



DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS
NEW SOUTH WALES

THE EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR STAGE 1 – WILLIAM STREET UNDERPASS

The William Street Underpass, which will bring southbound traffic underneath William Street and connect it to Bourke Street, is the first stage of the Eastern Distributor Scheme. On the completion of the overall project, this major road improvement scheme will significantly improve traffic flow through East Sydney, remove through traffic from local streets, and in the broad City traffic plan, complement the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

The design and construction of the overall scheme is being co-ordinated by the Department of Main Roads. Stage I works, which include intersection improvements and traffic management measures in addition to the Underpass at William Street, are being funded by the State Government and are valued at \$6.2 million. Contractors to the Department were Baulderstone-Hornibrook, who constructed the Underpass tunnel, and Kilpatrick Green who installed the tunnel lighting. The traffic management measures were carried out by the Department.

Minimum disruption was caused to the William Street traffic. This was done by constructing the bridge in three parts and progressively moving the traffic on to the newly completed work. The need for large Public Utility relocation was avoided by building two separate bridges around the existing Water Board, Telecom and Electricity mains before work on the main underpass commenced.

The tunnel is 110 metres long, carries two lanes of traffic, and will provide clearance for vehicles up to 4.5 metres in height. It will eventually be continued along Palmer Street and under Taylor Square.

The traffic changes associated with the Underpass are shown on the map inside this folder.

WILLIAM STREET UNDERPASS

TRAFFIC CHANGES

EFFECTIVE FROM 8 NOVEMBER 1987

PALMER STREET

Palmer Street will become ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND from Sir John Young Crescent to William Street, and will be re-opened at William Street. Southbound traffic will proceed from the Cahill Expressway to Taylor Square via Palmer Street, William Street* Underpass and Bourke Street; or to William Street via Palmer Street.

BOURKE STREET

Bourke Street will become TWO WAY from Plunkett Street to Stanley Street, for local traffic.

PLUNKETT STREET

Plunkett Street will be CLOSED at Sir John Young Crescent.

