

Tunnelling progress update – Northcote Street construction site

The first of nine road headers that will tunnel from the Northcote Street construction site commenced tunnelling in a westerly direction underneath Parramatta Road in September 2016. The roadheader has now completed the construction of the temporary access tunnel which will allow access to the mainline tunnels of the M4 East.

From December, the second, third and fourth roadheaders will commence construction of the mainline tunnels as well as the Wattle Street and Parramatta Road entry and exit ramps.

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**.

Excavated rock and material is currently stored in the acoustic shed to be removed from site during standard construction hours of 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday. Due to the increased number of roadheaders tunnelling from the site, **24-hour spoil removal will commence from early 2017**.

The Northcote Street tunnelling site will be **closed between 24 December 2016 and 3 January 2017**.

Tunnelling activities near your property

Tunnelling and related construction activities will commence near your property between December 2016 and January 2017. The schedule and a map showing the approximate location of upcoming tunnelling activity 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. In most cases, ground borne noise generated by vibration from tunnelling activities would be **less than that of a refrigerator**.
- **Vibration** – at times you may feel some vibration, however the predicted levels are **not high enough to cause damage to property**. Once the tunnel is complete, you are unlikely to hear or feel any vibration from vehicles using the motorway.

For more information about tunnelling methodology please see the attached fact sheet.

If you have a complaint or enquiry 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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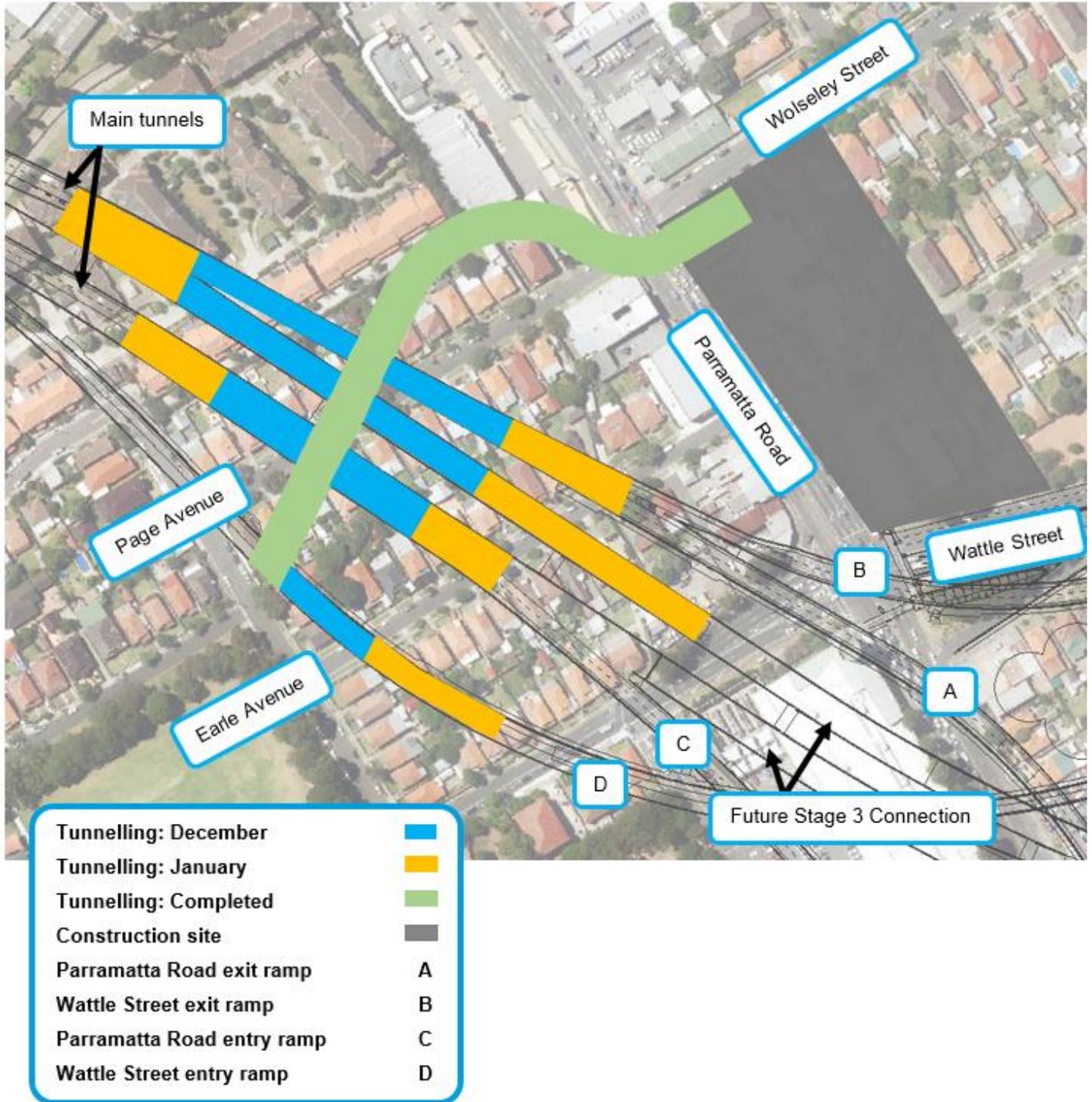


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