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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT METRO PROJECT

The community can have its say on the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport railway project, with the Environmental Impact Statement for the mega project now on public exhibition.

Federal Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure Alan Tudge said the project would set the foundation for Greater Western Sydney for generations to come.

"Construction will start before the end of the year and will inject billions into the NSW economy and support 14,000 jobs," Mr Tudge said.

"It's crucial we get this underway right now to help NSW on the other side of COVID and deliver this game-changing, city-shaping infrastructure as soon as possible."

New South Wales Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said the 23-kilometre driverless metro will link the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis with the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport and St Marys, delivering major benefits for Greater Western Sydney.

"There will be six new metro stations at St Marys, Orchard Hills, Luddenham, Airport Business Park, Western Sydney International Airport and the Western Sydney Aerotropolis," Mr Constance said.

"Trains will arrive up to every five minutes in the peak period in each direction as the initial operating capacity so customers won't need a timetable - they'll just turn up and go."

The Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure WANTIRNA SOUTH, VICTORIA

New South Wales Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said local residents will reap the benefits of this investment, well before the first train hits the tracks.

"Not only will we see a massive investment in local jobs during the construction, but we'll also see big business move into the Aerotropolis, driving economic activity and creating even more jobs," Mr Ayres said.

"The new metro line will significantly reduce local traffic, by taking about 110,000 vehicle journeys off local roads every day by 2056."

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor said the number of trains travelling each way, per hour, on the line would rise toward 20 in the future.

"We expect to be moving up to 7,740 people an hour in each direction when services start, with plenty of room to add more trains as the region grows," Mr Taylor said.

"Passengers will enjoy a five-minute journey from the airport to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis. It will take around 20 minutes to travel from St Marys to the Aerotropolis and about 15 minutes from the airport to St Marys – where customers can interchange with the T1 Western Line and the rest of Sydney's rail network.

Federal Member for Lindsay Melissa McIntosh said the Sydney Metro, Western Sydney Airport, was a key commitment of the Western Sydney Deal, a 20-year agreement signed in March 2018 by the Australian and NSW governments and eight Western Sydney councils.

"The project is planned to open at the same time as passenger services start at the airport," Mrs McIntosh said.

"It will be fully accessible with level access between platforms and trains and safety features like platform screen doors, which keep people and objects like prams away from the tracks."

New South Wales Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies said the transport link will support population growth, while providing fast and efficient accessibility between residential centres and employment hubs across Greater Sydney.

"Western Sydney is growing rapidly and is currently home to more than two million people, and is projected to grow to over three million by 2036. This project will help support that growth, and encourage businesses to set up in this growing hub," Mrs Davies said.

New South Wales Member for Camden Peter Sidgreaves said building new metro stations in Greater Western Sydney provides an exciting opportunity to create world-class places that will shape our city's future.

"I am encouraging everyone to have their say and review the Environmental Impact Statement, as the project will support nationally significant growth in Western Sydney, for years to come," Mr Sidgreaves said.

The community will also be able to take a look around the new Luddenham Station using their mobile devices. An interactive portal has been set up as community engagement tool during Covid and can be found at: www.sydneymetro.info/wsa

Construction will start before the end of 2020.

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New animation of Luddenham Station available to download: https://f.io/oPTjt2Xp

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