

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **South Coast trackwork reminder**

CityRail customers on the South Coast are reminded to plan ahead as trackwork will affect travel from this Saturday 4 February through to Friday 10 February.

Buses will replace trains between Dapto and Central and Port Kembla and Wollongong on the weekend, from Saturday 4 February to Sunday 5 February.

From Monday 6 February to Friday 10 February, buses will replace most weekday trains between Thirroul and Waterfall.

Acting Chief Operating Officer, Tony Eid said to minimise impact on customers travelling to and from school and work, direct trains will continue to operate from South Coast stations to Central in the morning peaks and from Central to the South Coast in the afternoon peaks.

“These trains will depart some stations up to six minutes earlier than the normal weekday timetable and arrive at stations up to 12 minutes later in the afternoon peak,” Mr Eid said.

“Over the week, CityRail will invest \$3 million to carry out essential maintenance on the South Coast Line.

“As part of the trackwork we will replace some sections of rail and undertake ballast cleaning and reconditioning of the tracks. We are also upgrading turnouts, which allow trains to move from one track to another smoothly.

“Our message to customers is to plan their journey ahead of time and allow for additional travel time while the trackwork takes place,” Mr Eid said.

Later this month trackwork will also take place between Dapto and Berry to improve safety and reliability of the track, particularly in extreme weather conditions.

CityRail encourages customers to stay informed of all upcoming trackwork affecting their line by subscribing to the free ‘Trackwork by E-mail’ service. To subscribe to this service or for more information on South Coast trackwork visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or call Transport Info on **131 500**.

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