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WYNYARD WALK CONSTRUCTION TENDER AWARDED

Major works will begin by the end of the year to build the Wynyard Walk, a new pedestrian access between the CBD and Barangaroo, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian said.

Thiess Pty Ltd has been awarded the \$154 million Wynyard Walk design and construction contract, following a competitive tender process.

The contract includes the design and construction of a 110 metre underground pedestrian connection between Wynyard and Kent Street, a new pedestrian bridge over Sussex Street and a new western entrance to Wynyard on Clarence Street.

Wynyard Walk will cater for significant growth in pedestrian demand between Wynyard Station, the western corridor of the CBD and Barangaroo, Ms Berejiklian said.

“When complete, pedestrians will be able to walk between Wynyard Station and the Barangaroo waterfront in around six minutes, avoiding steep inclines and several road crossings,” she said.

Wynyard Walk will cater for the forecast 8,500 pedestrians an hour who will pass through the area on its initial opening. And it will be designed to have capacity for 20,000 pedestrians per hour, to prepare for the influx of workers and visitors when Barangaroo is fully developed.

“This announcement means that major construction of the project can begin this year and be completed in approximately three years,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The project is expected to generate 250 construction jobs during its delivery, she said.

The Wynyard Walk is in the State Government’s draft Long Term Transport Master Plan, which for the first time provides an integrated approach to transport planning across all modes, Ms Berejiklian said.

“The draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan represents a fresh approach to transport planning in NSW and for the first time integrates roads, public transport, cycling, walking and freight,” she said.

During the next few months pedestrian improvement works will be completed on York and Margaret Street and enabling works will be completed at Wynyard Station to prepare the area for main construction works to begin.

“While we expect some short term inconvenience during construction, the Wynyard Station precinct and entire western corridor of the CBD will experience significant improvement in the long run,” she said.

“Building Wynyard Walk is a massive undertaking in a very busy part of the city and I want to thank the business community and public transport customers in advance for their patience during these works.

“Wynyard Walk will provide pedestrians with a high quality, light and well ventilated connection that will significantly improve pedestrian flows in the area.”

The design incorporates lifts and escalators to ensure Wynyard Walk provides access for those with a disability.

Thiess Pty Ltd is an experienced contractor in the Australian market, having helped deliver major projects including the Epping to Chatswood Rail Link, and the redevelopment of the RPA Hospital.

Wynyard Walk Fast Facts

- The underground link will be a new 3.5 metre high by 9 metre wide 110 metre long pedestrian tunnel from Wynyard Station to the intersection of Kent and Napoleon Street.
- A new bridge approximately 100 metres long will take pedestrians over Sussex Street with lifts and escalators connecting to the Barangaroo development and the waterfront.
- A new western entrance to Wynyard Station, known as the Clarence Street portal, will provide direct access onto the station concourse.
- Detailed traffic studies have been performed to assess and model impact of the works.
- Traffic performance will be monitored during and post construction.
- Some works that impact on the roadway will be undertaken at night to minimise disruption to traffic.
- Works will be staged to minimise overall impact on the area during construction.
- Transport for NSW has actively consulted with transport stakeholders through our Traffic and Transport Liaison Group to ensure works are well anticipated.
- Works have been approved by all relevant government agencies.
- Meetings with directly impacted stakeholders have commenced.

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