

Train and bus timetable changes FAQs

2024 train and bus timetable

October 2024



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

Why is the public transport network changing?

Transport for NSW (Transport) is making changes to the public transport network to connect the new Sydney Metro City & Southwest with Sydney's public transport network. The changes support the final conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown to Metro operations and respond to the introduction of Metro services from Chatswood to Sydenham.

What does this mean for passengers?

Changes will occur across the entire train network and impact most passengers. There will also be changes to some bus services in outer metropolitan and regional areas to connect with the adjusted train timetable. We encourage passengers to allow extra travel time and to plan their trip at [Trip Planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip) at transportnsw.info/trip.

When will the changes be implemented?

The train timetable and regional and outer metropolitan bus timetable adjustments will occur on Sunday 20 October 2024.

What train services are changing on 20 October 2024?

When the timetable is adjusted on 20 October 2024, the Sydney Trains network will feature the following adjustments:

Changes for Erskineville and St Peters passengers

Erskineville and St Peters passengers will continue to receive direct services to and from the Sydney CBD on the T8 Airport & South Line.

T3

Liverpool & Inner West Line (formerly T3 Bankstown Line)

For stations west of Bankstown, train services that previously operated between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown instead run via Regents Park and Lidcombe, maintaining a direct service to Sydney CBD for passengers at Berala, Regents Park, Carramar, Villawood, Leightonfield, Chester Hill and Sefton.

T6

Lidcombe & Bankstown Line*

A new train service will be introduced between Bankstown and Lidcombe. Regents Park will be the main interchange for passengers travelling between Bankstown and Liverpool.

**Work to introduce a new T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown service is underway and is expected to be implemented at the time of the adjusted timetable.*



North Shore Line

Stopping patterns on the T1 North Shore Line will be simplified to improve reliability of services for passengers. With frequent Metro services now operating between Chatswood and Sydenham, services on the T1 North Shore Line will be rebalanced between Chatswood and the Sydney CBD.

Passengers between Berowra and Hornsby will benefit from additional services in the morning and afternoon peak periods.



T1 Western Line

Stopping patterns on the T1 Western Line will be simplified, improving service reliability and increasing services for some stations west of Parramatta.

There will also be a small reduction in services during the morning and afternoon peak periods for some stations.

Additional services will operate in the shoulder peak period between 9:00am and 10:00am.



Cumberland Line

Passengers will receive a 15-minute service frequency in the busiest morning peak hour.



Airport & South Line

To accommodate additional passengers at St Peters and Erskineville, more services will operate via Sydenham, while during the busiest morning peak hour, fewer services will operate via the Airport Tunnel.

There will also be more services for passengers at Revesby and at train stations south of Holsworthy in the morning peak.

There will be some minor timing changes across other lines on the train network to support the adjusted timetable.

Will there be changes to train line names?

Yes. With the introduction of train timetable adjustments, there will be a number of updates to line names, including the following new line names for Sydney Trains services:

- T2 Leppington & Inner West Line (formerly T2 Inner West & Leppington Line)
- T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line (formerly T3 Bankstown Line)
- New T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line

Will there be any further changes after 20 October 2024?

Additional temporary changes are sometimes made to the network to ensure passengers can travel to and from special events. There will be some additional changes following the introduction of the adjusted timetable to ensure passengers are able to travel to the following events:

- **21 and 22 October**, Olivia Rodrigo – Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
- **22 and 23 October**, 'The Weekend' - Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

- **25 October**, Karan Aujla, Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Passengers are encouraged to allow extra travel time and plan their trip in advance via Transport's Trip Planner at transportnsw.info/trip

What are the benefits for passengers?

The adjusted train timetable will support the closure of the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown by ensuring passengers at Bankstown, west of Bankstown and at St Peters & Erskineville continue to have access to train services.

The adjusted timetable also allows us to deliver improved service reliability by simplifying services across the network.

How can passengers find out more about how these changes will impact them?

We will ensure passengers are kept informed of any service changes in advance through a range of communications channels, including but not limited to our online trip planning tools, updated timetable booklets, station posters and wayfinding signage, street teams, guard and station announcements, and passenger information displays.

We encourage passengers to plan their trip via Transport's Trip Planner at transportnsw.info/trip

How are decisions made when making changes to the public transport network?

When making changes to the network, Transport considers what will deliver the best outcomes for the majority of passengers. This is done through the analysis of Opal data which demonstrates where and when our passengers are travelling, as well as forecast changes in future travel needs. When developing train timetables, Transport takes into consideration a range of factors including passenger demand, availability of trains and capacity to operate trains on the network.

Will there be changes for regional and outer metropolitan passengers?

Some passengers on the Blue Mountains Line will benefit from an increase in services across the week. Other timing adjustments will be made across intercity and regional services to prepare the network for the deployment of new Regional Rail and Mariyung trains. Changes will be made to the regional and outer metropolitan bus network to align services with the adjusted train timetable.

Why have service levels changed on the T1 North Shore Line?

The timetable changes help to realign services based on current passenger demand following the introduction of Metro and provide a consistent timetable with simplified stopping patterns.

The introduction of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest services offsets the reduction of train services. Passengers will have access to 15 Metro services per hour during the peak hour service. Chatswood, St Leonards and North Sydney passengers will have the option of either a direct train or metro service to and from the Sydney CBD.

What are the changes on the T2 Leppington & Inner West Line?

The T2 Leppington & Inner West Line (formerly T2 Inner West & Leppington) will continue to connect passengers from Leppington and Parramatta to the Sydney CBD.

The Inner West corridor will be expanded to include the new T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line service, connecting Inner West passengers, between Redfern and Lidcombe, to Liverpool via Regents Park and to the Sydney CBD.

Are there changes on the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line?

Passengers on the T4 Eastern suburbs & Illawarra Line will be able to travel as they do today.

The delivery of service improvements planned for the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line are linked to the introduction of Mariyung trains on the South Coast Line. The new trains will carry passengers to and from the Central Coast, Newcastle, Blue Mountains and Illawarra. The timings for the introduction of Mariyung trains on the South Coast Line is yet to be determined.

Will St Peters and Erskineville move to the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line in the future?

Erskineville and St Peters stations will be moved to the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line in a future timetable.

Further detail will be established over the coming years as part of the timetable development process. This will involve working with key stakeholders and incorporating Opal data and passenger feedback, to ensure the best possible outcome for passengers.

I live at St Peters/Erskineville, how do I get to Bankstown or Liverpool?

St Peters and Erskineville passengers can interchange at Sydenham for a train replacement bus to continue to stations between Sydenham and Bankstown OR at Redfern for a train service to Lidcombe, and Liverpool via the T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line.

What do the changes mean for passengers at Bankstown, Birrong and Yagoona?

Passengers at Bankstown, Birrong and Yagoona will need to use T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line services and interchange at Lidcombe or Regents Park to connect to services across the rest of the train network.

What public transport options are available for passengers between Sydenham and Bankstown?

From 30 September, Transport will have in place Southwest Link, a comprehensive Temporary Transport Plan (TTP) which will see frequent bus services in place during the conversion period of the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards. This will ensure passengers can get to where they need to go during the T3 conversion period.

What will happen when Sydney Metro opens between Sydenham and Bankstown?

When Sydney Metro opens between Sydenham and Bankstown, passengers will be able to interchange at Bankstown to access Metro services to the Sydney CBD, Chatswood, and Northwest Sydney.

Services from Bankstown to Sydenham will operate on the new Metro line through the Sydney CBD. This change reduces complexity on the Sydney Trains network, while also freeing up capacity on the City Circle previously used by the T3 Bankstown Line.

Will school services be impacted?

There may be changes to regular train and bus route services that students catch to and from school. Most dedicated school bus services will remain the same, however we encourage students to check Transport's Trip Planner at transportnsw.info/trip before they travel.

Will there be bus changes?

Changes will be made to some bus services in outer metropolitan and regional areas on the day of the train timetable change. This will ensure that buses connect with train times and will also provide better connections through the regions.

The changes will be communicated in advance to passengers, including schools, to make sure they understand what the changes mean and how best to travel.

Transport has also identified a number of bus timetable adjustments which will be made in the future to ensure bus connections across Sydney align and connect with the adjusted train timetable.

To plan ahead, please visit <https://transportnsw.info>.

What are the bus changes and why are the Sydney changes happening later?

Bus changes in regional and outer metropolitan areas will mostly include adjustments to existing timetables to ensure connections with the new train timetable. There will also be minor adjustments to a small number of timetables in some areas to improve reliability and service performance.

In the Greater Sydney area, Transport has also identified a number of bus timetable adjustments which will be made in the future to ensure bus connections across Sydney align and connect with the adjusted train timetable.

More detailed information about these route changes will be provided to passengers closer to the time at transportnsw.info.

What does this mean for my journey?

When the train timetable changes, some of your usual connections might be different. We recommend checking the updated timetables and connections before you travel, especially if you're taking a bus to catch a train.

This is especially important for students and anyone sitting their HSC exams, as changes may impact off-peak travel times.

From 6 October, you can plan ahead, please visit <https://transportnsw.info>.

How do I provide feedback on services?

To provide feedback on Transport services, please visit <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback>