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New public space on Devonshire Street, Surry Hills

We are creating a new public space on Devonshire Street, between Chalmers Street and Elizabeth Street, as part of George Street South Pedestrianisation project.

Construction of the new pedestrian boulevard on George Street, between Bathurst Street and Hay Street is complete and opened to the public. The portion between Hay Street and Rawson Place is almost complete and opened in parts.

Works on Devonshire Street are planned to start next month, and will include wider footpaths, more greenery, bespoke planter boxes and street furniture. Once complete, people will be able to move freely across the light rail tracks at two additional mid-block crossings and more easily access the shops, cafes, hotels and restaurants on both sides of the street.

The project is supported by the NSW Government and will ensure everyone can move around comfortably while maintaining physical distancing. This is part of our work to create more people-friendly streets and new spaces for businesses to operate, while attracting visitors back into the area.

You can see plans of the Devonshire Street works at www.city.sydney/george-street.

Construction timing and staging

Our contractor, Sydney Civil is carrying out the works. The works are occurring in stages, to minimise disruption to people and businesses.

Works located near the light rail track slab are required to be done when the light rail is not operating. These works are planned to be carried out over the weekend commencing Saturday 12 February at 2am to 4am on Monday 14 February, during a planned light rail maintenance shutdown by Transport for NSW.

Local access and emergency services access will be maintained.

The Sydney Civil Community Liaison Officer will contact you before construction starts in the area and keep you informed about the details and program of works. All up, works on Devonshire Street will be completed by end-May 2022.

More information

You can contact Sydney Civil Community Liaison Officer on 0424 171 852 or at email community@sydnecivil.com.

You can also contact Kristina Kalnins, the City's Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor on 02 9265 9333 or at email kkalnins@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or visit www.city.sydney/george-street.

We will keep you updated as the project progresses. Thank you for your patience while we carry out these important works.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Operating Officer