



STAGE 1 - M4 East

Ambient air quality monitoring report for March released

Ecotech Pty Ltd (part of the ACOEM Group) has been hired by the Stage 1 contractor to monitor, analyse, and report air quality based on monitoring data from the six ambient air quality monitoring stations along the Stage 1 route, i.e. Allen Street (Homebush), Powells Creek (Concord), St Luke's Park (Concord), Concord Oval, Ramsay Street (Haberfield) and Haberfield Public School. Ecotech has just released its Ambient Air Quality and Weather Monitoring Report for March (available at Local Updates). The data presented in this report describes air quality measurements used and compares monitoring results; it also describes methodology used in detail.

Op-ed questioning M4 East's implementation

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) has published an Op-Ed piece reviewing and criticising the WestConnex Project's failure to implement the M4 East corridor as originally proposed. The piece, "*The M4 East: so much pain and public expense and for what?*" by Dr Christopher Standen casts a critical eye on WestConnex's failure to narrow Parramatta Road and divert traffic into the tunnel network as described by the Project when it was proposed. The piece, which goes into further detail and shortcomings, is available to subscribers at SMH's website.

STAGE 2 – New M5

Night works – Princes Highway, May Street, and King Street, St Peters

The Stage 2 contractor has announced one night of night works this coming Monday, 29 April from 7PM to 5AM the following morning. These works are being done to remove old infrastructure and to install new conduits for Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) used by the new network. The work will involve disabling the stoplight at the intersection of Princes Highway/King Street and May Street, lane closures, vehicle and pedestrian traffic control by personnel, digging/trenching with concrete saws, etc. For more information, see Notification N675 at Local Updates.

Night works – Princes Highway, Crown Street, and Campbell Street, St Peters

The Stage 2 contractor has announced three nights of night works this coming Tuesday, 30 April through to Thursday, 2 May, from 7PM to 5AM each evening. These works are being done to install and/or upgrade utility services (cabling and conduits). The work will involve lane closures, and pedestrian traffic control by personnel, as well as digging/trenching with concrete saws, etc. For more information, see Notification N673 at Local Updates.

STAGE 3A - M4-M5 Link Tunnels

Geotechnical Investigations – Crown Street, St Peters

The Stage 3A contractor has issued a notice for geotechnical survey works to be undertaken along Crown Street, St Peters, commencing 1 May 2019. These works are expected to take up to two weeks to complete, weather and conditions permitting. Works will be conducted from 7am to 6pm weekdays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. For further information, see Notification MT012A on Local Updates.

General progress update newsletter for Haberfield and Ashfield

The Stage 3A contractor has published a newsletter summarising the Project's progress over the last few months, and the expected changes over the next quarter. The M4-M5 Link April Newsletter can be found on Local Updates.

STAGE 3B – Rozelle Interchange

Media article on pedestrian bridge to park being pushed-aside for more motorway

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) has published an article the WestConnex Project's continued problems complying with its planning conditions. The article, "*WestConnex first proposes to replace a park with a bike path, then a freeway*" by Jacob Saulwick (titled "*WestConnex green link bridge ditched in favour of motorway*" in the 20 April print edition) describes how the pedestrian and cycleway bridge (including greenspace) required in the planning of the WestConnex Rozelle Interchange is being moved in favour of additional roadway for another proposed road and tunnel project, the Western Harbour Tunnel. The planned bridge was designed to allow pedestrians to access the greenspace that is supposed to be provided at the site of the former Rozelle Railyards (once construction is finished). The article is available to subscribers at SMH's website.

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Media article on Council's CEO seeking satellites' measurements

The Inner West Courier has published an article covering Michael Deegan's request for the release of satellite imagery measuring ground subsidence in a vast swath along the WestConnex Project's route. Mr. Deegan, the Inner West Council's CEO, has written to the RMS requesting it obtain the imagery from startup company Otus Intelligence Group and make the measurements freely available to potentially-affected residents of the inner west. The article, "*CEO backs satellite data*" by Kate Christian can be viewed in the Inner West Courier's 23 April City edition (please note, this article does not appear in the inner-west circulation edition).