

Redfern Station Upgrade – New Southern Concourse

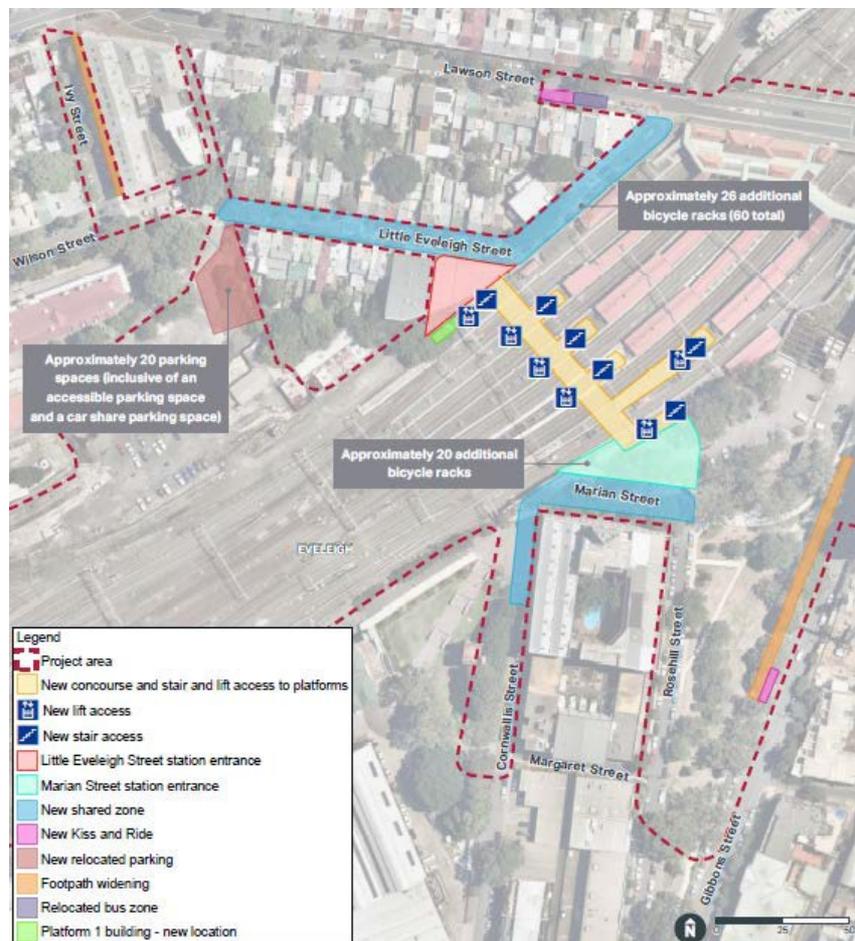
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Redfern Station Upgrade – New Southern Concourse project?

The Redfern Station Upgrade – New Southern Concourse will involve the construction of a new pedestrian concourse between Little Eveleigh and Marian Streets, with lift and stair access to Platforms 1 to 10. It will improve access to the station and create new connections to key destinations in the area for all customers, including those with a disability, limited mobility, parents / carers with prams and customers with luggage.

Key features of the project include:

- a new six-metre wide pedestrian concourse between Little Eveleigh and Marian Streets, with lift and stair access to Platforms 1 to 10
- a new station entrance and shared zone with street-scaped finishes on Little Eveleigh Street
- an upgraded station entrance and shared zone with street-scaped finishes on Marian Street
- relocation of the bus zone from Little Eveleigh Street to Lawson Street with a new Kiss and Ride
- footpath widening on Ivy Street
- relocation of parking on Little Eveleigh Street.



Has the project received planning approval?

Planning approval for the project was received on 10 December 2020, following over 18 months of consultation and design development.

Prior to receiving planning approval, the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was on public exhibition between 27 May and 24 June 2020. During this period, 72 submissions were received from NSW Government agencies, stakeholders and the community. Some of the feedback received related to project development and design, landscape and visual character, impact on heritage, construction noise and vibration, and traffic, transport and access. Further investigations are being undertaken based on some of the issues raised, including the design of shared zones, provision of barrier-free access across the concourse and improving access to Platforms 11 and 12.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) thanks everyone for their valuable feedback and submissions, a Response to Submissions report was developed that addressed relevant issues raised and is available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25836.

Is the new concourse linked to the renewal of the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct?

The new concourse is the first stage of renewing the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct, and it will improve accessibility to public transport and help people move around the growing area. This new infrastructure will help unlock the potential of the Precinct, 10 hectares of Government-owned land along the rail line south of Redfern Station.

TfNSW is leading the renewal of the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct, working closely with DPIE and is in the early stages of planning. For more information on the renewal project, refer to transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/redfern-north-eveleigh-precinct-renewal.

Where is the new concourse going to be located?

The new concourse will be constructed over the existing platforms, towards the southern end of the station. New station entries will be located at Marian Street, replacing the existing station access to Platform 10, and at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street.

When will construction start and finish?

Site establishment and preparation works, known as enabling works, will begin from 25 December. This follows minor site investigation work that has been ongoing throughout 2020 to inform the design. Major construction will commence in January 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2022.

What are the construction hours?

Standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm Saturday. Work will occur outside these hours at night and on weekends during scheduled Sydney Trains track work and maintenance periods to ensure a safe work environment and to minimise impacts on transport customers. The community will be notified of any planned work outside standard construction hours.

Will construction impact surrounding public transport services?

Except scheduled Sydney Trains track work and maintenance periods, train services will continue to operate as per normal. Bus and taxi services will also continue to operate from Gibbons Street. The Little Eveleigh Street shuttle bus zone will be permanently relocated approximately 20 metres to Lawson Street. TfNSW will inform the community in advance of any changes being implemented.

For up to date information regarding public transport services, visit transportnsw.info or call **131 500**.

Will there be noise and vibration impacts during construction?

TfNSW is committed to minimising noise and vibration impacts during construction, however, with any major infrastructure project it is inevitable construction activities will result in some noise.

A number of measures will be in place to reduce impacts, such as completing noisy work during the day where possible, scheduling break periods during noisy work, using shields or noise blankets, switching off equipment when not in use, and using the quietest available equipment and placing it away from properties. Work activities will be monitored to ensure noise levels are being managed.

Noise assessments will be carried out in advance of any activities outside normal hours to determine the level of noise expected and appropriate measures to be applied. These measures are outlined in the project's *Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan* and *Out of Hours Works Protocol*, available at transport.nsw.gov.au/redfern. We will contact residents directly in advance of any particularly noisy works to discuss mitigation measures.

While vibration from construction work is not expected to affect local properties, property condition surveys have been offered to residents that are within close proximity to work sites.

Will construction impact traffic and parking?

During construction and operation of the new southern concourse, there will be some temporary and permanent impacts to parking. Notification of parking impacts will be provided in advance and signs will be installed outlining the dates of these changes.

For the safety of the community and our workers, there may be short periods when through traffic on Marian and Little Eveleigh Streets will be closed, with access provided to residents only. Access to properties, including businesses, will be maintained. During road work, there may be short-term access impacts to driveways and these will be discussed with residents prior to work being carried out. Temporary traffic controllers will be in place to safely direct drivers, cyclists and pedestrians as necessary.

Will there be impacts to vegetation and trees?

A number of plants and some trees will be removed in areas around the station to enable the construction and operation of the new southern concourse. Tree branches may also be trimmed at various locations to enable construction and access. Any trees that are removed will be offset in accordance with *Transport for NSW's Vegetation Offset Guide 2019* and will likely result in an increased number of trees planted due to the project. Vegetation offsets will be done in consultation with the City of Sydney Council and consideration will be given to Council's Street Tree Master Plan 2011 and Council's position in respect to the Sydney Green Grid.

Has there been any consultation on the new concourse?

The upgrade of Redfern Station was announced in February 2019, and consultation on an early concept design began with the local community and stakeholders in May 2019. Following feedback received seeking for more detail on other design options, subsequent consultation was held in July and August 2019. Various consultation activities were undertaken during the two consultation periods, and helped the project team understand what was important to stakeholders, customers and the community.

From 27 May to 24 June 2020, the project's EIS was placed on public display by DPIE and 72 submissions were received during this time. TfNSW responded to submissions in a Response to Submissions report and is available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25836.

Community and stakeholder consultation will continue throughout the ongoing development of the project, and there will be further opportunity to be involved as the design progresses. More information about consultation activities can be found at transport.nsw.gov.au/redfern.

What is planned for the surrounding streets?

TfNSW is working with City of Sydney Council, residents, NSW Police and other stakeholders to develop plans for a new shared zone on Little Eveleigh Street and extend the shared zone on Marian Street. This will be a space where signage and road treatments will make it clear that pedestrians will have priority, with motorists and cyclists required to travel at less than 10km/h. While motorised traffic (other than residents' vehicles) will be discouraged, access will be allowed for service vehicles such as delivery and garbage trucks. Access to private driveways and garages will remain.

Between August and October 2020, four workshops were held with local residents and stakeholders to understand key issues and share ideas to help inform the design of the shared zones. The detailed design is ongoing and will continue while construction is underway, including further engagement with residents and stakeholders.

What will change on Little Eveleigh Street when it becomes a shared zone?

A new station entrance will be constructed at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street and the street will be converted into a shared zone. The shared zone will deliver streetscape improvements, such as new paving and lighting, new trees, plantings and vegetation, and additional bicycle parking. The façade of the heritage building at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street will be retained.

To enable the new shared zone, around 20 street parking spaces on Little Eveleigh Street will be relocated to a new parking area nearby at the street's western end. The Little Eveleigh Street shuttle bus zone will also be permanently relocated approximately 20 metres to Lawson Street. TfNSW continues to work with residents and stakeholders on the detailed design of the shared zone.

What will change on Marian Street once the current shared zone is extended?

The station entrance at Marian Street will be improved with an extended shared zone and new plaza entrance, with an architectural design, new bicycle parking, seating and plantings. To enable the extension of the existing shared zone on Marian Street and reduce vehicle movements for pedestrian safety, around 16 street parking spaces will be removed and a designated car-share parking space will be relocated to Rosehill Street. TfNSW continues to work with residents and stakeholders on the detailed design of the shared zone.

How will the new concourse integrate with and enhance heritage at Redfern Station?

TfNSW is proud of Redfern Station's heritage significance. There has been a station on the site since 1878 and the oldest buildings date from 1891. With a unique collection of Australian 19th and 20th century railway architecture, Redfern Station owes its unique character to its historic buildings, surrounding industrial land use and Aboriginal heritage.

TfNSW has engaged heritage architects and other heritage specialists to work with the project's designers to ensure that the new concourse integrates with Redfern Station and the surrounding area's unique heritage. This includes reinstating important links to the former Eveleigh Railway Workshops, and re-establishing lost physical and visual connections.

The design has been developed to:

- repurpose and reuse the heritage building on 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street to become the station entrance
- protect the heritage elements on Platform 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9 buildings
- ensure retention of the Platform 1 Building through its careful relocation
- maximise the transparency and minimise the bulk and scale of the new concourse.

TfNSW will continue to explore opportunities that will enhance the local community's enjoyment and appreciation of the station's history. A Heritage Interpretation Strategy will be prepared and implemented for the project.

Does the project require any property acquisition or loss of public spaces?

No properties will be acquired to construct the new concourse. Construction activities will require the temporary use of some open spaces for material storage and laydown, such as part of Gibbons Street Reserve, however, these will be reinstated after construction has ended.

Will the new concourse provide a free connection across the rail corridor?

TfNSW is investigating options for providing barrier-free access across the concourse, though this has to be balanced against the need to minimise loss of income from fare evasion, safety, and security for customers and staff.

Will the new concourse provide a cycling connection?

Cyclists will be able to dismount and walk their bikes across the new concourse. If barriers are installed, cyclists who want to cross the rail corridor will be required to tap on and off with their Opal card or debit/credit card without payment. Bike parking will be provided at both concourse entrances.

In addition, TfNSW has worked with City of Sydney Council to construct a new separated cycleway on Lawson Street, between Eveleigh and Regent Streets, integrating with the regional bike network. You can find out more by visiting cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/improving-streets-public-spaces/lawson-street-pedestrian-cycling-improvements.

Does the project include improved access to Platforms 11 and 12?

TfNSW is investigating options for developing the land to the east of Redfern Station, above the underground T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Lines. These investigations include improving access to Platforms 11 and 12, which would make Redfern Station accessible. The development would also provide improved connections to the bus interchange on Gibbons Street. TfNSW will consult with the community, stakeholders and station users on proposals for improved access to Platforms 11 and 12.

If there are changes to the project, how will they be assessed and approved?

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the proponent of a State significant project may seek approval for modifications to an approved project. These modifications may be necessary for various reasons, including improvements to the design, community feedback, or to changes in technology. Should TfNSW identify a change to the project as described and assessed in the EIS, further environmental impact assessment will be undertaken.

How will the community be kept informed?

Regular notification updates will be delivered to businesses and residents nearby the works, published on the project webpage transport.nsw.gov.au/redfern and emailed to the project's mailing list.

If you have any questions, would like to speak with the project team or join the project mailing list, please contact us by calling **1800 684 490** or emailing projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.