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Commuter Car Park Program
Schofields Project Update

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

Last year, Transport for NSW sought feedback on a proposal for a new commuter car park at Schofields Station to help improve access to public transport in the area. The concept design was shared with the community for comment.

We thank the community for all of the feedback provided last year and appreciate the thought and effort behind the suggestions submitted.

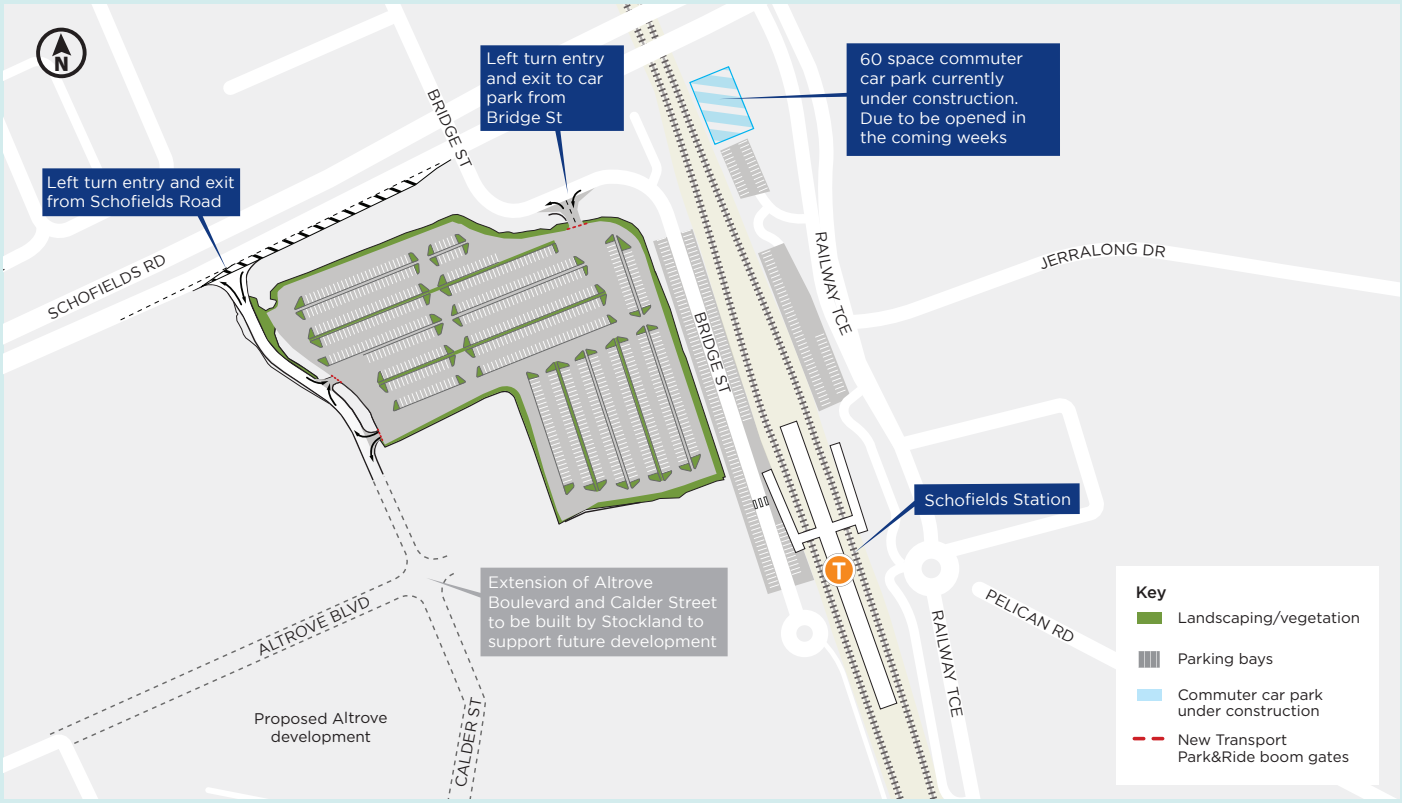
New project footprint

Since the feedback period closed, consultation with the landowner has progressed. This has resulted in a change to the footprint of the commuter car park which is now closer to the station, on the corner of Bridge Street and Schofields Road. The new layout provides improvements to station access and amenity, including:

- The majority of spaces are now closer to the station, resulting in shorter walking for customers
- The new car park will be next to the existing car park on Bridge Street, providing customers with convenient and consolidated commuter parking
- Multiple entry and exit points via Calder Street and Bridge Street, enabling commuters travelling from surrounding suburbs to efficiently enter and exit the car park
- The footprint of the car park further away from residences along Altrove Boulevard
- Inclusion of accessible parking spaces in the new and existing car park
- More landscaping in and around the car park to create more shade and help minimise heat island effect
- Subject to detailed design, inclusion of public art into the design.

For more information call 1800 684 490
Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields

Transport for NSW is now seeking feedback on the revised proposal for a new commuter car park at Schofields Station. Your feedback will help inform the planning approval process and the design of the commuter car park.



The revised proposal includes the following key features:

- a new ground level commuter car park with approximately 700 additional parking spaces located on vacant land to the north-west of Schofields Station
- entry and exit to the new car park from Calder Street off Schofields Road and 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
- landscaping within the car park.

Have your say on the revised concept design

We value feedback from the community and our customers. You can view and provide your feedback on the revised concept design by completing the online feedback form on our website at **www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schofields**, calling **1800 684 490** or emailing **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au** by **Sunday 11 April**.

Feedback will help to inform the planning approval process and the further design of the proposal.

Project update

Below is an update on the key themes of feedback received during previous engagement and further information on the revised project proposal.

Location and town centre

The proposed ground level car park is located to the north-west of Schofields Station. The site is owned by Stockland and TfNSW is currently in the process of acquiring this land from Stockland. Stockland have plans to provide a town centre and additional residential properties around the proposed commuter car park. The revised car park footprint does not preclude the future town centre, private development or future transport infrastructure in the area.

Traffic and access

Since consulting with the community last year, we are now proposing entry and exit points via Calder Street off Schofields Road and Bridge Street. Multiple entry and exit points to the car park enables commuters travelling from surrounding suburbs to efficiently enter and exit the car park. The car park is approximately a 100 metre walk from the entrance point on Bridge Street to the station entrance. A Traffic Impact Assessment Report is currently underway for the revised footprint. This report will include traffic modelling once the car park is operational and identify mitigation measures we may need to consider during detailed design to manage traffic in the area.

Visual amenity

Following community feedback, more landscaping is proposed. We are now proposing to plant additional trees and vegetation in between parking aisles and around the perimeter of the car park to provide more shade and help minimise visual impacts.

During detailed design an Urban Design and Landscape Plan will be prepared and will consider screening trees and community art 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 would be designed to minimise light spill into neighbouring homes.

Safety and security

The revised proposal will be designed using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles, including features such as CCTV coverage, lighting and wayfinding signage to help customers navigate the car park and to discourage undesirable behaviour.

Access to the car park will be controlled through the Transport Park&Ride (Opal operated 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.

Bus services in the area

A new route from Marsden Park (Elara Estate) to Rouse Hill Town Centre via Schofields Station and Tallawong Station is planned to be introduced this year. We will share more information about this new bus service with the community soon.

Sydney Metro

The NSW Government has committed to investigating extending the Sydney Metro network between Tallawong Station at Rouse Hills and St Marys.

The proposed design of the new commuter car park at Schofields Station will not preclude the potential future extension of the Sydney Metro network.

To stay up to date, please visit **www.transport.nsw.gov.au**.

Next steps

Feedback received by the community will be addressed in the formal planning document for the proposal, the Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF will outline a number of factors relating to the proposal including traffic, noise and vibration, biodiversity and community impacts during both construction and operation. It will identify potential mitigation measures we can undertake to ensure these impacts are appropriately managed during both construction and operation of the car park to minimise impacts to local residents. The REF, along with supporting studies, is being prepared and will be published on our website in the coming months.

Subject to planning approval, construction is expected to start in mid 2021 and be completed and open to the community in mid 2022.

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**.

About the Commuter Car Park Program

The NSW Government is committed to doing all that it can to encourage the community leave their cars at home and, where possible, use public transport to ease congestion across Greater Sydney. Providing extra car spaces at key commuter hubs, stations and interchanges is one of the critical strategies to delivering this mode shift.

We recognise that some members of the community need to drive to their local station before jumping on public transport which is why we have delivered more than 10,000 parking spaces across the network since 2011, with another 8,000 spaces on the way.

This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call Transport Projects on **1800 684 490**. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.