

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 689

FIONA CARRICK MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport

- 1) What are the changes relating to the bus diversions around Woden bus interchange that commenced in June this year, given the Transport Canberra webpage advises that further changes to bus routes and traffic movement around the temporary interchange would be announced in August 2025.
- 2) When were the changes referred to in part (1) announced; if they have not been announced, when will they be announced.
- 3) When will the intersection of Callam and Launceston Streets reopen, given the Transport Canberra webpage also states that it was expected to reopen from end September 2025.

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) North Callam Street was closed to all non-construction traffic from 19 June 2025 to 31 October 2025 to allow for the next stage of construction of the new Interchange.
- 2) From October 2024, regular meetings have been held with key precinct stakeholders, special interest groups, and partner directorates to talk through the proposed traffic changes around the Woden temporary bus interchange and to discuss any areas of concern.

As well as these direct stakeholder meetings, construction look-aheads were sent to all CIT Woden Campus project update subscribers, and information regarding the road and bus changes was shared to the broader public via ACT Government channels and the media:

- a. Communications relating to the *Callam Street closure* and associated bus diversion onto Bowes and Matilda Streets were published on the Built for CBR and Transport Canberra websites and social media channels, and a [media release](#) was issued on 17 June 2025. Additional signage, PA announcements, and traffic controllers were put in place to help inform both road and public transport users about the changes.
- b. Communications relating to the *re-opening of the Callam Street (North)* to buses were published on the Built for CBR and Transport Canberra websites and in an article in the November Our Canberra printed newsletter to all households in the Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo region.

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- 3) On Friday 31 October 2025, the northern end of Callam Street, between Launceston and Matilda Streets, re-opened to buses, bringing the new light rail-ready Woden Interchange one step closer to completion.

The key changes relating to the bus diversion around the Woden bus interchange implemented on 31 October 2025 are as follows:

- Buses enter the temporary Woden bus interchange via Matilda Street, off North Callam Street and Bowes Street.
- Buses will no longer access Matilda Street via Bowes Street.
- Access to the Hellenic Club's Matilda Street carpark entrance has been restored.
- Bus stop 2031 (Launceston Street after Irvine Street) has returned to service.

The reopening of the northern end of Callam Street (restricted to buses only) has taken buses off Matilda Street and will result in less bus traffic and smoother travel on Bowes Street.

The C4 cycle path connection and pedestrian bridge, linking the Easty Street carpark to the temporary Woden bus interchange, has also reopened, making movement easier for cyclists and pedestrians.

The southern end of Callam Street, near Woden Police Station, remains closed to non-construction traffic. It will reopen to buses once the new Woden Interchange is complete by the end of March 2026.

Once the new Woden Interchange is operational, buses will travel directly along Callam Street and the temporary bus interchange on Bowes/Matilda Street will be removed.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport

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