

Possession Notice

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Improving Possession Safety and Performance

Reinforce requirements for Mid-Week Possession

This information has been prepared to inform Sydney Trains' employees, and TfNSW to reinforce the requirements where applicable for project owners and workers to understand the midweek possession requirements.

Background

This Possession Notice was developed as a result of an incident where a surveying team was undertaking survey work in the corridor as part of their functional responsibilities.

This required some weeknight work to be done during Local Possession Authority (LPA).

On the week commencing 25/08/2014, survey work was scheduled to over four consecutive week nights.

The PO attended a pre-possession briefing earlier in the evening of 25/08/2014 and was advised that track vehicles would be travelling on the Up ESR during night work activities and to keep clear. The PO and his team of three surveyors, planned to work on both the Down ESR and UP ESR to undertake the siting of traverse stations, and had agreed not to go on the Up ESR until after the rail grinder had passed their location. This agreement was not followed and which lead to a near miss incident.

Requirement

As a result of the above incident further detail on the midweek possessions requirements were required to be clearly understood in relation to possession coordination and worksite protection responsibility.

As a result the Asset Operations Possession Manual Volume 2 and Asset Operations Possession Manual Volume 3 have now been re-written and replaced by Network Access Manual Volume 2 – Resource Scheduling & Coordination in Possessions.

Network Access Manual Volume 2 now has reference to all aspects on Possession Management which includes:

- Midweek Possession Programming
- Lead time for entering scope.
- PPO coordination / responsibilities
- Project Owners Induction / responsibilities

The Final Word

For more detail on requirements for Mid – Week possession please refer to Network Access Manual Volume 2 – Resource Scheduling & Coordination in Possessions which is located on Asset Scheduling and Delivery Coordination Unit's SharePoint site.



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