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MEDIA RELEASE

WORK ON \$31M NEWTOWN STATION UPGRADE TO START THIS MONTH

Deputy Premier and Member for Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt today joined Minister for Transport and Roads David Campbell at Newtown Station to release a new design plan for Newtown railway station, and announce work on the upgrade will start later this month.

“Newtown is a thriving Sydney suburb, with its King Street railway station to soon receive a dramatic and eagerly anticipated face lift,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“Over the years, the number of people who use Newtown Station has grown significantly, with more than 10,000 people now catching a train from the Station every day.

“The narrow stairs and entrance need to be upgraded to accommodate this increase in foot traffic.”

Ms Tebbutt said the new design incorporates feedback from local residents and groups.

“Following further consultation on the project late last year, a new design for the canopy and concourse roof has been approved,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“I’m pleased the new design takes into consideration the concerns raised by the public and the Planning Department’s Heritage Branch during the public exhibition of the plans.

“Newtown has a long and proud history and it’s critical that any design takes this into account.

“The new entrance will feature a four metre wide protective canopy from King Street to the new concourse, with heritage displays and viewing windows.

“The new canopy design will assist with creating a more open public forecourt for access to the station, while retaining views of the key heritage items in the area.”

Mr Campbell said tenders have been called for pre-construction work including archaeological testing and demolition of the old kebab shop on the corner of King Street.

“This work will start later this month,” he said.

“The revised design retains the original concourse building with a lift and stairs to the platform, new family accessible toilet, platform canopies and new staff and ticket sales facilities, as well as new ticket gates and passenger display.

“When complete, this upgrade will mean an expanded entrance, with a new walkway and easier access to platforms,” said Mr Campbell.