Transport for NSW



Key information for construction completion

M6 Stage 1

Community Update | Summer 2024



Update on M6 Stage 1 timeline

This year has seen a huge amount of construction completed and we thank you for your patience during the disruption. Overall, 89 per cent of tunnelling is now complete and major road and utility upgrades will be complete in 2025.

Since the two subsidence events in March this year near West Botany Street, tunnelling has paused from our Bicentennial Park site. Transport and its delivery partner, CGU have been reviewing the design of the tunnel in the impacted areas and planning a new construction program.

As a result, there will be major work on West Botany Street throughout 2025 and 2026, with tunnelling restarting in the impacted area later in 2025.

This means the M6 Stage 1 tunnel will open to traffic later than planned – we anticipate it will now open to traffic in late 2028. However, major roadwork on President Avenue will be completed in 2025.

Safety is our number one priority and tunnelling at the sites impacted by subsidence will only recommence once the design has been reviewed in consultation with SafeWork NSW.



President Avenue and Bicentennial Park tunnel portal, September 2024

Community benefits being delivered in 2025

Despite the pause in tunnelling at Bicentennial Park the project is on track to deliver a range of key benefits for the community next year:



Major road and utility upgrades on President Avenue and Princes Highway will be completed.



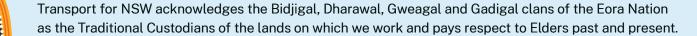
Most sections of the 5km shared pedestrian and cyclist pathway will be open.



New traffic lights will be installed at Moorefield Avenue to allow a right turn onto President Avenue by Transport for NSW.



Landscaping around the new shared path and new community spaces will be well progressed.





Traffic lights P No right turn

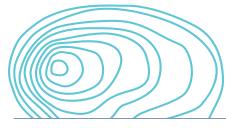
Improving motorists' safety: new traffic lights at Moorefield Avenue

Transport for NSW will install traffic lights at the intersection of Moorefield Avenue and President Avenue in 2025, giving residents a safe left and right turn out of Moorefield Avenue onto President Avenue and direct access to West Botany Street and the future M6 Stage 1 tunnel and The Grand Parade.

To allow for these new traffic lights, Moorefield Avenue will become one way between President Avenue and Warren Avenue. This will have minimal impact on local parking and will not impact any driveways.

Although traffic lights were originally planned at the intersection of President Avenue and Civic Avenue. following detailed design there were safety concerns that traffic lights at Civic Avenue would be too close to the traffic lights at West Botany Street. This resulted in Moorefield Avenue being selected as the most suitable option for new traffic lights.

Final planning and design for the new Moorefield Avenue traffic lights are well underway, and we will keep the local community updated on timeframes.



Benefits of traffic lights at Moorefield Avenue



Access east

Direct and safe access from the Moorefield Estate into West Botany Street, the future M6 Stage 1 tunnel and The Grand Parade.



Easier routes

A safe, signalised right turn from Moorefield Avenue will reduce rat running through local streets and make it easier to move through the local area.

Final traffic and parking arrangements

Once surface and road works are completed, final traffic and parking arrangements will be progressively implemented at Princes Highway, President Avenue and surrounding streets.



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Residents visit Bicentennial Park site. October 2024

Traffic changes on West Botany Street in 2025

Tunnelling in the area impacted by subsidence is planned to recommence in 2025. From the start of next year, work will commence to relocate major utilities on the eastern side of West Botany Street. Following this, ground improvement works will be undertaken on both sides of West Botany Street and across West Botany Street.

For about 18 months while this work occurs, West Botany Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction for about 280 metres-between French Street to just before the northern carpark at Bicentennial Park. The intersection of West Botany Street and President Avenue will operate as usual.

Motorists will see traffic delays and extended travel times during peak periods, and the project will consult directly with impacted residents and businesses to manage any impacts.

Look out for social media campaigns and community announcements in 2025 with more information about these impacts.

Part of West Botany Street reduced to one lane in each direction for 18 months from mid 2025

One lane in each direction Construction site

Your opportunity to tour the M6 Stage 1

Register with us via email at info@M6Stage1. com.au to express your interest in

to express your interest in a guided tour of our site in 2025!

Please note, there are some safety considerations and restrictions in place and tours will go ahead if there is enough interest.



Bicentennial Park northern carpark

Tunnel portal: Opening to the future

Construction of the tunnel portal at Bicentennial Park is now 70 per cent complete. It is 30 metres in width and will become the carriageways that motorists will travel through, as they enter or exit the M6 Stage 1.

As part of construction, the team excavated 342,000 tonnes of spoil, which is equivalent to 6.5 Sydney Harbour Bridges in weight. With excavation complete, the team continues to pour the concrete base slabs. which will sit under the road surface. The team are also installing precast panels within the structure.



Roadheader breaking through from Rockdale to Arncliffe, August 2024



The shared pedestrian and cyclist pathway Kings Wetland boardwalk, October 2024

Tunnelling advancements

Completion of tunnel excavation has been achieved at our Arncliffe site, an incredible project milestone. Over the past two years, 6.0 kilometres have been excavated at Arncliffe and 2.7 kilometres at Rockdale comprising of mainline tunnels, cross passages and temporary access tunnels.

Thanks to powerful roadheaders, our Arncliffe and Rockdale sites are now connected, creating seamless access in both directions of the twin tunnels and improving productivity for work underground.

At Arncliffe, the electrical fit-out phase is underway alongside the mechanical team. Crucial next steps will involve implementing and testing safety and control systems such as alarms and detectors, ventilation management, emergency exits and signs, intercoms, GPS and CCTV to create a safe, functional and efficient tunnel environment during operation.

New community connections

The shared pedestrian and cyclist pathway being constructed as part of the M6 Stage 1 is taking shape. In late October a site was established at Whiteoak Reserve, marking the commencement of the final piece of the 5km shared path. Whiteoak Reserve is the northernmost point of the shared pathway that will connect the community to Scarborough Park at Chuter Avenue via Bicentennial Park.

As part of the shared pedestrian and cyclist pathway, community access will be improved through concrete pathways, bridges and boardwalks and creating new green spaces. The best example is the recently completed Kings Wetland boardwalk that will connect the community through a new green space between Kings Road and Bay Street.

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