

NSW Budget 2024-25

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Budget delivers new and more reliable public transport services

The Minns Labor Government is building better communities with city-shaping projects that are supporting more homes for people across the State.

The 2024-25 NSW Budget invests **\$22.09 billion** to build and improve transport services.

In Western Sydney, **\$2.1 billion** is being provisioned for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 construction, to accelerate the delivery of better-connected communities in Western Sydney.

This will connect the growing communities in Western Sydney along the 12km alignment between Ermington, Melrose Park, Parramatta and Olympic Park, and includes;

- 14 new stops between at Camellia and Carter Street, Olympic Park
- Dedicated 8.5km active transport corridor
- New river crossings.

The iconic NSW made Tangara trains will also receive critical upgrades, while the Minns Labor Government forges ahead with a Future Fleet Program to return domestic manufacturing to NSW and build the next generation of Tangaras here.

\$447 million will keep the current Tangara fleet on the tracks for approximately 12 more years to ensure passengers have safe and reliable services while the new fleet is built.

An additional **\$17.5 million** will fund the Future Fleet Program, developing a Strategic Business Case to build the next generation Tangara fleet here in NSW.

The 2024-25 Budget also commits **\$75.2 million** to the continued reliability, resilience, and future of the rail network across NSW.

Funding focuses on the key areas of procurement, safety and the workforce, this includes:

- A new digital train radio system
- The Illawarra Rail Resilience Plan.

A further **\$24.7 million** will boost bus services in Western Sydney. This will specifically target bus service improvements in areas including Penrith, Mount Druitt, Blacktown, St Marys,

Kemps Creek, Eastern Creek and Arndell Park to deliver bus services that communities can rely on.

\$23.8 million is allocated to a State-Wide Medium Term Bus Plan and supporting business case to identify future bus network enhancements.

The funding also supports service improvements to bus routes in regional areas to improve access to key destinations.

The reliability of bus services will be improved across the Opal network, with **\$91 million** allocated to a new Bus Transport Management system. This will improve real-time information for passengers and make buses more accessible, with onboard audio and visual next stop information.

This will also address “ghost buses” by improving the reliability of bus services with more accurate information about the location and on-time running of buses in real-time.

\$5.5 billion has been allocated to the Sydney Metro-Western Sydney Airport project delivering six new stations to service the future Western Sydney International Airport and the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Bus passengers will also be better connected via the delivery of Stage 1 of the Western Sydney Rapid Bus project, which will link Penrith, Campbelltown and Liverpool with the new airport.

And **\$13.4 billion** is committed to the delivery of Australia’s biggest transport project, Sydney Metro West, which will support more housing and double the rail capacity between Parramatta and Sydney CBD.

This is part of the Minns Labor Government’s plan to build better communities for NSW. To ensure infrastructure is built alongside housing to produce better and well-served communities.

A plan to build a better NSW.

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