

# Commuter Car Park Program Schofields



*Artist's impression of the proposed Schofields commuter car park, subject to approval and detailed design.*

Transport for NSW is currently seeking feedback on a proposal for a new commuter car park at Schofields Station to help improve access to public transport and reduce congestion on the roads. The concept design has been shared with the community and includes the following features:

- approximately 700 additional parking spaces located on vacant land to the north-west of Schofields Station
- main entry and exit to the new car park from Schofields Road and left-turn entry from Bridge Street
- additional accessible parking spaces
- dedicated motorcycle parking bays
- dedicated pathways connecting to the existing footpath along Bridge Street
- Transport Park&Ride infrastructure (Opal operated boom gates)
- CCTV, lighting, fencing and wayfinding signage for improved safety and security
- provision for future electric vehicle charging spaces
- landscaping within the car park.

The proposal also includes a potential future entry and exit via Altrove Boulevard.

Since the community consultation period commenced, we have hosted a livestream event and visited residents in the area to seek initial feedback. We thank the community for all of the feedback provided about the proposal so far, and appreciate the thought and effort behind the suggestions submitted. Feedback will help inform the planning approval documents, and will also be taken into consideration during the detailed design process.

# What we've heard so far

Below is an update on the key themes of feedback received so far from the community, with information to address each of these themes.

## Location and town centre

We've received questions about the location of the car park in relation to the longer term plans for a town centre.

The map below shows the land use plans for the area in respect to the proposal.



The entirety of the proposed commuter car park is located on land zoned as a Transport Corridor Investigation Area. This land is reserved for a potential future Metro link to the new Western Sydney Airport. The proposed site is owned by Stockland and TfNSW is currently negotiating the acquisition of the land. As shown on the map, Stockland have plans to provide a town centre and additional residential properties to the south of the proposed commuter car park. The car park footprint does not encroach on, preclude or change any plans for the future town centre, private development or transport infrastructure in the area.

The proposed site is ideally located close to the station and is approximately a 350 metre walk to the station entry.

## Suggestions for a multi-storey car park

We have received suggestions for a multi-storey car park instead of a ground level (at-grade) car park. The at-grade car park can be readily adapted and modified around longer term transport infrastructure, such as the proposed Metro rail link. A multi-storey car park is a fixed structure that is difficult to modify once built and does not allow flexibility for future integration with the wider growth precinct.

The at-grade car park is proposed to have 700

spaces and will be built not to preclude the construction of a multi-storey car park in future should demand increase and complements longer term transport infrastructure.

## Traffic and access

A common theme in the feedback we've received so far is around traffic and the proposed entry and exit points.

We have undertaken initial traffic assessments to inform the concept design which looks at entry and exit points on Schofields Road, and a left in from Bridge Street.

The proposal also takes into consideration a future entry and exit point off the proposed Altrove Boulevard road extension being planned by Stockland. Our initial traffic assessments show this could be a beneficial addition to provide customers travelling from surrounding suburbs such as Marsden Park with more direct access to the car park and station, helping to reduce traffic congestion on roads surrounding the station. It will also provide quicker, easier walking access to and from the station for the surrounding community.

We will be working with Council and Stockland to look at how the proposed car park could integrate with the surrounding road network.

Further traffic assessments, as well as a road safety audit, will be conducted to help further refine the design of the proposed car park and we look forward to providing an update next year.

## Visual amenity and environment

Another theme of feedback includes the visual impacts of the car park on surrounding residents as well as environmental considerations such as heat and flooding.

Urban Design principles will be used to ensure the design of the car park fits in with the character of the area and will consider things like screening trees and artwork to provide a visual buffer between the car park and future residents of the town centre.

Lighting would also be directed away from residential properties and will be designed to strict standards around preventing light spill into neighbouring homes.

A flood impact study would be completed during the detailed design to mitigate any potential flooding issues.

We're aware Schofields experience hot summers. The Urban Design Plan would include tree planting to provide shade within the car park and would adhere to the TfNSW Water Sensitive Urban Design Guideline, to provide greener space and reduce the urban heat island effect.

## Plans for Sydney Metro

The Australian and NSW Governments have a shared objective of delivering Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport in time for the planned opening of passenger services at Western Sydney International.

To further integrate public transport into the region, work on early planning for future extensions

north towards Tallawong and south towards Macarthur will be undertaken over the next few years.

The car park site is within the corridor investigation area for the proposed future metro link and does not preclude any future transport infrastructure due to its flexible and adaptable design.

Sydney Metro will be keeping the community and industry informed as this work progresses and any specific questions regarding Metro can be submitted to **1800 717 703** or **[sydneymetrowsa@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneymetrowsa@transport.nsw.gov.au)**.

## Safety and security

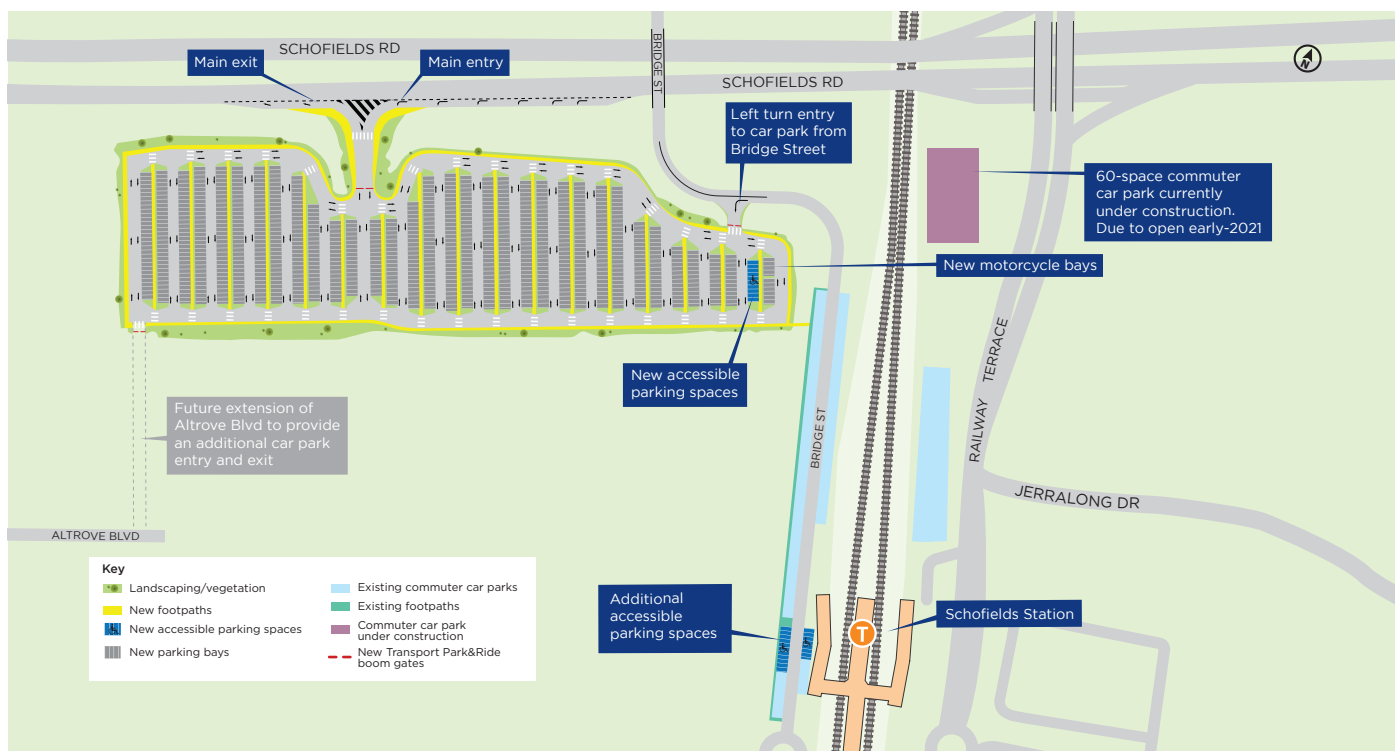
Security considerations such as customer safety at night and the potential for anti-social behaviour have also been raised in the feedback. Customer safety is always at the forefront of decision making in the design and operation of all of our infrastructure and services at Transport for NSW.

We understand the commuter car park will be used by customers 24 hours a day. The car park will be designed using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles, including features such as full CCTV coverage, lighting and wayfinding signage to help customers navigate the car park in the safest way possible and to discourage undesirable behaviour.

Access will be controlled through the Transport Park&Ride boom gate system which provides parking for commuters tapping on to connecting public transport journeys and discourages use of the car park by non-genuine commuters.

## Other transport improvements

Some respondents have outlined further transport improvement suggestions such as increased bus services and active transport links and facilities like cycle ways and pedestrian connections. TfNSW thanks the community for their feedback in these areas and is always interested in ways we can improve the integration of our transport services to achieve better customer outcomes. We're working with a range of internal teams to assess and consider these suggestions. In terms of bus services, a new route from Marsden Park (Elara Estate) to Rouse Hill Town Centre via Schofields Station and Tallawong Station is planned to be introduced in 2021 and more information will be shared with the community on this soon.



## Watch the livestream community event

A livestream event was held on Wednesday 2 December to share more information about the proposal and provide you with the opportunity to ask the project team your questions. A recording of this session is now available for you to view on our website, along with responses to your questions that were not answered within the allocated time:

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields)

Feedback period extended to  
**5pm, Thursday 17 December**

We have extended the feedback period to provide you with more time to send us your thoughts on the proposal. We want to hear from as many community members, customers and stakeholders as possible to help us understand what is important to you. Feedback will help to inform the planning approval process and the further design of the proposal. You can view and provide your feedback on the concept by completing the online feedback form on our website at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields), calling **1800 684 490** or emailing [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) by **5pm Thursday 17 December 2020**.

## Keeping you up to date

We will continue to keep you informed about the project through notifications to customers, local residents and businesses and frequent updates published on our website.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to receive regular project updates via email, please contact us on **1800 684 490** or email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au).

## About the Commuter Car Park Program

The Commuter Car Park Program is a NSW Government initiative to provide you with more convenient access to public transport interchanges and help ease congestion on our roads. The NSW Government have already delivered more than 10,000 commuter car spaces across Sydney since 2011, with another 8,000 on the way.



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