



# Eastwood Commuter Car Park

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does the project include?

Transport for NSW is improving commuter parking at Eastwood by providing additional parking spaces in a new commuter car park and improving the interchange and integrations of pedestrians, traffic and public transport.

### Why does Eastwood need a commuter car park?

A commuter car park at Eastwood Station has been identified as a priority due to factors which include the limited number of all-day parking in the area and the growing demand and use of Eastwood Station.

An ongoing review is being undertaken by Transport for NSW to assess the feasibility of a number of proposed projects across the NSW public transport network. The review takes into account transport and urban planning priorities, future patronage at the station as well as the customer experience at existing.

### What sites in Eastwood are being considered?

Planning is underway with two possible options for the location of the new car park being investigated. The first location being considered is the lower area of Eastwood Park (adjacent to West Parade) which would involve the conversion of the existing sports field to a ground level car park and raised, synthetic grass, multi-purpose field for sporting groups and the community to use, constructed above it.

The second location is the site of the existing ground level car park on West Parade, located adjacent to the station and bus interchange, which would be increased to a six-storey car park.

### How have these options been developed?

The lower Eastwood Park and West Parade options were identified as potential locations due to their close proximity to Eastwood Station, potential to build without property acquisition, and the possibility for improved community amenity.

## Eastwood Park

### What will the proposed location of Eastwood Park include?

- converting the existing lower playing fields into a ground level commuter car park, providing around 270 new spaces
- construction of an all-weather, multi-use synthetic field above new car park for the community and sporting groups to use
- upgrade to the change rooms and facilities building
- lighting and CCTV

### **How long will this option take to build?**

This option is estimated to take around 10 months to construct, subject to detailed design.

### **Will the flooding at Eastwood Park cause an impact?**

Transport for NSW is aware of the history in relation to flooding at the Eastwood Park, lower field site. Should this site be the preferred option for a commuter car park, all environmental impacts, including flooding, would be assessed. Strategies to minimise flooding impacts would be considered during the detailed design phase.

### **Will a lift be included in this design?**

At this stage of planning, a lift is not expected to be included in the design for the lower Eastwood Park option. Level access will be available to both the car park and synthetic multi-use field.

### **What activities can the synthetic field be used for?**

The synthetic field could be used for a range of community uses such as:

- Formal sporting activities like soccer, basketball, netball and cricket
- Tai Chi, yoga and fitness activities
- Community events and festivals
- Passive space for the community to use

Consultation with council would be undertaken to determine the best uses for the facility.

### **Will the car park be underground?**

The car park would be built at the same ground level as the present field and West Parade. A roof will be constructed over the car park providing undercover parking. The synthetic field is proposed to be constructed on the roof of the car park.

### **How will the changing room and amenity building be impacted?**

Any impacts or upgrades to the change rooms and amenities building on the lower field, would be considered during detailed design.

### **Will there be impacts to the area's local heritage?**

Transport for NSW is aware of the heritage assets in the surrounding area including the Keith Shaw stand and the croquet club. Heritage in the local area would be carefully managed with input to be provided from an independent heritage consultant.

### **Does this option integrate with existing facilities and other potential local projects?**

Urban design and landscaping would consider and integrate with existing facilities such as the Eastwood Library and Croquet Club. Transport for NSW is also aware of other local projects being proposed for the area, such as the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Space where consultation is currently underway.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with Council to make sure that all existing facilities and potential projects in the area are managed in a collaborative manner, ensuring the best outcome for transport customers and the wider community.



## **How will existing users, local events, and sporting groups of the lower field be impacted during construction?**

Should the lower field of Eastwood Park be the preferred option, Transport for NSW would work closely with Council and local user groups to manage impacts during construction.

## **West Parade Bus Interchange**

### **What will the proposed location of West Parade Bus Interchange include?**

- Construction of a six storey car park above the existing bus interchange to provide around 250 car spaces
- Improved lighting and CCTV
- Lifts to all levels
- Integrated access to trains and buses

### **Why does it need to be so tall?**

There is limited space in the areas near Eastwood Station to construct the commuter car park. The site above the existing bus interchange is relatively small with room for approximately 40 spaces per level. In order to build enough spaces to support parking for future patronage the car park would need to be six storeys high to provide approximately 250 spaces.

Constructing a multi storey car park underground is not considered a feasible option due to time, cost and construction constraints.

### **How long will this option take to build?**

This option is estimated to take around 14 months to construct, subject to detailed design.

### **How will this option affect traffic and buses during construction?**

West Parade bus stops outside of Eastwood Station would need to be relocated during construction for the safety of customers, staff, and workers.

Transport for NSW would work with the local bus operators to find an alternative location as close to the station as possible. Customers would be advised of any changes prior to any changes being made. Changes to timetables are not anticipated as a result of construction work.

### **How will this option affect pedestrian access to the station during construction?**

Pedestrian access would be maintained to Eastwood Station during construction should this be the preferred option, except during pre-scheduled shutdowns of the rail line for track work by Sydney Trains. Appropriate measures would be implemented to ensure the safety of all pedestrians and customers during this time.

### **Were any other sites considered?**

A location on Rowe Street was initially identified as a potential option however, upon further investigation a number of factors, including significant property acquisition, indicated that it would not be the best solution.



Each of the options proposed will provide different opportunities, costs, and challenges. Transport for NSW is committed to providing the best outcome possible for both the community at a local level and the wider community overall. Community feedback will play an important role in helping us to understand local community values and needs, and help us to determine the best solution for Eastwood.

### **Will the option actually look like the artist's impression?**

At this stage the artist's impressions are there to use as an aid to help the community visualise what each of the options may look like. Whilst they have been drawn to look as realistic as possible, there is still a lot of work to do before a final design can be completed. Your feedback will help shape the final outcome.

### **Why not add to the existing multi-storey car park on Glen Street?**

Adding commuter parking spaces to the existing multi-storey on Glen Street was considered during initial investigations into potential locations. The Glen Street location was not progressed as the current structure has not been designed to bear additional levels and loading. Following an engineering assessment adding additional levels was determined to not be viable. Therefore the existing structure would need to be demolished and rebuilt to meet the increased parking need, which would be a significant cost, with extensive impact to the community because of the loss of existing parking spaces during construction.

### **Does Transport for NSW have a preferred option?**

Transport for NSW will consider all community feedback and undertake further feasibility studies prior to the preferred site being identified.

Once the preferred option has been identified Transport for NSW will prepare a Review of Environmental Factors which will be placed on public display later this year. Further community consultation will be held at this time and feedback from the community invited again.

### **Have any traffic or other studies been undertaken?**

Traffic and other detailed studies will be undertaken once a preferred option has been selected. These would then be assessed in a Review of Environmental Factors, which would be released for public display and comment in late 2017.

## **Keeping informed and providing feedback**

### **Will the community be able to provide feedback on the proposed locations?**

Community feedback will play an important role in identifying the best solution for Eastwood. Community consultation began on Wednesday 29 March and will continue until Sunday 7 May 2017. This is an opportunity for the community to have their say on the proposed locations. In the coming weeks 'pop-up' information booths and drop-in sessions will provide opportunities for you to speak with the project team and get involved in the planning process for this new commuter car park.



## How can I keep informed?

Keep your eye out for 'pop-up' information booths and drop-in sessions where you will be able to learn more about the two options. Our friendly staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

### Key dates:

'Pop-up' information booth, Eastwood Station

- 4pm to 6pm, Friday 7 April
- 4pm to 6pm, Thursday 27 April

The Eastwood Women's Rest Centre (behind the Eastwood Library)

- 10am to 2pm, Saturday 29 April
- 4.30pm to 7.30pm, Wednesday 3 May

Later this year we will be coming out to you with the preferred site and as well as more opportunities to get involved in the planning approval process for the new commuter car park.

Our project webpage [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/tap](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/tap) is also a great way to find the latest information and is regularly updated. You can also ask us questions about the project by contacting our Community Infoline on 1800 684 490 or at [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au).

## How can I provide feedback?

We want your feedback on the two locations to help us understand what is important to our customers and the broader community. You can make a difference by telling us:

- Which option you think is the best location for the new car park is and why
- What features you might like incorporated
- What opportunities and constraints you may see

Feedback on the two locations can be emailed to [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or addressed to:

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