Transport for NSW



Tunnelling and construction work at Arncliffe

M6 Stage 1

February 2025





Transport for NSW acknowledges the Bidjigal, Dharawal, Gweagal and Gadigal clans of the Eora Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

M6 Stage 1 will connect President Avenue at Kogarah to the M8 at Arncliffe via four-kilometre twin tunnels, linking southern Sydney to the wider motorway network.

Tunnelling and construction work at Arncliffe continues during February, as well as at the project's Motorway Operations Centre (MOC1). As works continue this year, we would like to extend our ongoing appreciation to the community as we continue to deliver this important project.

View the approximate location of our main road tunnels and our tunnelling progress overleaf.

What work are we doing?

- Ongoing electrical fit-out, commissioning and energisation of the substation building and ventilation shaft at MOC1, including installation of air monitoring equipment and exhaust shaft outlets.
- Continuing drainage excavation and installation by trenching, saw cutting, benching and rock hammering.
- Ongoing trenching for in-tunnel services and continuing to access and install electrical services in sections of the mainline tunnels.
- Continuing waterproofing to prevent water infiltration inside the tunnel as well as spraying concrete and completing blockwork to reinforce tunnel walls.

- Continuing to backfill sections of temporary tunnel areas and shaft.
- Transporting plant and equipment (this can happen outside standard construction hours).
- Removing spoil and waste from our site.

When and where we'll be working

Above ground working hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm, Saturday. **Tunnelling activities are carried out continuously seven days a week**, in line with our Environment Protection Licence.

Rock hammering activities may be required underground during the night, properties near the activity will receive a notification.

What will this mean for you?

You may notice:

- workers and vehicle movements around site
- trucks carrying spoil and waste from site
- delivery of machinery and equipment.

Managing our impacts

This site is designed to minimise impacts by:

- using existing noise walls and acoustic shed
- making sure our trucks travel along main roads at all times
- for surface works activities, we will provide one hour of respite every three hours by stopping high impact noise and vibration activities (piling, hammering, and cutting).



Location of work





- planning our work and implementing construction methods to limit noise and vibration including positioning machinery away from properties while in operation
- undertaking monitoring of noise and vibration to ensure it meets requirements set out in our environmental approvals, where required.

March and April activities

- Recommencing placement of road pavement, and ongoing installation of drainage utilities in sections of the mainline tunnels.
- Ongoing fit out of the tunnel with electrical services, such as traffic signage and signals.
- Ongoing installation of safety systems, such as fire detection and building services ventilation systems at MOC1.

Follow our tunnel progress

Head to our project website and view the complete tunnel alignment. The tunnel progress map is updated every month, providing you with up-to-date information about the project.



Image: Electrical service installation progress, as well as pavement and barriers shown at Arncliffe, November 2024

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