

# BOTANY RAIL DUPLICATION

PROJECT UPDATE | SUMMER 2020

WE'RE ON TRACK TO DELIVER CRITICAL FREIGHT RAIL IMPROVEMENTS. AS SYDNEY'S POPULATION AND FREIGHT TASK GROWS, THE BOTANY RAIL DUPLICATION WILL ENABLE MORE FREIGHT TO BE MOVED BY RAIL, HELPING REDUCE CONGESTION ON OUR ROADS AND IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

With one train able to move around the same amount of containers as 54 trucks, the Botany Rail Duplication will increase capacity on the Botany Line and wider Metropolitan Freight Network. This will encourage a freight transport mode shift from road to rail, which could result in a reduced rate of growth in truck movements and associated traffic congestion.

The Botany Rail Duplication will duplicate the remaining section of single line track, allowing freight to be moved efficiently from the port to our doorstep, and beyond.

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is delivering the project on behalf of the Australian Government.

Botany Rail Duplication includes the following key features:

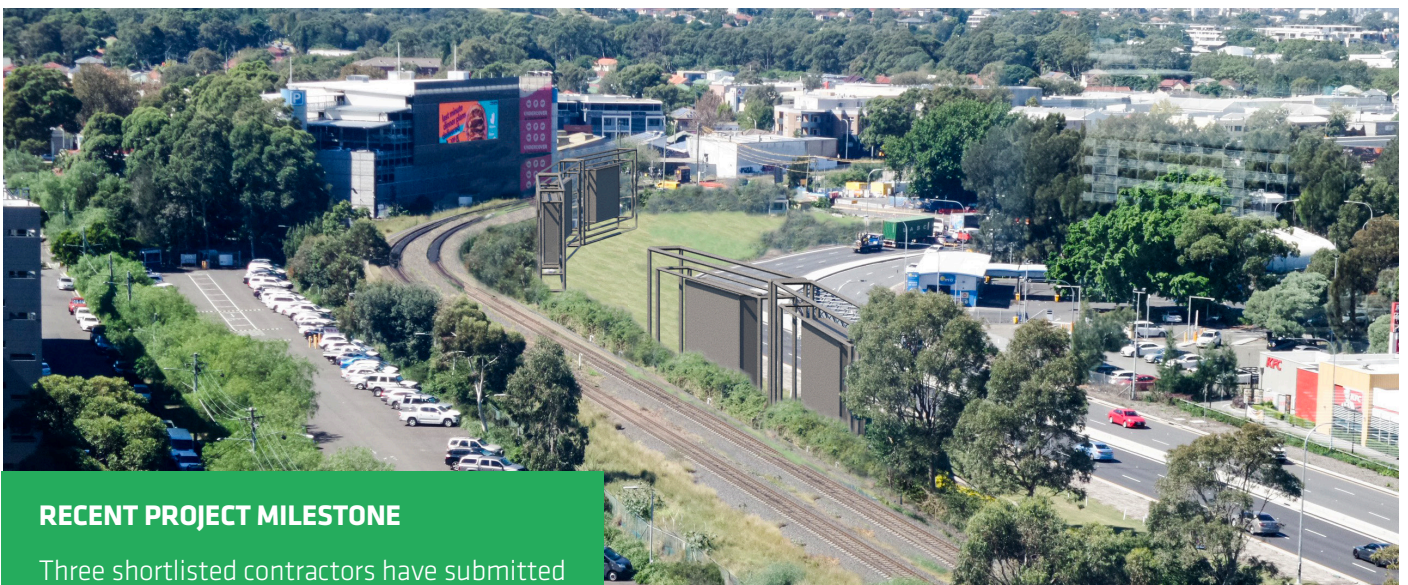
**Track duplication** – constructing a new track within the rail corridor for a distance of about three kilometres

**Track realignment and upgrading** – moving some of the track sideways to make room for the new track

**New crossovers** – constructing new crossovers to allow trains options to move between tracks

**Bridge works** – constructing new rail bridges at Mill Stream, Southern Cross Drive, O'Riordan Street and Robey Street, and re-constructing the existing bridges at Robey Street and O'Riordan Street

**Embankment/retaining structures** – constructing new embankment and retaining structures.



Above: Photomontage of the duplicated track as shown in the EIS

## RECENT PROJECT MILESTONE

Three shortlisted contractors have submitted tenders to design and construct the project. The tenders will now undergo a rigorous evaluation process, which will enable the successful tender to be selected.



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## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

In 2020, we've been getting on with project planning and achieved some key milestones:

- On 12 August 2020, the NSW Government announced State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) approval for the project to proceed, subject to conditions of approval.
- We've been progressing the procurement process for a design and construction contractor. Three shortlisted companies - John Holland, Laing O'Rourke and CPB Contractors - have now submitted their tenders.
- The tenders are being evaluated by ARTC, with contract award anticipated to take place in mid-2021.
- We've also been carrying out utility investigations, site inspections and surveys, to help inform the project design.

## KEEP IN THE LOOP



Register for project updates by hovering your phone over the code, and selecting the webpage (scroll to the bottom of the webpage).

The tender released to market includes both Botany Rail Duplication and Botany Yard Bi-Directional Signalling Project. Future communications may include mention of both projects.



## KEEP IN THE LOOP

Thank you for getting involved in the project and for your feedback so far. We've gained valuable information for our early design thinking and considerations for the project planning. We encourage you to keep in touch, in particular if circumstances change that might be of interest to the project team.

As the Botany Rail Duplication gets underway we'll keep you informed through community updates and provide opportunities for feedback on the project. We are looking at ways to minimise works disruption as much as possible but unfortunately, some impacts will be unavoidable.

Register for email updates on our website to hear all the latest news on the project. We'll let you know about our upcoming community events too.

## NEXT STEPS

Community feedback has and will continue to play an important part in the planning and delivery of the Botany Rail Duplication. We will continue to talk with, and more importantly, listen to our stakeholders and the community as the project progresses.

Over the coming months, you can also expect to see further site inspections and investigations along the rail corridor.

You can contact the project team any time for more information, or to provide feedback, via:

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