

Review of Environmental Factors | August 2022

Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange upgrade



Australian Government



The Australian Government and NSW Government are investing nearly \$200 million to improve transport in Macquarie Park and help create a vibrant 'heart' for the precinct.

We're proposing a precinct and bus interchange upgrade that creates a place for people to enjoy, meet and connect. The project will connect people to Macquarie University, Macquarie Centre, Macquarie Business Park and residential and commercial areas.

The upgrade will improve travel efficiency and connectivity, making it easier for people to move safely into and around Macquarie Park.

We've been working closely with City of Ryde Council, Macquarie University and Macquarie Centre to create a vibrant 'heart' for the people who live, work and learn in Macquarie Park.

Have Your Say

Transport for NSW has prepared an environmental assessment for the proposed Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange upgrade. This is known as the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and is available for public comment until **Thursday 8 September 2022**.

The REF looks at the proposal and addresses how Transport will manage the changes and their effect on the community and surrounding environment.

This document details how to view the REF online and have your say.

Proposed bus layover on Talavera Road, Macquarie Park



Why upgrade the bus interchange and layover?

Macquarie Park is already Sydney's second largest business district. It needs public spaces and paths, a road network and bus system to support that growth.

The current bus interchange was built in the 1980s and cannot meet future demand.

More than 1440 buses carrying 10,700 passengers use the Macquarie University Station bus interchange on Herring Road each weekday.

The bus interchange connects:

- people to Macquarie Park, Macquarie University, Macquarie Centre, and Macquarie Business Park
- residential and commercial developments around the area
- Macquarie University Metro Station at the Herring Road and Waterloo Road intersection.

Macquarie Park is experiencing rapid growth, placing pressure on surrounding roads and public transport services.

Transport connections are vital for economic activity and social connection in Macquarie Park.



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Benefits for the community

We have been working closely with City of Ryde Council, Macquarie University and Macquarie Centre to ensure the proposed precinct and bus interchange upgrade benefits the whole community, not just people using public transport.

With two major developments planned either side of the interchange, for Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University, the proposal will create a vibrant public realm as the heart of Macquarie Park.

This proposal creates:

- public space at the interchange for people to meet, rest, enjoy and connect
- significant new areas for public domain, green space and vegetation
- better pedestrian crossings, access and connections
- footpaths that link places so people can move in and around the area
- more bus stops and shelters for improved accessibility to public transport
- dedicated bus lanes to reduce travel times for bus customers
- improved amenity and bus reliability, by removing the layover and bus parking from Herring to Talavera Road.



The proposed Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange gateway and integration with redeveloped Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University looking north



The proposed Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange public domain creating a place to meet, rest and enjoy looking south



Enjoyable public space

We will create green shaded areas that provide comfortable spaces to relax, enjoy and move around by:

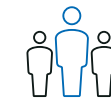
- Maximising new tree planting and the potential for a green canopy cover to create a 'green heart' for MacPark and reduce the heat island effect.
- Creating a vibrant, tree-lined place where people can meet, relax and connect.
- Creating opportunities for seating and community connection.
- Improving the quality of the public space by relocating the busy layover and parking to Talavera Road.



Time saving travel

We will make public transport in and around the interchange easy, accessible and reliable by:

- Almost doubling the capacity of bus boarding and alighting areas.
- Improving passenger experience, with more bus stands to reduce queuing at stops.
- Bus stand displays with real-time information on bus routes, arrival times and service changes.



Connecting people with places

We will make moving between places and public transport more enjoyable, easy, safe and reliable by:

- Making it easier to connect with the bus interchange and the Macquarie University Metro Station.
- Locating taxi bays near the Macquarie Shopping Centre entrance.
- Providing lights, paving, footpaths and wayfinding to help people connect and navigate.
- Providing bike parking in convenient locations for integrated transport options.

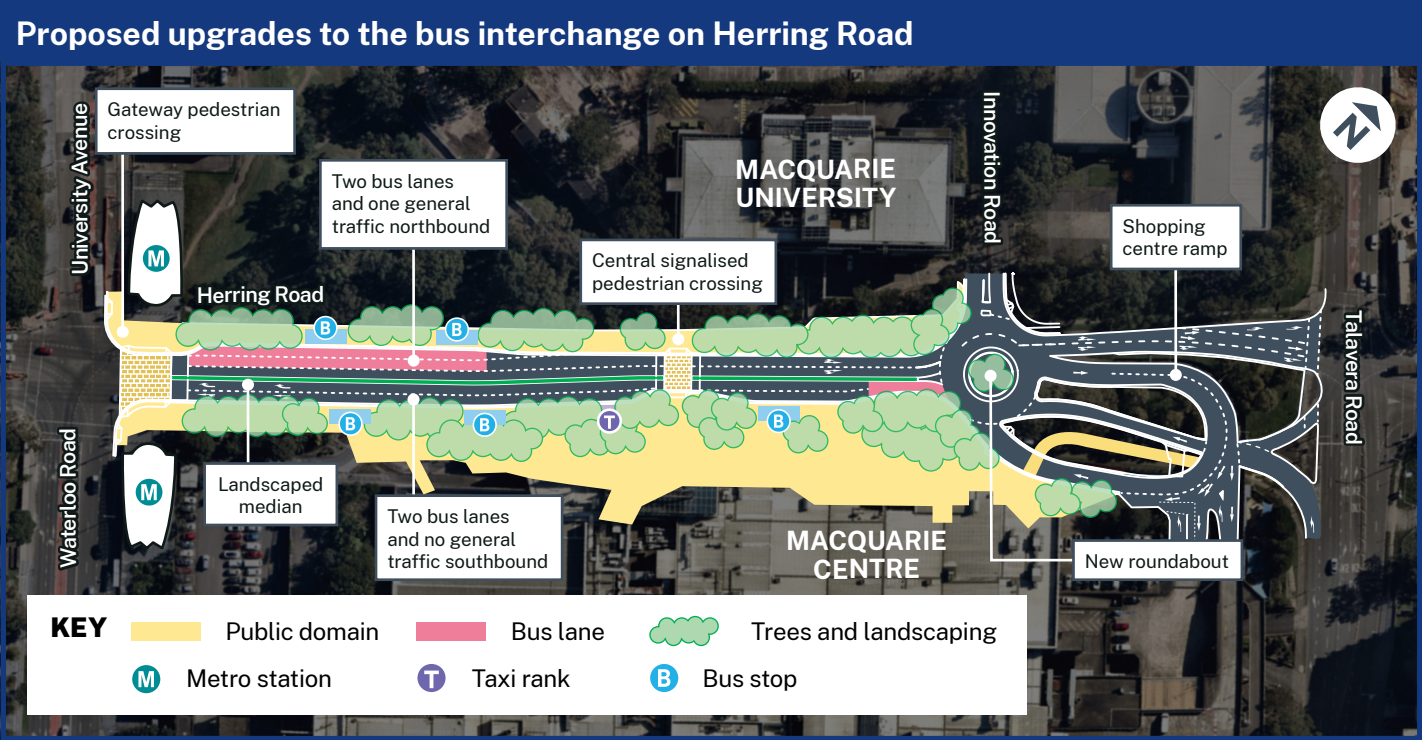


Better access and safety

We will provide features that will help people of all abilities move around safely and easily by:

- Providing safer, wider and more direct pedestrian crossings.
- Ensuring high visibility and easy access for bus passengers, with bus stands grouped together and located directly opposite one another.
- Providing access to places of activity, including pedestrian corridors aligning with the existing and future Macquarie Centre entrance.
- Ensuring easy access and seamless movement for all community members with a step-free interchange.

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Improved road safety for all

The proposal will improve road safety for pedestrians and drivers:

- speed limit reduced to 40 kilometres per hour
- two widened pedestrian crossings, one at mid-block and one at Waterloo Road
- roundabout at the Herring Road and Innovation Road intersection
- widened footpaths on both sides of the interchange
- a new down ramp from the Macquarie Centre.

What to expect

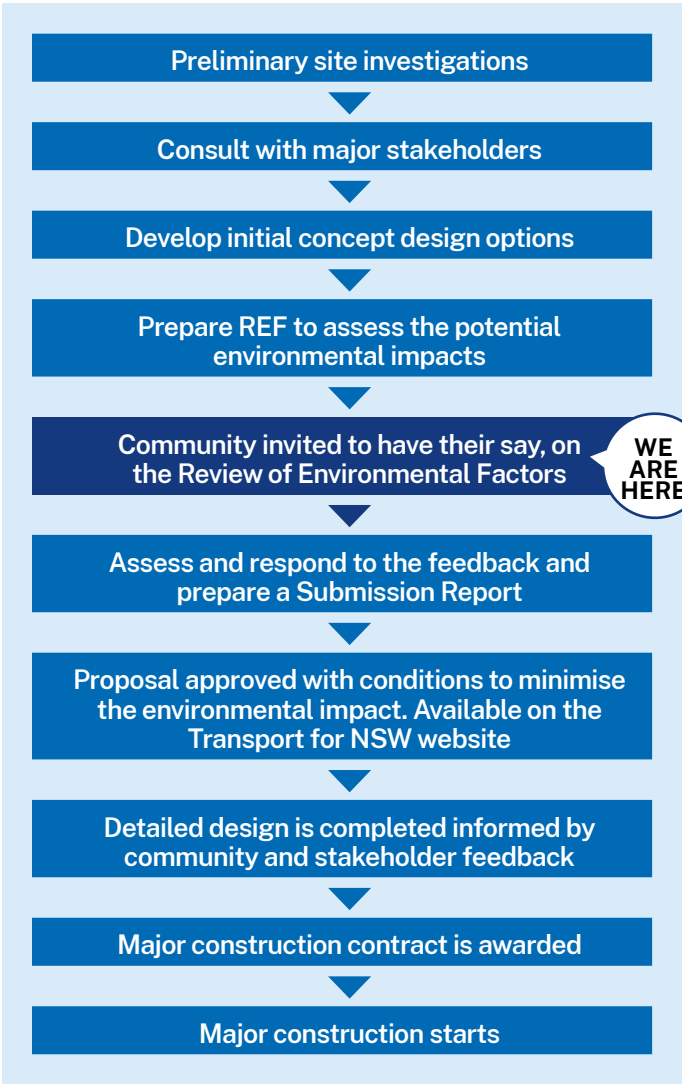
Construction of the proposal would take two years to complete. During this time you can expect some temporary closures, changes and delays that may affect bus stops, traffic and pedestrian movements along Herring Road and between Waterloo Road and Talavera Road. Community members will be notified of any temporary changes.

Most trees and vegetation at the bus interchange and bus layover need to be removed. However, mature trees will be planted on the western side of Herring Road, and throughout the large public domain area on the eastern side, creating a green canopy.

To improve safety for pedestrians and provide more public domain space, we will permanently restrict access for general southbound traffic along Herring Road between Innovation Road and Waterloo Road.

We will remove some car parking spaces on Talavera Road to allow buses to layover at this location, rather than Herring Road.

Project stages



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Talk to the project team

We will hold an online community information session so you can find out more about the REF from the project team and ask questions about the proposed precinct and bus interchange upgrade.

When: Wednesday 24 August 2022
from 1pm to 1.40pm.

Where: join us via Microsoft Teams using the following link nswroads.work/macparkPrecinctInfoSession.

Unable to join us: a recording will be available on our website at nswroads.work/macparkPrecinct.

Have your say

We have prepared an REF which examines the potential social and environmental effects of the proposed precinct and bus interchange improvements.

The REF is available on display for community feedback at nswroads.work/macparkPrecinct until **Thursday 8 September 2022**.

You can also visit our Virtual Engagement Room to:

- View, read and comment on the REF
- Read our factsheet and FAQs
- Watch the project video
- Look at visual before/after images.

Visit macPark.ghdengage.com or scan the QR code.

Next Steps

We will consider all feedback received during the public display and prepare a submissions report that summarises the issues raised and our responses.

Transport will write to those who made a submission to advise them when the report is available on our website.

Register for email updates on the website or the Virtual Engagement Room.



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