



Upgrade of the Sydenham to Bankstown train line

Southwest Link bus services



Stations between Sydenham and Bankstown are closed until 2026 while the T3 Bankstown Line is upgraded to metro standards. Southwest Link buses replace trains between Sydenham and Bankstown during this time.

What is Southwest Link?

Southwest Link is a dedicated, high-frequency bus service between Sydenham and Bankstown train stations to ensure passengers can continue to travel while the T3 Bankstown Line is being upgraded to metro standards.

Key features of Southwest Link include:

- three dedicated bus routes
- frequent services every day from early in the morning until late at night, with a bus every two to four minutes in peak periods across some routes
- a mix of all stops and limited stops services.

Southwest Link forms part of an integrated transport plan.

What is the integrated transport plan?

The integrated transport plan is all the alternate transport options available to passengers to help get where they need to go during the T3 Bankstown Line conversion works.

Passengers can choose from:

- Southwest Link buses
- turn-up-and-go metro services at Sydenham
- local buses
- trains
- light rail
- cycling and walking routes.

When did Southwest Link start and how long will it operate?

Southwest Link buses started 30 September 2024 and will operate until the conversion to metro is completed in 2026.

Free travel on Southwest Link buses

Travel on Southwest Link buses is free for all passengers for the duration of the T3 Bankstown Line conversion.

Fares still apply for all travel on regular train, bus, ferry, and light rail services. This includes the T6 train services, connecting Bankstown to Lidcombe station.

Opal benefits including the multi-modal discount and weekly travel cap will still apply.

Are Southwest Link services accessible?

Yes. All Southwest Link routes are serviced by low-floor accessible buses.

As Southwest Link bus stops are located on roads near each station, passengers with accessibility needs should plan ahead to determine the best path of travel to their bus stop.

Will my journey time increase during the upgrade?

Yes. Passengers should allow extra travel time to complete their journey between Sydenham and Bankstown during the upgrade.

How can I plan my Southwest Link trips?

Passengers can plan their travel on Southwest Link bus services, as well as explore other suitable transport options by visiting transportnsw.info/trip



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Are there parking changes during Southwest Link?

Yes. Parking arrangements have changed near impacted train stations to allow buses to operate efficiently across the conversion period.

Can I take my bike on Southwest Link buses?

Bicycles cannot be taken on Southwest Link buses because they are difficult to stow without inconveniencing or potentially endangering other passengers.

Why is the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown being upgraded?

The T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown is being upgraded to metro standards to enable rapid metro passenger services.

Final upgrade work could only happen once Sydney Trains services stopped running. This includes works to separate Sydney Trains and metro services at Bankstown Station, complete station upgrades, install platform screen doors, overhead wiring, final track alignment work, train testing and commissioning activities.

Will there be increased traffic congestion during the conversion period?

The road network across suburbs between Sydenham and Bankstown currently experiences traffic congestion, particularly during peak periods.

Transport for NSW has implemented active corridor management approaches to optimise the flow of traffic during this temporary disruption. This includes traffic light optimisation at busy intersections and the use of tow trucks on key corridors including Canterbury Road.

What are the changes for train stations west of Bankstown?

T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line

Train services that operated between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown now run to the Sydney CBD via Regents Park and Lidcombe on the new T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line. This maintains a direct service to the Sydney CBD from Berala, Regents Park, Carramar, Villawood, Leightonfield, Chester Hill and Sefton.

T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line

The T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line runs between Lidcombe and Bankstown via Regents Park. Passengers can interchange between the T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown Line and T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line at Regents Park to access services to the Sydney CBD, Liverpool or Bankstown.

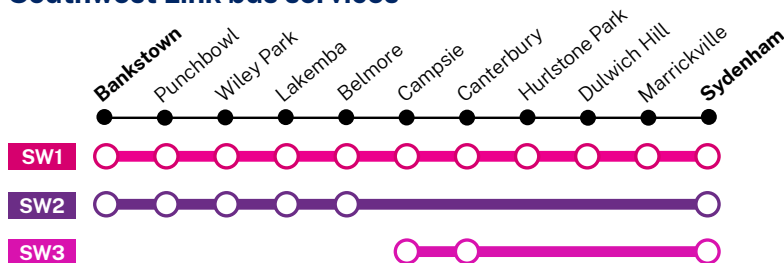
Train replacement buses

At times during the conversion period, buses will replace trains on the T6 Line between Lidcombe & Bankstown to allow for track upgrades and maintenance activities.

What are the options for Erskineville and St Peters passengers?

Erskineville and St Peters passengers receive direct services to and from the Sydney CBD on the T8 Airport & South Line.

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Southwest Link bus service frequency



Every 2 to 4 minutes
during peak periods



At least every 10 minutes
across most of the day

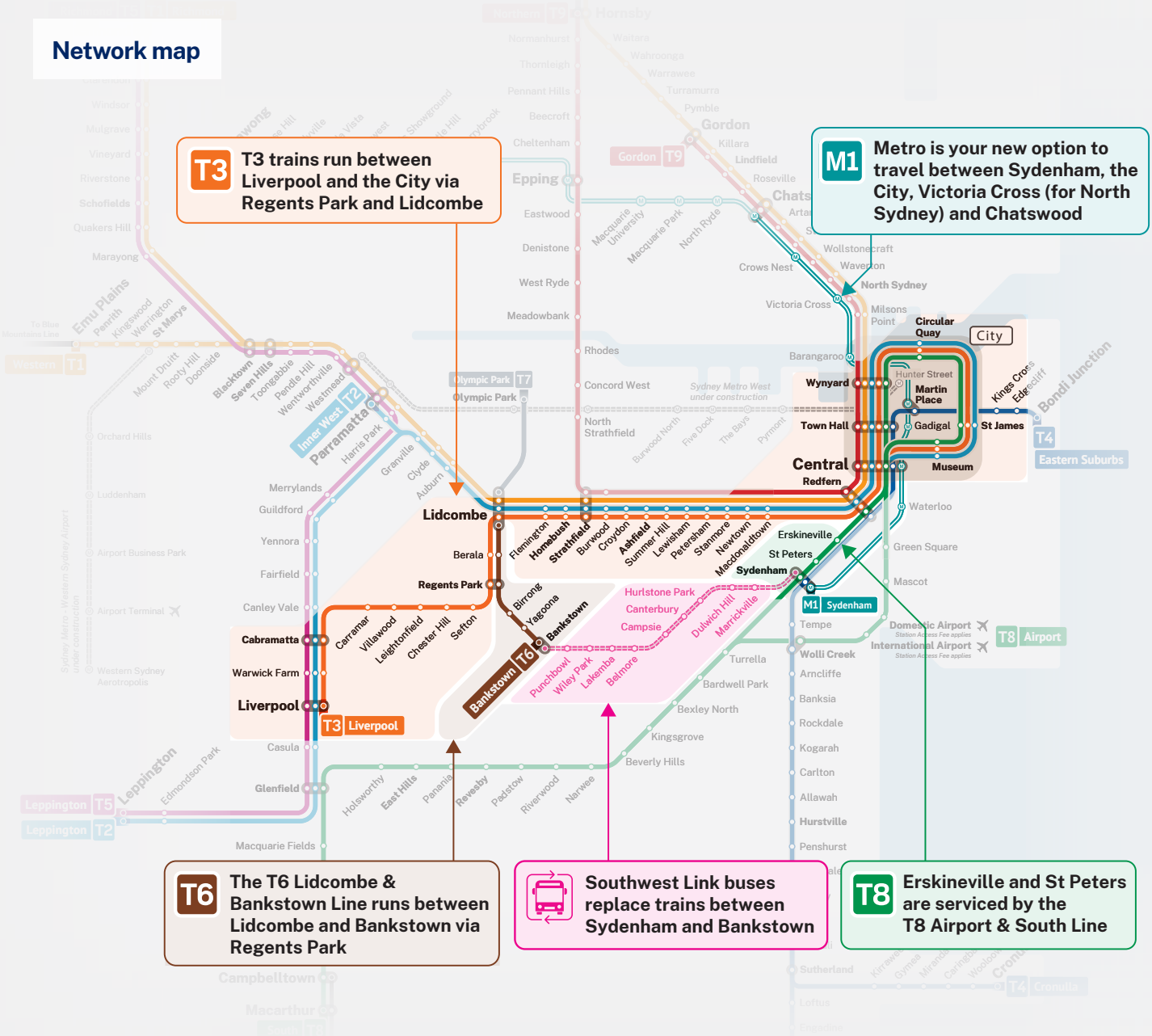


At least every 15 minutes
late at night



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Network map



How can I stay informed?

To stay informed and receive timely updates regarding Southwest Link and other suitable transport options during the upgrade, visit transportnsw.info/southwestlink



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