enjoy them too.

Stage 2 will provide a comfortable and frequent public transport backbone to connect Woden and the southside through to Civic and the north. It will provide the central spine we need to deliver a flexible and convenient public transport network that integrates light rail and buses with other forms of on-demand and active travel.

Building light rail to Woden will give Canberrans on the southside more options about how and when they travel. It will help take cars off our roads and cut transport emissions as we work towards zero net emissions by 2045. Stage 1 of light rail between Gungahlin and the city has been incredibly successful, with more people choosing to use public transport because it is a frequent, comfortable and reliable service. Now, we want to extend these same benefits to people on Canberra's southside.

Building light rail to Woden will also be a catalyst for creating better city spaces along the line, where people can live and work while being well connected to public transport. It will support vibrant town and local centres which can meet the needs of our growing community without putting extra pressure on our roads or the great green spaces around the edges of Canberra.

As Canberra's single-biggest infrastructure project, building light rail to Woden will play an important role in our city's post-pandemic recovery. It will create local jobs now while strengthening our city's transport infrastructure to make this city more connected, sustainable and vibrant in the years ahead.

How is the ACT Government delivering light rail to Woden?

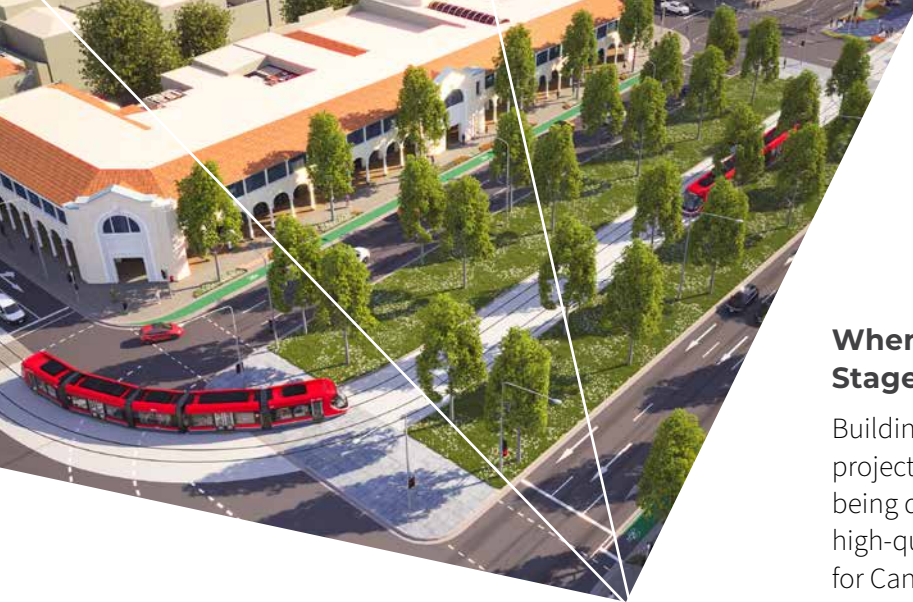
The Government has released updated delivery plans for Stage 2 of Canberra's light rail network. Work on this major infrastructure build will pick up pace from the second half of 2021.

Early works will commence for Stage 2A (City to Commonwealth Park) of light rail before the end of 2021, including utilities relocation and other preliminary works. Planning and works approvals are also planned to be lodged with the National Capital Authority in the third quarter of this year.

Raising London Circuit is a key enabling project for Stage 2, and major construction work on this component will start in 2022. Construction of the Stage 2A alignment from the City to Commonwealth Park will get under way directly following these works. Construction of Stage 2A is expected to take around two years once track-laying commences.

Design and approvals work for Stage 2B from Commonwealth Park to Woden will be undertaken in parallel with the construction of Stage 2A. This should allow construction works to get underway as the first three stops on Stage 2 become operational.

The ACT Government is also getting on with delivering the new multi-modal transport interchange at the Woden end, with construction works set to commence before the end of 2021. This will ensure works are proceeding from both ends of the line to bring light rail to Woden as efficiently as possible.



What will the construction works mean for traffic in and around the city?

Stage 2 of light rail to Woden is Canberra's single biggest infrastructure project, and will be delivered in parallel with other infrastructure works in and around Canberra's city centre. This includes work by the National Capital Authority to strengthen Commonwealth Avenue Bridge and the development of the new UNSW Campus at Reid.

Collectively, these major infrastructure builds are expected to impact traffic flows to and from the city from mid-2022 onwards. At different times throughout the construction program, we anticipate this will include road closures, diversions and new signalisation of intersections. People living and working in the area will also experience localised impacts such as dust, vibration and noise.

The ACT Government is in the process of undertaking traffic modelling, data analysis and use surveys to better understand current traffic and usage flows in and around the construction zone. This will underpin the design of effective mitigations for this upcoming disruption. Our aim will be to minimise the impact on the Canberra community by ensuring there are clear options and alternatives for people to move around the city.

We will communicate clearly, early and often with Canberrans about upcoming disruption impacts and what steps we are taking to address them. We will work closely with the community throughout the build of Stage 2 of light rail to identify and mitigate these impacts wherever possible.

When will services start running on Stage 2 of light rail to Woden?

Building light rail to Woden is a large and complex project. Canberra Light Rail Stage 2 (City to Woden) is being delivered in two stages to ensure we can deliver high-quality transport outcomes and value for money for Canberrans at every step of the way.

For Stage 2A (City to Commonwealth Park) there are several enabling projects that need to be completed before track-laying can commence. This includes raising London Circuit. The timing of delivery for Stage 2A is also currently dependent on negotiations with the ACT Government's delivery partner, approvals from the National Capital Authority and ACT Land and Planning approvals.

As we develop the designs and begin construction on Stage 2A, we will begin preparing a Commonwealth Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Stage 2B.

We are working to advance the design and approvals on all parts of the line so we can move seamlessly from raising London Circuit into delivering Stage 2A and then taking light rail all the way to Woden as part of Stage 2B.

How can I get involved and have a say in the design of light rail to Woden?

The ACT Government will be engaging and consulting with Canberrans at every stage of the light rail build. This will include future consultation on key aspects of Stage 2 such as the location of stops, access along the alignment and integration with other forms of transport.

As a priority in 2021, we want to hear from local community members, business owners, workers and visitors who regularly access the upcoming construction zone along London Circuit. This will support effective planning for upcoming disruption associated with construction and help shape the day-to-day delivery of this major infrastructure build.

To provide your feedback about the project, or to arrange a time to meet with the project team, call **1800 956 409**, email lightrailtowoden@act.gov.au, or visit www.yoursay.act.gov.au/light-rail-to-woden.

More Information?

If you have any further questions that have not been answered on this FAQ, please contact us: lightrailtowoden@act.gov.au.

