

# Beaches Link

## Temporary construction site: Spit West Reserve, Mosman

Beaches Link is a major transport infrastructure project that makes it easier, faster and safer to get around Sydney.

As Sydney continues to grow, our transport challenge also increases.

While we actively manage Sydney's daily traffic demands and major new public transport initiatives are underway, it's clear that even more must be done.

Beaches Link is a new tunnel from the Northern Beaches, under Middle Harbour to connect with the Warringah and Gore Hill Freeways.

Beaches Link will forever change travel between the Northern Beaches, the North Shore and west and south of the Harbour. It will change the way people move around Sydney.

Beaches Link will deliver a major step change for buses, reducing travel times and improving reliability of express bus services by re-directing them into the new motorway.

The project also creates opportunities for more direct and reliable express buses between strategic centres in the Northern Beaches, North Shore, North Sydney (with direct access to Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains) and the Sydney CBD.

This includes the opportunity to introduce new express buses to strategic employment and education centres including the new Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct. Thanks to this major project, people will spend less time in traffic and have more time for themselves.

**You can contact us at any time to learn more about the project or to provide your feedback.**

**Information on the proposed reference design is now available at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/whtbl](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/whtbl)**

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Here, the steel shells will be reinforced with concrete and fitted out for future use. Once this work is done, they will be floated into position and lowered to the sea bed.

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The area will be fully restored post-construction.

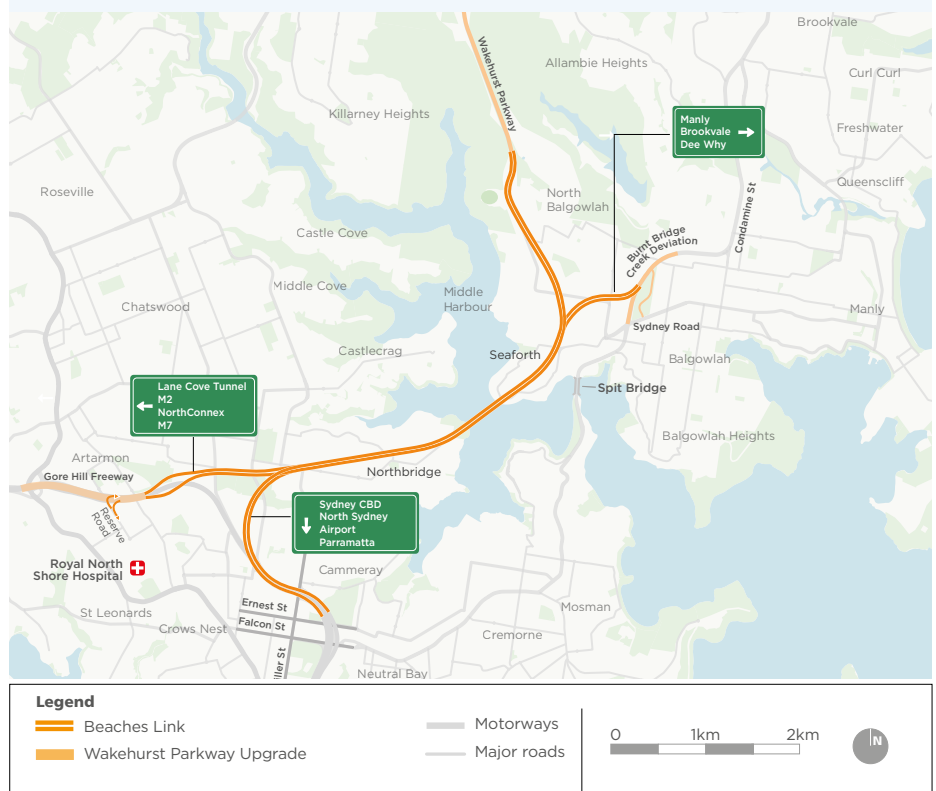
Some swing moorings will need to be temporarily relocated in the same area. Access for recreational vessels and access to marina moorings will be maintained.

The NSW Government has now released the proposed project reference design, and there will be extensive community and stakeholder engagement over the coming months.

We now want to hear what you think about the proposed reference design.

Your feedback will help us further refine the design before we seek planning approval.

There will be further extensive community engagement once the Environmental Impact Statement is on public display.



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## Key activities

- Immersed tube tunnel section fit-out (casting of internal concrete) prior to immersion
- Water-based transport site.

## Reducing our impact

- Site has good arterial road access, minimising impacts to local streets
- A floating work site will minimise impact to Spit West Reserve – the majority of the park will remain open
- Pedestrian access along the foreshore will be maintained by providing a safe crossing of the construction access road


- We will work with Mosman Rowers Club to limit impact to the club and maintain safe access to the water
- The temporary pontoon will require relocation of some swing moorings. We will provide temporary moorings in the same area near Spit West Reserve. We will be contacting boat owners and will work with them to minimise the impact of relocation
- There will be no impact to Middle Harbour marina moorings
- Recreational water craft will always have right of way
- Private property acquisition is not required
- Reserve will be fully restored in consultation with Mosman Council and the community.

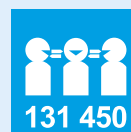
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