

FACT SHEET

M4 East

- The M4 East is around 7km long, including 5.5km of tunnel.
- The section between Homebush Bay Drive and Underwood Road is surface motorway and the rest is twin 5.3m high tunnels, three lanes in each direction from Homebush to Haberfield.
- There will be connections at Concord Road, Concord as well as to Parramatta Road and City West Link, Haberfield.
- It will enable motorists to bypass the notorious bottleneck they hit when they come off the end of the M4 and sit in bumper to bumper traffic on Parramatta Road.
- There will be 10 construction sites, including four main tunnelling sites – Cintra Park, Concord; Concord Road, Concord; Northcote Street, Haberfield; Underwood Road, Homebush.
- Eighteen roadheaders will be used to construct the M4 East twin tunnels. Tunnelling will be carried out 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will take around two and half years to complete. In most cases surface noise generated by vibration will be about half of a normal conversation.
- At the deepest point, the top of the tunnels will be around 50 metres below ground level, with the average tunnel depth being 35 metres.
- Construction of the M4 East will use around 28,000 tonnes of reinforced steel.
- CPB Contractors Samsung John Holland Joint Venture is delivering the \$3.8 billion M4 East.
- The M4 East will support more than 4,000 direct and indirect jobs and more than 100 apprentices or trainees. This includes more than 600 people expected to work underground during construction.
- The M4 East is due to open to traffic in 2019 and is estimated to remove 3,000 trucks each day from Parramatta Road.
- By 2021, overall traffic volume on Parramatta Road will be reduced by more than half (53%). When WestConnex is completed, motorists will save up to 20 minutes on a journey from Parramatta to the CBD.
- In 2031 there will be around 132,000 trips a day on the M4 East.
- To accommodate a midway tunnelling point for the M4 East at Cintra Park, a world class hockey field and support facilities were built at St Lukes Oval at Concord which opened in February 2016.
- The majority of the Cintra Park site will be rehabilitated, landscaped and returned to the City of Canada Bay for community use when construction finishes in 2019, although some facilities to support the operation of the motorway will remain.
- Once finished in 2019, the widened and extended M4 will allow motorists to travel between Haberfield and the Blue Mountains without stopping at a single traffic light.