Reference: TEN17/24



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Businesses and Residents Main Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

Dear Sir / Madam

## Main Street CBD Footpath Improvements – Commencement of Works

Council has engaged Civil Constructions Pty Ltd to complete footpath improvement works in Main Street, Lithgow, between Bridge Street and Eskbank Street.

Preparation works will be commencing from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, with minor ground works expected to occur later in the week (weather dependent). Construction will then roll through the precinct and continue until completion - expected in mid-2025.

Works involve:

- Removal of the existing paved footpath and brick kerb,
- Construction of a raised pedestrian crossing at the eastern end of Main Street (at existing pedestrian crossing location),
- Drainage improvements,
- Installation of concrete footpath with tile and brick decorative features,
- Improved accessible parking and loading zone spaces,
- Improved utility access points, and
- Landscaping, signage and street furniture enhancements.

The works will also require the temporary relocation of bus zones during construction, and Lithgow Bus Lines have been consulted regarding this. Current bus services will not be disrupted during the works, however, parking availability will be limited in Main Street due to the area required for a safe construction zone.

Consideration has been given to the important trading requirements of businesses, with the works schedule being set to be completed in an order that will minimise impacts on Christmas trade of businesses. Construction of the raised pedestrian crossing works, having the least impact on businesses, was a factor in determining that this component of the works will commence first. Works will then continue from the eastern end of Main Street (Bridge Street end), and work along the northern (railway line) side of Main Street to Eskbank Street.

Works are scheduled to cease over the Christmas period, with the last day of work on site being Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The construction zone will be left in a clean, tidy and safe condition, with no impact on access to businesses during the Christmas shutdown period. Works will resume on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The work will ensure the footpath complies with current standards, and vastly enhance the usability and aesthetic of the precinct, benefiting not only the businesses in the

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area, but the Lithgow community as a whole. Furthermore, this work reduces the public safety risks and compliments the Stage 1 improvement works that have been completed in Cook Street Plaza and the intersection of Main Street and Eskbank Street.

Future progression of works will then include the southern (Mort Street) side of Main Street from Bridge Street to Eskbank Street, and then block sections of the Central Business District will continue to be designed and constructed through to the Lithgow Street intersection, when funding is secured.

Whilst businesses, residents and the community will be temporarily impacted by construction works, these works have been programmed to minimise impacts as much as possible. Disruption of access to businesses will be minimised during the construction phase. Businesses are encouraged to contact Mr Ryan Meads (Civil Construction Pty Ltd) on 0407 601 362 to discuss any specific concerns they may have regarding the construction works. Project enquiries can be directed to Council on (02) 6354 9999, with regular updates on the progress of the works to be provided on Council's Projects webpage:- <a href="https://council.lithgow.com/projects/main-street-restoration/">https://council.lithgow.com/projects/main-street-restoration/</a>

Please contact Council on (02) 6354 9999 during business hours or email <u>council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au</u> should you require additional information or clarification regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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