



T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line

More frequent services, more local connections and more reliable journeys from November

Transport is introducing a new train timetable on Sunday 15 November 2026 to deliver service improvements for South Coast, T8 SYD Airport & South West, T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra and T2 Leppington & Inner West line passengers.

Most Passengers on the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line will benefit from more frequent services, more local connections and more reliable journeys.

The improvements will deliver more seats and less crowding – meaning more comfortable journeys for many passengers.



More services: Most passengers will receive a service every 7.5 minutes on average during peak periods with all stations south of Central receiving at least one service every 15 minutes. Some stations will also benefit from more trains across the weekend and during late night periods.



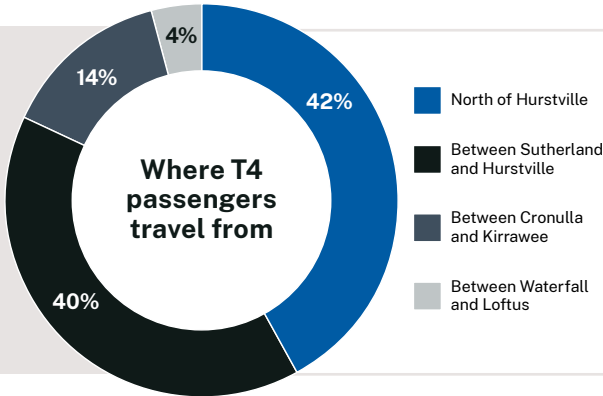
Simpler timetable: Stopping patterns will change with services to run on a more consistent timetable. Off-peak stopping patterns will change to match the weekends.



Reduced wait times: More services will reduce peak wait times by up to five minutes at some stations south of Wolli Creek.

Did you know?

Around 249,000 people travel on the Illawarra corridor each weekday, accounting for around 25% of all passengers across the Sydney Trains network.



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T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line changes

Today, a large section of track between Waterfall and Bondi Junction is shared by the South Coast and T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra lines.

The changes will separate the South Coast and T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra lines between Arncliffe and Central, allowing more trains to run on each line.

With all T8 SYD Airport & South West Line services now operating via the Airport, South Coast Line services will operate on the tracks previously used by the T8 SYD Airport & South West Line via Sydenham north of Wolli Creek, reducing bottlenecks and improving reliability.

By separating these services, passengers will benefit from fewer service disruptions and more reliable, consistent journeys.

How your trip will change



Journey times: To improve service reliability, some journey times will increase due to revised stopping patterns and the addition of more services operating on the line.

Passengers travelling from Waterfall to Central can save around five minutes by interchanging at Sutherland or Hurstville in peak periods.



Better local connections: More services will stop at more stations between Hurstville and Redfern, improving connections to local destinations.



New connections: St Peters and Erskineville stations will join the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line.

All services will stop at Sydenham, providing direct connections to Sydney Metro services.



Como Station upgrade
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Passenger profile



The Morris family travels from Waterfall to the city during school holidays and weekends for family outings, including visits to the Art Gallery, museums and other attractions.

Today's journey

'During the school holidays, we like taking the kids to the Art Gallery in the city. Today, we can catch a train from Waterfall every 20 minutes in the busiest morning peak and reach Central in around 48 minutes.'

Future journey

'Under the new timetable, trains will run every 15 minutes in the busiest morning peak, with a journey time of around one hour. While the trip is slightly longer, more frequent and reliable services will make it easier to plan our day and enjoy a more comfortable journey.'

Passenger profile



Olivia, 29, travels from Cronulla to the city five days a week for work.

Today's journey

'I travel from Cronulla to Central several times a week for work. Trains run every 10 minutes during the morning peak, with a journey time of around 45 to 51 minutes.'

While the frequent services offer flexibility, occasional delays can make it harder to predict my arrival time and plan my day.'

Future journey

'Under the new timetable, trains will run every 7.5 minutes, reducing wait times between services.'

Although the journey will take slightly longer at around 55 to 56 minutes, more frequent and reliable services will make it easier to plan my commute and arrive with confidence.'





Bus services across Sydney

Bus services across Greater Sydney may be updated with revised timetables to better meet passenger travel needs.

These changes are part of an ongoing program of network improvements designed to deliver a more integrated, flexible and easy-to-use public transport system, providing better connections and a more convenient travel experience for passengers.



Plan your trip

The new timetable starts on Sunday 15 November 2026.

From early November 2026, passengers can plan their journeys with **Trip Planner** | transportnsw.info or using the **Opal Travel** app.



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