



# St Peters Station Upgrade

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is happening at St Peters Station?

The St Peters Station Upgrade will 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 will 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 St Peters Station Upgrade include?

Key features of the upgrade include:

- Two new lifts to provide access to station platforms
- New canopies at the station platforms, to provide better weather protection
- New facilities, including a new family accessible toilet, new bicycle hoops, and new and upgraded platform tactiles to help customers with visual impairment
- New Kiss and Ride Spaces
- Improvements to CCTV, lighting and wayfinding signage, and upgrades to pedestrian pathways throughout the station precinct

### Why do we need to upgrade St Peters Station?

St Peters 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.

### What stage is the project at?

The project received planning approval in May 2021.

The approval follows the public display of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) between 12 March and 26 March 2021, and the preparation of a Determination Report, which can be viewed at [transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters).

### What did we hear from the community?

Feedback received during the public display period showed that the community supported improving accessibility at St Peters Station. Other key themes that were identified in the feedback include the importance of heritage and cultural values in design principles, request for more connectivity at and around St Peters Station, additional canopies and more landscaping in the surrounding areas. How the feedback received has been considered can be found in the project Determination Report available at [transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters).

## **When will construction begin?**

Site establishment and major construction is expected 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 St Peters 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. More information about the Transport Access Program can be found at [transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-tap](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-tap).

## **Will construction have impacts on operation of St Peters Station and local road networks?**

St Peters Station will 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, will also be maintained. At times, construction work could require temporary partial closures and diversions of roads and footpaths around the station to complete work safely.

Transport for NSW would inform residents and customers in advance of any changes to road or station operations as a result of construction activities.

## **Why are the lifts located on the eastern side of the footbridge?**

The project team did consider the option of placing the lifts adjacent the existing stairs to the platforms, on the western side of the footbridge. However, there is limited space between the platform edge and the lift on that side of the footbridge, which would have been unsafe for people entering and exiting the lift.

If the lifts were to be placed next to the stairs, the views to platforms from the footbridge would also be impacted, and there would be more heritage impacts to the existing footbridge.

### **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 project. We will notify the community prior to these permanent parking changes occurring.

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 trees be removed to enable the station upgrade?**

No trees are proposed to be removed as part of the station upgrade. However, up to five trees may be indirectly impact and require trimming to facilitate the station upgrade.



*Artist's impression of the proposed St Peters Station Upgrade, subject to detailed design*

### **Will additional canopies be installed as part of the station upgrade?**

Due to service changes as part of the More Trains, More Services program, Platforms 3 and 4 would be utilised more often to accommodate the increase in services. As part of the upgrade, additional canopies will be installed on these platforms to provide customers with better weather protection. Additional canopies will also be installed to ensure that there is canopy coverage over the Boarding Assistance Zones on all platforms.

### **Has the heritage significance of St Peters been considered?**

Transport for NSW recognises the local heritage significance of St Peters Station and a Statement of Heritage Impact report has been prepared as part of the public display of the Review of Environmental Factors. The report assesses potential heritage impacts associated with the proposed accessibility upgrade and outlines how they can be minimised. This report can be viewed on the project webpage under the 'Planning Documents' section.

### **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](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/stpeters)**

If you would like to sign up to our project mailing list, please email **[projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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.

In addition to St Peters Station, other nearby station's receiving an upgrade include Erskineville and Redfern Stations. To view a complete list of current and planned stations being upgraded as part of the Transport Access Program, please visit:

**[transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-tap](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-tap)**