

Oxford Street East Cycleway Community update

June 2023



Artist's impression (subject to change) showing parking in the bus lanes, which is permitted during off-peak periods and at weekends.

Supporting the rejuvenation of Oxford Street

Transport for NSW is proposing a new cycleway, separated from vehicles, on Oxford Street between Taylor Square and the entrance to Centennial Park known as Paddington Gates.

The Oxford Street East Cycleway and footpath improvements will support the rejuvenation of an iconic street in Sydney. Australian and international experience shows cycleways boost local economies, encouraging people to stay in the area rather than pass through.

The project forms part of the Eastern Harbour City Strategic Cycleway Corridor between Bondi Junction and the Sydney CBD. It is identified as a high priority missing link that will enable the completion of the Eastern Suburbs Cycleway.

Developing the design

We are still early in the design process. The strategic design has been completed and we are preparing a more detailed "concept design". This is being refined in response to community and stakeholder feedback as well as technical studies.

In developing the design, we are considering the needs of people who use Oxford Street, including people taking the bus, riding bikes, driving vehicles and walking. We are planning to remove one lane of traffic in both directions to make way for the cycleway. This approach means we can retain the bus lane and enable parking to continue at off peak times. We plan to mitigate impacts on parking as much as possible.

We will have to reduce right hand turns at key intersections along Oxford Street to ensure vehicle queuing does not reach unacceptable levels.



Bike riding on Spring Street, Bondi Junction

Listening to the community

We started to engage on the project early in the design process. We spoke to councils, stakeholders and key institutions along Oxford Street.

In February 2023 we asked for community feedback on the early designs. We received a total of 507 comments via an interactive map, emails, phone calls and face-to-face interactions. We also received eight submissions from organisations.

A report summarising the feedback and providing these initial responses can be found at nswroads.work/osecycleway

Key issues

We heard a range of issues and ideas including about:

- concerns that loss of parking may affect local business trade
- the impact of the cycleway on traffic
- acknowledgement that cycleways are an important solution to Sydney's dependence on cars
- the impact on residents of the reduction in right hand turns along Oxford Street
- the impacts of construction on businesses.

More opportunities for consultation

We listened carefully to feedback about how we engaged on the design process, and we know the local community has more feedback to give us about the project.

Starting **Tuesday June 27, 2023** we are offering a range of opportunities to learn about the project and provide more feedback.

Door-knocking businesses along Oxford Street and contacting community members who have advised us they want to be contacted.

Providing pop-up information stands where you can meet the project team and ask questions. These will be located outside Paddington Reservoir, at Five Ways and at Paddington Markets. We are happy to hear suggestions for other locations. These will be held regularly and we will notify details shortly.

Livestreaming events with the project team so you can ask questions and make comments.

Circulating a business/community survey that will supplement what we have heard already, enabling you to provide more detail.

Providing Community updates to over 15,000 homes and businesses with updated material as it comes to hand, supported by email updates to those who subscribe, as well as social media posts.

Providing a question and information line supported by our project team that can be contacted on:



1800 684 490



osecycleway@transport.nsw.gov.au

Regular website updates including fact sheets on specific issues:



nswroads.work/osecycleway

Next steps in the project

The concept design will be released later this year, along with documents related to the project's environmental approval. We will be seeking further feedback on this design and there will also be opportunities to give feedback in the meantime.

Construction is not expected to begin until early 2025, subject to design development and approvals.

Get in touch

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



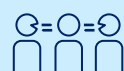
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