# Transport for NSW

Transport Access Program | March 2022

# Waitara Station Upgrade Have your say





Artist's impression of the proposed upgrade, subject to detailed design

# The NSW Government is improving accessibility at Waitara Station

Planning is underway to improve accessibility at Waitara Station. The community is invited to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) which is on public display from **Monday 28 March until Monday 11 April 2022.** Community feedback will help Transport for NSW understand what is important to customers and the community.

# Why accessibility upgrades are needed at Waitara Station

Currently, Waitara Station is accessible via stairs only. Upgrading the station precinct will make Waitara Station accessible to everyone, including those with a disability, limited mobility, parents/carers with prams and customers with luggage.

# **Community information session**

We invite you to come and meet the team where you may ask questions and learn more about the proposed project. You can drop in any time during the session.

When: Wednesday 30 March 2021 between 4pm to 6pm

Where: Waitara Station

(entry to underpass on Alexandria Parade)

Social distancing measures will be in place to protect the safety of our staff and the community, we ask you to respect these measures when you visit our team.

## Key features of the proposal Proposed features Existing features Boarding Assistance Zone with canopy coverage Two accessible parking spaces ! Proposed new canopy New accessible parking spaces ALEXANDRIA PARADE Accessible path - TO HORNSBY ------TO SYDNEY -New lift +++++++++++++ ible parking spaces New family accessible and unisex ambulant toilets EXISTING COMMUTER CAR PARK New turning circle New stairs

## Key features of the proposed upgrade:

Key features of the proposed upgrade, subject to detailed design.

- new station entrances at the northern end of the platform from the Commuter Car Park of Waitara Avenue, and from the eastern entrance of Alexandria Parade
- a new pedestrian underpass at the northern end of the platform
- two new lifts at the new northern station entrance, one from underpass entry near the car park and one to the station platform
- new staircases from the car park and to the platform
- new Boarding Assistance Zone on the platform
- · new canopy coverage over the platform lift and stairs
- regrading the platform
- new family accessible and ambulant toilets within the station building
- a new accessible footpath connecting the new underpass to the new pedestrian crossing on Alexandria Parade
- · a new bike rack on Alexandria Parade
- · four new accessible parking spaces
- a formalised kiss and ride bay
- · additional CCTV and lighting.

The existing station underpass will be retained.

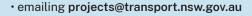
## Have your say

The REF is on public display until 5pm Monday 11 April 2022.

The Waitara planning documents are available in PDF format online. To view the REF, please visit:

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/waitara

Feedback can be submitted by:





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• completing the feedback form which is accessible via the project webpage at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/waitara

Your feedback will help Transport for NSW understand what is important to customers and the community.

# **Transport Access Program**

This project is being delivered as 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.



### **Proposal time line**

Transport for NSW develops initial concept design options for the project, including identification and consideration of environmental constraints, risks and opportunities.



Transport for NSW conducts early engagement with identified stakeholders to obtain preliminary public feedback on the concept design undertaken in 2020 and 2021.



We are here

Transport for NSW prepares a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for public display and invites submissions.



Transport for NSW assesses and responds to feedback and prepares a submission report/determination report with proposed conditions to minimise environmental impacts.



Transport for NSW determines the Proposal.

Conditions of Approval made available

on Transport for NSW website.



Construction commences subject to compliance with conditions.

#### **Review of Environmental Factors**

The REF is a planning document outlining the proposed work, potential impacts and mitigation measures. The document includes comprehensive assessments on the existing environment, potential impacts of the project, and the proposed mitigation measures for things such as traffic and transport, biodiversity, noise and vibration, visual impacts and heritage.

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### **Previous community consultation**

A new concept design was developed in 2021 in response to community feedback received during early engagement in late 2020 and following further design investigations undertaken by Transport for NSW.

In November 2021 we invited the community to have their say on the new concept design which proposed a new accessible station entry at the northern end of the platform.

Key themes that emerged were:

- · support for the new concept design
- requests for the new lifts or one lift to be installed in the existing southern entrance
- suggestions to improve pedestrian movement around the station
- · support to retain the existing underpass/entrance
- · suggestions on traffic impact/changes
- requests for an accessible pathway to the lifts from the commuter car park
- requests for additional canopies and shelter at the station.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. We are currently investigating further opportunities to improve accessibility on the western side of the station, improve traffic flow in the commuter car park, and offset parking that will be permanently removed as a result of this proposal.

We will investigate these options during detailed design and we will keep the community informed as the design progresses. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### **Next steps**

Feedback received during the public display period will be considered and reviewed by the project team.

Issues and concerns raised will be addressed in the Determination Report and will assist Transport in preparing plans and managing impacts during construction and operation of the project.

Subject to planning approval, work is expected to start in mid 2022 and take up to 18 months to complete.

We will continue to keep customers and the community updated as the project progresses.

#### **Contact us**

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team:



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