



Beaches Link

Balgowlah fact sheet



Beaches Link will revolutionise how we move between the Northern Beaches and the rest of Sydney, by providing a new high capacity road that has been designed to integrate with the public transport network.

It will provide a new crossing of Middle Harbour connecting Frenchs Forest, Seaforth and Balgowlah to Artarmon and Cammeray, where it will connect to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway.

Beaches Link is designed to improve and expand the express bus network, including enhancing B-Line to provide travel time savings of up to 40 per cent for bus users.

You will have a more reliable trip, bypassing 19 sets of traffic lights through The Spit, Mosman and Neutral Bay. The program will save up to 54 minutes on a trip between Frenchs Forest and Rozelle and up to 32 minutes between Manly and Macquarie Park.

What this means for Balgowlah

You will benefit from access to the Beaches Link, improving travel times and reliability to and from the city and south of Sydney, and to and from Chatswood, Macquarie Park and Western Sydney.

Significant reductions in traffic of up to 40 per cent on the Spit Bridge will improve travel on existing routes, including for buses.

There'll be opportunities for improved public transport, including express bus services and direct connection for buses with Sydney Trains and the new Sydney Metro at North Sydney.

By allowing traffic to access Beaches Link via Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Wakehurst Parkway, less traffic will use the intersection of Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Sydney Road, reducing congestion and rat running on your local streets.

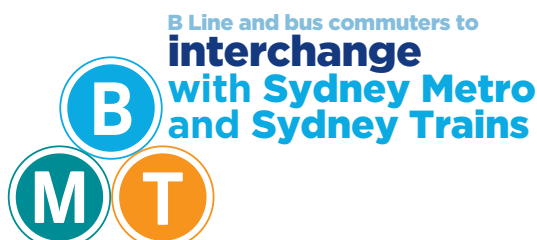
We're expecting travel time savings of up to 27 minutes between Brookvale and the Sydney CBD and up to 56 minutes from Dee Why to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport.

Residents in North Balgowlah, Manly, Fairlight and Seaforth will also benefit from the new access road to make it easier, faster and safer to access the new Beaches Link Tunnel. We're expecting a trip from Manly to Macquarie Park to save up to 32 minutes.

Maximising open space

We recognise that providing you with the maximum amount of open space once construction is complete is important to you. We have worked with the community on a number of alternatives to connect Beaches Link with Sydney Road, to identify a solution that provides the best outcome for the community while ensuring our road network operates as efficiently and safely as possible.

As a result, we've designed a permanent access road on the western side of the new recreational precinct for locals to access the new facilities. This has allowed us to maximise the open space we're returning to the community. Working with the Northern Beaches Council, we'll be returning almost 90 per cent of the open space we will use during construction as sporting and recreational facilities. We plan to have the majority of the recreational precinct open for the community to use around two years after we start construction, three years earlier than we originally planned.



Minimising our construction impacts for your community

You told us the Scout Hall and Balgowlah Oval are important. These facilities will not be impacted by our project.

We'll be directly accessing the main road network to remove tunnel spoil, minimising impacts to local roads. We won't be transporting spoil through local streets in Balgowlah.

We will only be removing trees where doing so is unavoidably required to deliver the project. We are committed to offsetting any trees we remove.

We'll also be reusing rock excavated from the tunnel to adjust the levels of the land on the site to allow the sporting facilities to be provided. This allows us to:

- reuse tunnel spoil locally
- significantly reduce the number of heavy vehicles entering and exiting the site during the first year of construction.

Next steps

Thank you for your patience while we refined the design. This gave us the opportunity to consider community feedback and wherever possible reduce the impact of the project.

Now we have updated the Reference Design for Beaches Link, it will take us more time to finalise the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public exhibition. This will allow us to complete the necessary investigations and assessment work, and prepare the appropriate documentation.

The EIS assesses the expected impacts of the construction and operation of this project including environmental and social, proposed locations for construction sites, truck movements and how we are managing the potential impacts to local flora and fauna.

We are expecting the Beaches Link EIS to be on public exhibition from mid-2020, when you will be invited to make a submission.

Balgowlah site post construction once fully grown. You will have a say in the final layout of the sporting and recreational facilities, which is expected to be led by Northern Beaches Council at a later date.

Indicative layout only.



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