



Erskineville Station Upgrade

Frequently Asked Questions

What is happening at Erskineville Station?

The Erskineville Station Upgrade would provide safe and equitable access to the station platforms and improve accessibility of the station in line with the requirements of the DDA and the DSAPT.

The upgrades would provide an improved customer experience for existing and future users of the station will make the station more accessible for all customers, including those with a disability, limited mobility, parents with prams and customers with luggage.

What does the Erskineville Station Upgrade include?

Key features of the proposed upgrade include:

- A new pedestrian crossing and footbridge at Bridge Street, with lift and stairs connecting the new footbridge with station platforms
- A new lift from the existing concourse to Platform 1
- New facilities, including family accessible, and male and female ambulant toilets, an accessible water fountain, bicycle hoops, and canopies at station platforms to provide better weather protection
- Improvements to CCTV, lighting and wayfinding signage, and upgrades to pedestrian pathways throughout the station precinct
- A new accessible parking space and kiss and ride spaces on Bridge Street

Why do we need to upgrade Erskineville Station?

Erskineville Station contains four platforms, and is currently only accessible via stairs. Upgrading the station will make it accessible for all customers, including people who are less mobile, parents/carers using prams and customers with luggage.

By building a new southern entrance, we also meet the needs of the growing community south of the station and provide more direct access for those who access Erskineville via Bridge Street. Other benefits of a new southern entrance include better customer amenity and improved pedestrian circulation at the station.

What stage is the project at?

The Erskineville Station Upgrade received planning approval in May 2021. The approval follows the public display of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) between 15 March and 6 April 2021, and the preparation of a Determination Report, which can be viewed at transport.nsw.gov.au/erskineville.

What did we hear from the community?

Feedback received during the public display period of the REF showed that the community supported improving accessibility at Erskineville Station.

Other key themes that were identified in the feedback include the importance of heritage and cultural values, request for more connectivity and facilities at Erskineville Station, upgrades to existing areas and footpaths around the station precinct, and additional canopies. In response to customer feedback, the proposed Kiss and Ride location on Bridge Street would be further investigated during detailed design, and in consultation with City of Sydney Council.

When will construction begin?

Detailed design is now underway, with site establishment and major construction due to commence in mid-2021. It is expected that the project will take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

Why does it take so long to upgrade Erskineville Station?

Major projects in and around the rail corridor like station and bridge upgrades are complex and require careful planning. Preparation work needs to be completed before a new lift can be installed. This includes service relocation, excavation, piling and platform work, installing new electrical services, and bridge support work.

For the safety of the community and workers, and to minimise disruptions to train services, major construction activities are required to be completed during scheduled trackwork weekends when trains are not running.

This means station upgrades generally take longer to build than other construction projects outside the rail corridor.

How is the project being delivered?

The project is part of the Transport Access Program, a NSW Government initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure.

Why is there no access from George Street to the proposed footbridge?

A connection to the footbridge from George Street is not supported because it would be via the Kirsova 2 Playground, resulting in a loss of green space.

Pedestrians from George Street could continue to use the underpass at lower George Street to access the other side of the rail corridor.

Will there be a loss of parking on Bridge Street or Swanson Street?

There may be temporary impacts to street parking on Bridge Street and Swanson Street during the construction phase to accommodate the passage of large trucks, machinery and cranes.

Alterations to existing parking on Bridge Street may also occur to accommodate the kiss and ride and accessible parking space. We will keep the community up-to-date as more information about the project becomes available.

Will there be a loss of parking on Goodsell Street and Lord Street?

The authorised car share parking space located on Lord Street would need to be relocated further west to accommodate two new kiss and ride parking areas as part of the Proposal.

No other changes to the existing general parking arrangements on Goodsell and Lord Street is proposed as part of the upgrade. However, there may be temporary impacts to Lord Street during construction to accommodate the pass of large trucks, machinery and cranes. The community will be notified of these temporary changes.

Will construction have impacts on operation of Erskineville Station and local road networks?

Erskineville Station would continue to operate during construction. For the safety of staff and to minimise impacts on customers, the majority of work will be completed during scheduled trackwork weekends. Access to properties, including businesses, would also be maintained. However, at times, construction work could require temporary partial closures and diversions of roads and footpaths around the station to complete work safely.



Artist's impression of the proposed Erskineville Station Upgrade, subject to detailed design

Will trees be removed to enable the station upgrade?

Up to 9 trees may need to be removed to facilitate the new proposed footbridge and accessible parking space on Bridge Street. However, opportunities for the retention of these trees would be explored during detailed design, and trees that are removed will be offset according to Transport for NSW's Vegetation offset guide.

Has the heritage significance of Erskineville Station been considered?

The construction and installation of the new accessible southern entrance and footbridge would eliminate the need to substantially modify the northern station entrance with its highly significant heritage fabric.

However, Transport for NSW recognises the importance of the heritage significance of Erskineville Station and a Statement of Heritage Impact report will be prepared for Erskineville Station, which will thoroughly assess potential heritage impacts associated with the proposed accessibility upgrade, and will be available on the project webpage.

How will the community be kept informed?

Transport for NSW will continue to keep the community informed about the project through notifications to customers, local residents and businesses, and frequent updates will be published at transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters

If you would like to sign up to our project mailing list, please email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au and we will send you updates as the project progresses.

What other stations are undergoing an upgrade?

Transport Access Program projects are planned and delivered under a prioritisation assessment framework including data, policy and stakeholder considerations. This ensures the community can have confidence that works will be delivered where and when they are needed most. Transport for NSW determines the priority of upgrades using evidence-based criteria, including:

- Current and future patronage
- The needs and demographics of customers who use the location
- Whether important services such as hospitals or educational facilities are nearby
- Cumulative impacts of other construction projects
- The accessibility of other nearby transport interchanges and facilities
- The list of upgrades is regularly reviewed so the people of NSW can have confidence that upgrades are delivered where they are needed most.

To view a list of current and planned stations being upgraded as part of the Transport Access Program, please visit: transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-tap