

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **'Operation CBD' trackwork program to continue this weekend**

CityRail customers are being advised to plan ahead if travelling to the City or Airport this weekend, 26 and 27 November, as buses replace all trains on the City Circle and the Airport Line.

CityRail is investing \$5 million in infrastructure upgrades to improve network reliability and safety as part of 'Operation CBD'.

RailCorp acting Chief Operating Officer, Tony Eid said while these upgrades take place there will be alternative travel arrangements heading to or from the city on a number of lines. Circular Quay, St James and Museum stations will also be closed during the weekend.

"We're advising customers to plan ahead and allow for additional travel time during the weekend," Mr Eid said.

Works include replacing the sections of rail where tracks intersect at Central Station as well as upgrading track between Central and Redfern, replacing timber sleepers with concrete sleepers, and installing new rail and ballast.

"This will make the track more durable and reliable, particularly in the hot weather," Mr Eid said.

"We will also continue work on the Newtown Station easy access upgrade and undertake preparation work for a traction supply upgrade on the City Circle. This increases power supply to the network, allowing us to operate more air-conditioned trains.

"While the City Circle stations are closed, staff will take the opportunity to practice responses to potential incidents on trains and at stations."

### **Alternative travel arrangements for weekend trackwork 26-27 November:**

**Airport Line:** Trains are not operating. Buses will replace all trains to Green Square, Mascot, Domestic Airport and International Airport. Airport Line buses do not stop at Wolli Creek.

**Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line:** Trains will continue to operate as normal.

Customers travelling to the Airport should change at Sydenham for a bus service.

**Bankstown Line:** All services will start and terminate at Sydenham and operate to an amended timetable.

**Inner West Line:** Trains **will not stop** at Summer Hill, Lewisham, Petersham, Stanmore, Newtown or Macdonaldtown. Replacement bus services are operating between these stations. Express trains will continue to operate between Ashfield and Central.

**East Hills Line:** All services will start and terminate at Redfern and operate to an amended timetable via Sydenham.

**South Line:** All services will start and terminate at Central and operate to an amended timetable. Services that normally operate between Glenfield and the City will operate between Glenfield and Granville only. If you are travelling to the City you should change at Granville for a train service to Central.

**North Shore Line:** All services will start and terminate at Wynyard and operate to an amended timetable. From 11.30pm to 2am on Saturday night, buses replace trains between North Sydney and Central.

**Western Line:** All services will start and terminate at Central with some trains operating to an amended timetable.

**Northern Line:** Trains will operate between Hornsby and Chatswood/North Sydney via Macquarie Park and between Epping and Central via Strathfield.

**South Coast Line:** Buses are replacing trains between Bomaderry (Nowra) and Wollongong.

More detailed information including bus times can be found online at [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or by calling Transport Info on 131500.

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