

5 February 2018

Tunnelling progress update – Northcote Street construction site

Tunnelling is still underway in both directions from the Northcote Street construction site.

In accordance with the conditions set out by the project's Environmental Protection Licence, tunnelling activities including excavation will occur **24 hours per day, seven days per week**.

Tunnelling activities near your property

Tunnelling and related construction activities will continue near your property in February and March 2018 and will occur in several stages. Roadheaders have finished excavating the upper two-thirds of the tunnel in most places with the exception of the westbound M4-M5 Link connection tunnel. Benching activities to remove the lower third of the tunnels is expected to be complete by the end of February 2018.

Other activities currently being completed at the Northcote tunnel site include drainage installation and paving. These activities are not expected to be high impact. A map showing the progress and current work underway is provided overleaf.

What to expect during tunnelling

Each individual's experience of tunnelling may vary due to a range of local conditions and variables. Vibration and noise levels experienced depend on ground conditions, building types, existing background noise levels and the quality of your property (older buildings were built to different standards than newer buildings). It also depends on how far away you are from the tunnel. In some instances, you may experience the following:

- **Ground borne noise** – this is created when vibration from tunnel excavation travels through the ground and causes a building's flat surface to vibrate, occasionally creating an audible 'rumbling' noise.
- **Vibration** – at times you may feel some vibration, however the predicted levels are **not high enough to cause damage to property**.

Once the tunnelling (roadheader and benching work) is complete, you are unlikely to hear or feel any vibration from vehicles using the motorway.

If you have an enquiry or complaint about this work, please contact toll free 1800 660 248 and ask to speak to a member of the M4 East team or email info@M4East.com.au.

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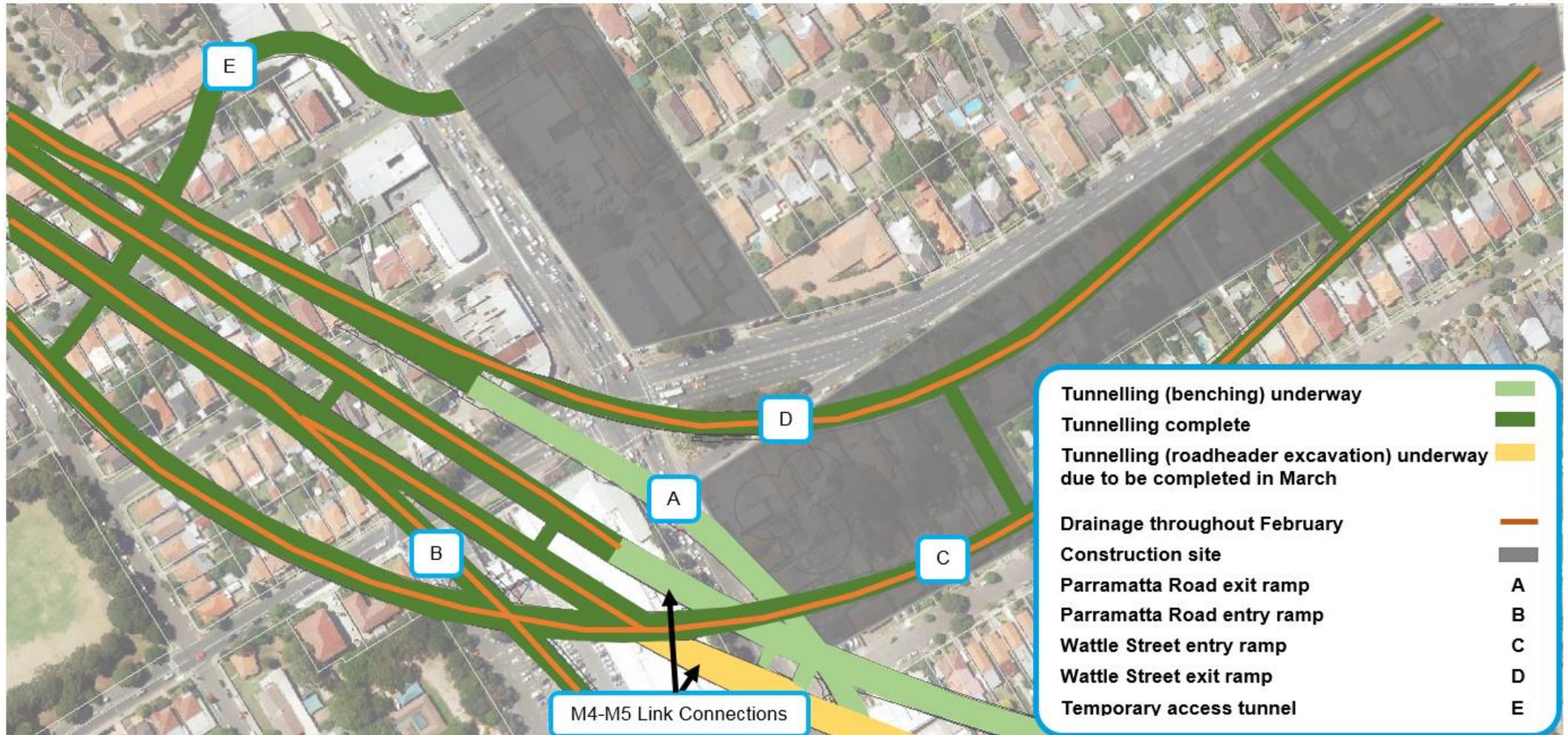


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Location of tunnelling activity – Northcote Street construction site





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Location of tunnelling activity – Northcote Street construction site (cont.)



Tunnelling (benching) underway	
Tunnelling complete	
Construction site	
Tunnelling (roadheader excavation) underway due to be completed in March	
Drainage throughout February	
Parramatta Road exit ramp	A
Parramatta Road entry ramp	B
Wattle Street entry ramp	C



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