



Transport for NSW

# Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway

Northern access project | June 2021

The Sydney Harbour Bridge connects Sydney's Harbourside communities. One of the most iconic bridges in the world, it acts as a gateway and is there for all people to use and enjoy.

Transport for NSW is seeking community feedback on two options for a cycle ramp at the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway.

A new ramp would improve the safety and capacity of the cycleway, enhance connections to the wider bike network and make bike riding convenient and attractive for more people.

We are inviting the community to tell us what they think about the options before **midnight on Sunday 27 June 2021.**

## Did you know...

- Around 2,000 bike trips are taken across the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway on weekdays
- It is one of the most heavily used bike paths in Sydney
- It is the only cross-harbour bike route in Eastern Sydney and a critical link joining two sides of our city across our beautiful harbour.

## About the project

Many plans to replace the steps have been explored over the years, most recently in 2017. This is an important opportunity to improve a critical link in Sydney's bike network and



encourage more people to cycle as part of their daily commute, or for leisure and fitness.

The only way for riders to access the cycleway at the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is to climb 55 steps and then push their bikes through safety barriers at the top.

The steps are a safety hazard and prevent a wider group of people from riding their bikes more. They also slow the movement of people as they access or exit the cycleway, creating bottlenecks at peak times.

## Providing for current and future cycling needs

Transport wants to make cycling across the Sydney Harbour Bridge a safe and accessible choice for more people. The cycleway ramp design will be respectful to the heritage of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and fitting for this iconic location, and be an open space that all people can use and enjoy.

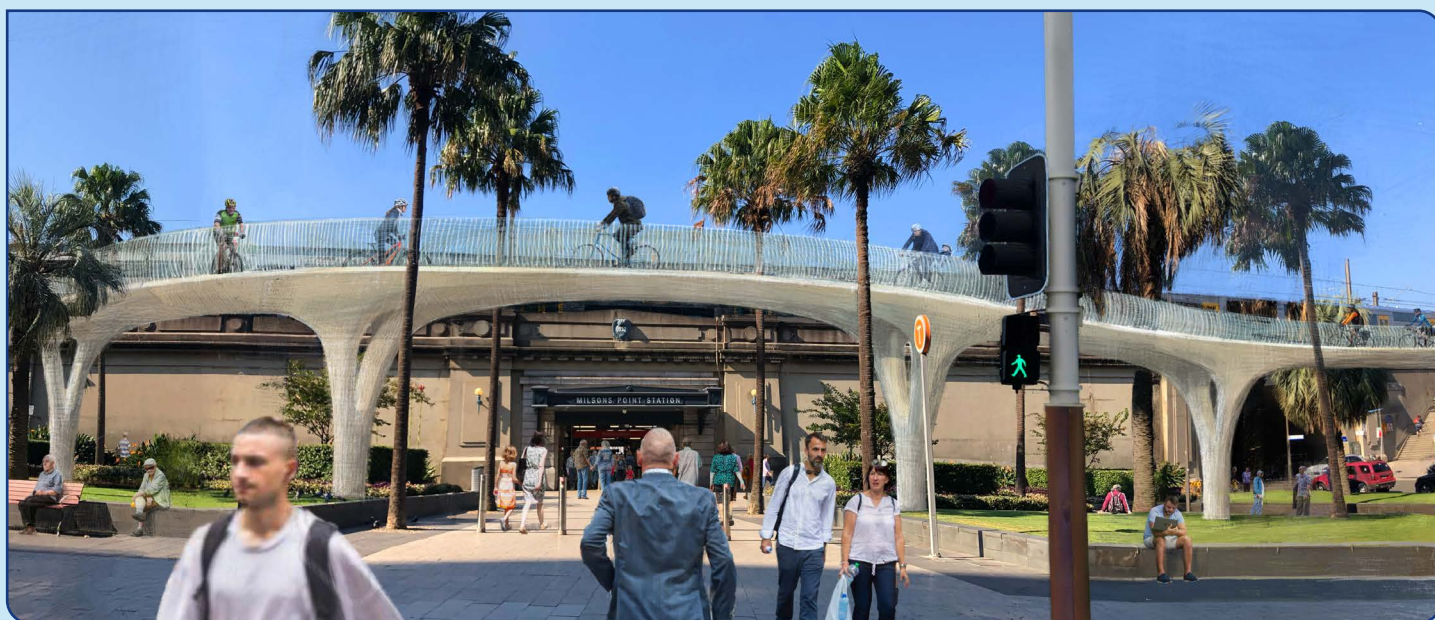
We investigated a range of approaches before exploring ramp options. These included replacing the steps with lifts or travelators, swapping the cycleway to the eastern side of the bridge, and

putting bikes back on the bridge deck. We also checked to make sure that the existing cycleway is fit for purpose given it is narrower than current recommended cycling standards.

We now have confirmed that the cycleway needs to stay on the western side of the bridge to connect to the Sydney CBD bike network, and that replacing the steps and barriers would more than double the cycleway capacity and meet cycling demand over the next 15-20 years.

### Option 1:

Gently curving ramp running through Milsons Point Station Plaza



Artist impression of the linear ramp looking towards the entrance to Milsons Point Train Station from Alfred Street



Artist impressions of the linear option looking north east from the corner of Burton Street and Alfred Street



## Safe connection to the bike network

We have worked with leading urban design, architectural and heritage experts to develop two ramp concepts to replace the steps.

- **The first is a gently curving ramp running above Milsons Point Station Plaza.**
- **The second is a double-looped ramp at Bradfield Park Central.**

Both ramp options include a separated cycle path along Alfred Street to ensure cyclists can safely move to the existing bike network and prevent

collisions with pedestrians and other road users. The loop option would also include a separated bike path or shared zone for both walking and cycling on Burton Street.

The concepts are still in early development and a lot more work needs to be done. This is a complex project that needs to balance open space, heritage, and cycling considerations. We are planning to select a preferred option before the end of the year, following community consultation and a comprehensive review of all feedback and surveys received.

## Option 2:

Double-loop ramp at Bradfield Park Central



Artist impression of the looped option looking south from Burton Street



Artist impressions of the looped option looking north east from the corner of Fitzroy Street and Alfred Street

## Have your say



We want to hear community and cyclists' views on the options.

You can ask questions or share feedback by completing our on-line survey and submission forms, attending a community drop-in session, or by phone, email or post. Please find contact details below.

## Come and meet our team and find out more about the project

We invite you to come along to a community drop-in session, where members of the project team will be available to answer questions and provide information about the ramp options.

Please register via our website for our drop-in and Livestream sessions. This will help us to put in place Covid-safe measures and contact you if the situation changes.

### Community drop-in sessions

Thursday 10 June, 2.00pm–7.00pm, Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, Fitzroy Street

Tuesday 22 June, 2.00pm–7.00pm, Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, Fitzroy Street

### Pop-up sessions

Tuesday 8 June, 6.00am–8.00am, foot of northern access steps

Sunday 13 June, 8.30am–3.00pm, Kirribilli Markets, Stall O25

Wednesday 16 June, 4.00pm–6.00pm, foot of northern access steps

Sunday 27 June, 10.00am–12.00pm, foot of the northern access steps

### Livestream session

Tuesday 15 June, 1.00pm–2.00pm, register via the project web page

## Next steps

Once we have reviewed all feedback and survey responses received, we will work with bike riders and community members to ensure the final design is developed to be complimentary and appropriate for the heritage setting of the Sydney Harbour Bridge precinct.

We are planning to select a preferred option before the end of the year, following community consultation and a comprehensive review of all feedback received.

## Contact us

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