

Consultation Summary Report

Medlow Bath Station Access Upgrade

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Image: Artist impression of the ‘Option three’ bridge design – view from the Great Western Highway looking southeast.

1 Executive Summary

From July – September 2021 Transport for NSW (Transport) exhibited the Medlow Bath Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors (REF). As part of this display, Transport presented a design for a pedestrian footbridge over the highway and railway to the community.

In response to feedback from the community, the Heritage Council of NSW (HNSW) and Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC), Transport has now developed a new design for the Medlow Bath Station Upgrade and Pedestrian Bridge.

To ensure the pedestrian bridge reflected Medlow Bath's heritage character, specialist architects identified heritage principles characterising the precinct to guide the development of three revised design proposals that reflected the appropriate character, place, form, and materiality.

Transport consulted through a community-based reference group which was assembled through an application and interview process. Transport selected community representatives who reflected a broad range of residents and business owners of Medlow Bath.

Transport also engaged directly with the owners and operators of the Hydro Majestic, the Medlow Bath Blue Mountains Mazda, and the Pot Belly Café, as well as seeking advice from Registered Aboriginal Parties, and Bicycle NSW's Blue Mountains branch, 'Ride Blue Mountains.'

Once the group had agreed on the heritage principles important in Medlow Bath, the contracted architects used those principles to finalise the development of three accessible bridge designs.

The community reference group, representatives from the BMCC heritage advisory group, active transport and disability advocates, and local Aboriginal representatives, considered the designs carefully in relation to heritage and visual impacts, connectivity, and accessibility.

Transport led a multi-criteria analysis of all three options, which considered community feedback and HNSW feedback, accessibility, urban design, constructability, maintenance, and sustainability.

As a result of the feedback and analysis, Transport is now proceeding with the preferred bridge design ('option three,' pictured below) which crosses the highway and links to the existing station footbridge with a new lift and staircase to the station. Out of the three options developed, this option presented the least disruptive impact to the heritage of precinct.

The bridge design contains a lift and staircase on the western side of the highway and a footbridge and a ramp on the eastern side of the highway. It also includes a new lift from the existing footbridge over the northern end of the rail corridor to access the station platform.

Kiss and ride bays and accessible parking spaces will be built at the northern end of Railway Parade, opposite the café and close to the pedestrian bridge, and near the Railway Parade turning circle at the southern end of the platform. All parts of this upgrade will be accessible and compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).



Image: Artist's impression, preferred bridge design, view looking northwest from the Great Western Highway

Purpose of this Report

This Community Consultation Summary Report (the Report) details the process and outcomes from the recent consultation about the pedestrian bridge design in Medlow Bath.

Between 9 December 2022 and 21 July 2023, Transport carried out public consultation and invited feedback from the community and stakeholders on the revised bridge designs as part of the Medlow Bath Upgrade on the Great Western Highway.

The insights and feedback gathered from the bridge reference group and other key stakeholders was considered in the selection of the preferred option and development of the preferred bridge design. Transport used the knowledge gained to develop and refine the design to minimise visual and heritage impacts to the township of Medlow Bath while also delivering an accessible crossing of the highway for all users.

“It is very important to both myself and my husband to have good access to the station as we age.”

Local Medlow Bath resident

2 Consultation

Values

Transport for New South Wales values underpin our decisions and behaviours when working with customers, colleagues, stakeholders and partners. They include:

- Customer focus - We place the customer at the centre of everything we do
- Collaboration - We value each other and create better outcomes by working together
- Solutions - We deliver sustainable and innovative solutions to NSW's transport needs
- Integrity - We take responsibility and communicate openly
- Safety - We prioritise safety for our people and our customers.

Consultation approach

Following extensive public consultation on the original pedestrian bridge design presented in the REF, Transport took a more tailored approach regarding consultation with the community on the redesign of the bridge.

Working with a smaller group of community members that were representative of different segments of the wider Medlow Bath community, allowed Transport to include the group in more detailed project briefings. The community representatives had the opportunity to interrogate the process and the design, share what they were learning with their contacts in the community, and provide valuable feedback representative of the wider community.

In September 2022, Transport advertised in the local newspaper, The Blue Mountains Gazette and issued an e-newsletter and media release calling for community members to apply to become part of a bridge design reference group.

Transport sought representatives who were residents of Medlow Bath, had an interest in the upgrade, were connected to their local community, and were committed to understanding accessibility principles and collaborating on an improved outcome for Medlow Bath.

Transport received eleven applications and interviewed all the applicants about their connection to Medlow Bath and their motivation in becoming part of the reference group.

Five community representatives were selected to take a role in the bridge design reference group, ensuring residents had a voice in the process. Representatives from Blue Mountains City Council's (BMCC) Strategic Planning group and Heritage and Disability Access Advisory Committees also took part in the consultation process.

The community representatives selected were:

- Nick Stolk, a Medlow Bath resident and father who moved to the area to be closer to family and is involved with Bushcare and the Medlow Bath Resident Association.
- Shane Porteous, a resident who has been involved with the Medlow Bath Highway Action Group, Rural Fire Service and local theatre groups and the Medlow Bath Resident Association.
- Narelle Morrissey, a resident with a love of the environment and connections to local aged care and disability communities.
- Martin Howell, a long-time Blue Mountains resident involved with the Medlow Bath Residents Association.
- George Saad, manager and owner of the Hydro Majestic since 2008 who has strong links to local business, residents, and tourism groups.

George Saad later withdrew his position on the design group citing time constraints. Transport briefed Mr Saad separately as a key stakeholder in his role as owner and operator of the Hydro Majestic.

How Consultation Took Place

Transport’s project team met with the community reference group, BMCC, Aboriginal stakeholders and local businesses as noted in the table below. Transport encouraged community representatives to share details and information with the wider community, particularly when the three bridge designs were presented.

Table 2-1: Consultation tools and activities

Tool/Activity	Description
Communications material	
Bridge banner - Appendix A	Banners (1.5m x 1m) displayed at Medlow Bath Railway Station entrances advertising the December pop-up stalls.
Bridge design catalogue - Appendix B	Catalogue containing images of the three bridge design options
Consultation sessions and briefings	
Reference group briefing sessions	Meetings with the community reference group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 December 2022 - Medlow Bath Heritage values • 22 February 2023 - Bridge design options • 28 April 2023 - Preferred design option presented • 21 July 2023 - Materiality and design finishes
Community pop-up stands	Pop-up stands open to the Medlow Bath Community to discuss the bridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 December 2022 - Medlow Bath Railway Station • 17 December 2022 - Pot Belly at Medlow Café • 2 June 2023 – Community BBQ at Medlow Park
Aboriginal stakeholder meetings	Meetings with local Aboriginal stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 February 2023 - Medlow Bath Heritage values and design options • 24 May 2023 - Preferred design option presentation
Business meetings	Meetings with the following businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 May 2023 - The Hydro Majestic Hotel • 26 May 2023 - Mazda Medlow Bath • 5 June 2023 - Pot Belly at Medlow Cafe
Blue Mountains Council meetings	In addition to the design reference group and monthly project meetings, Transport met with other Council representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 November 2022 – Pedestrian bridge briefing to BMCC • 31 May 2023 – Pedestrian bridge briefing to BMCC • 16 June 2023 – TAP Design presentation to BMCC • 23 June 2023 – BMCC Access committee site walk and bridge discussion

Ride Blue Mountains	Meeting with Ride Blue Mountains, the Blue Mountains chapter of Bicycle NSW to discuss the preferred design outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 March 2023
Media and advertising	
Advertisement - Appendix C	Newspaper ad seeking applications for Medlow Bath community members to join the community-based pedestrian bridge reference group in the Blue Mountains Gazette: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 September 2022
Media release - Appendix D	Media releases distributed via the project website and through engagement with local media: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 August 2022 - Community invited to have its say on Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge design • 1 May 2023 - Design of the times: Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge plans unveiled
Digital Tools and social media	
Facebook ad - Appendix E	Facebook advertisement on Transport for NSW Facebook page advertising the pop-up stalls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 10 – December 17, 2022
E-newsletters - Appendix F	Emails issued to Medlow Bath residents registered for updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 August 2022 – Reference group nominations • 9 December 2022 – Advertising pop-up stands • 7 March 2023 – Seeking input on three bridge designs
Direct contact channels	
Email	Transport publicised the Program’s email, gwh@transport.nsw.gov.au for the community to contact the project team directly with queries, concerns and to provide feedback on the design options.
Phone	Transport advertised the project hotline for the community to contact the project team directly with queries, concerns, and feedback. The hotline number is 1800 953 777.

“Option 2 is way too mid-century and space-age and doesn’t fit in at all.”

Local Medlow Bath resident

Consultation Summary

Overview

Transport presented three bridge designs to the community reference group on 22 February 2023. The design options were also shared with the wider Medlow Bath community on 7 March 2023 via an email containing images of the three bridge options (see appendix B, image catalogue).

The reference group together with our Aboriginal stakeholders favoured option two as it was seen to provide a better outcome in terms of connectivity and accessibility and more closely followed existing pedestrian paths across the railway and highway.

However, there were still concerns about the scale and size of option two and therefore its impact on the heritage components of the station and the precinct.

There was also consensus from the group that seeking external feedback from the wider community was important and that Transport should consider their feedback when determining which bridge design that would progress to detailed design.

Transport encouraged community members to email through their preferred design before 13 March 2023. There were 47 community members that submitted a bridge design preference with 64 per cent of those preferring 'Option three' as it was perceived as having the least visual and heritage impacts.

Additionally, feedback was also sought from key stakeholder groups, Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC), and local businesses, on the bridge design options. A summary of comments and responses appears in table 3.1.



Image: Option 2, which was ruled out during the consultation process due to scale and visual impacts.

Issues and outcomes raised during consultation

Issues raised during consultation with the community and key stakeholders are outlined below.

Table 3-1: Summary of issues raised during consultation

Comment	Response
<p>Project need</p> <p>Overall need for the pedestrian foot bridge and new ramps structures.</p>	<p>Transport has identified Medlow Bath Station as requiring an accessibility upgrade as it does not currently meet the key requirements for the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT) or the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA).</p> <p>Due to the safety risk associated with level crossings, it is Government policy that where alternative access exists and following consultation with affected parties, level crossings be closed whenever possible.</p> <p>The pedestrian bridge with a lift, ramp and stairs will improve safety by reducing pedestrians' interactions with vehicles and trains and facilitate easy access to public transport for all users.</p>
<p>Access</p>	
<p>General access concerns</p>	<p>Transport will further address accessibility and walking distances through detailed design development in accordance with DDA requirements.</p> <p>Detailed design underway and further consultation will be undertaken with community, BMCC and Heritage NSW.</p>
<p>Increased walking distances/times</p> <p>Weather exposure due to increased walking distance from station to Hydro for elderly guests</p>	<p>Transport acknowledges that walking distances will increase for commuters between the commuter car park and station platform. As such, a new kiss and ride and disabled parking space will be provided closer to the existing footbridge and new lift and stair to platform.</p> <p>Transport will construct a kiss and ride area next to the existing pedestrian foot bridge over the rail corridor at the northern end of the station. This will shorten walking distances for commuters dropped to the station precinct on the eastern side.</p> <p>Minimising lifts in the design will decrease waiting times.</p>
<p>Connectivity with bus stops on the highway and access to school buses</p>	<p>Transport is consulting with local bus operators regarding possible permanent relocation of all school bus services in Medlow Bath to Railway Parade.</p>
<p>Gradient of pedestrian paths</p>	<p>Transport will further address the gradient of the path through detailed design development in accordance with DDA requirements.</p>

Heritage	
Impacts on the heritage items surrounding the area.	<p>Transport is undertaking detailed design for the pedestrian bridge. Detailed design development will address the specific concerns related to impacts on heritage items.</p> <p>Detailed design development will address the specific concerns related to impacts on heritage items.</p> <p>A heritage architect and specialist consultant will review specific materials and design details during development.</p>
Safety	
Location of the highway bus stops, particularly for school children	Transport is consulting with local bus operators regarding possible permanent relocation of all school bus services in Medlow Bath to Railway Parade.
Potential for illegal U-turns at the northern end of Railway Parade	Transport will conduct a road safety audit of the design, including examining the risk of illegal U-turns at this location.
Safety of proposed Kiss & Ride on approach to intersection	<p>Transport will conduct a road safety audit of the design to ensure there is no risk in providing kiss and ride provisions at this location.</p> <p>As we conduct detailed design, we will include safety improvements like kerb extensions and/or traffic islands, if necessary, to better delineate motorists and protect pedestrian safety.</p>
Visual impacts	
Visual impact of design	<p>Transport is progressing option three, which minimises new infrastructure and hence the visual impacts of the pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>In undertaking detailed design for the pedestrian bridge, we will consult further with the community, BMCC and Heritage NSW in relation to visual impact of the design.</p>
Impacts of lighting on village amenity	Lighting will be designed in accordance with relevant Australian, Sydney Trains and Transport for NSW Standards which are designed to help minimise impacts to urban amenity while ensuring the safety of all road users.
Design	
Landscaping opportunities	Transport will continue to consult with the local community and Aboriginal representatives regarding landscaping plans and species selection.

Ongoing landscaping and maintenance	<p>Transport will meet Blue Mountains City Council to examine maintenance areas and access and confirm ongoing maintenance arrangements.</p> <p>Transport will confirm species selection with Blue Mountains City Council in relation to the long-term maintenance of the surrounding areas.</p>
Opportunity for community involvement in artworks	<p>Transport is developing a cultural interpretation strategy which will be reflected in the urban design for the Medlow Bath Upgrade.</p> <p>We will undertake further community consultation related to artworks associated with the upgrade works.</p>
A preference against the use of 'Corten' weathered steel	The design will not employ Corten steel.
The colour of the bridge should complement the white colour of the Hydro Majestic	The bridge will be light in colour, similar to the current colour of the Hydro Majestic.
Economic impacts	
Operation of local businesses during construction	Access to businesses during construction will be considered and planned for during the development of the construction management plans, and access will be maintained at all times.
Commuters parking at the northern end of the station and taking up car spaces intended for the local businesses	<p>Transport is refining designs for Railway Parade to include eight additional car spaces to ensure adequate parking for local businesses.</p> <p>Transport is liaising with Blue Mountains City Council regarding the provision of two-hour timed parking on Railway Parade. This will ensure that all day commuters do not use the parking spaces and they remain available to customers throughout the day.</p>
Active transport	
Provision of ramps on either side of the bridge to provide for cyclists.	Space constraints do not permit construction of a ramp on the western side of the highway, as it would create significant property impacts to the Hydro Majestic and Blue Mountains Mazda land.

Ongoing consultation

The construction contractor and Transport for NSW will continue to engage with the local community, property owners, road users, commuters and Council to keep them informed of project progress. Consultation activities will include:

- Project information provided through the project website at nswroads.work/gwhmedlow.
- Publication of the finalised bridge design in the June 2023 Community Update.
- Ongoing consultation with Blue Mountains City Council, Transport's Traffic Management Centre, local bus companies, local businesses, and the community in relation to staging plans, traffic management, temporary road closures and possible permanent bus stop relocations.
- Ongoing consultation with identified property owners regarding works affecting access, amenity, or adjustments to their properties.
- Notifications regarding upcoming works distributed via letterbox drops, email, and publication on the Project Page, particularly those involving out of hours work or changes to road use.
- Ongoing meetings with the community reference group.

3 Outcomes

Community consultation and heritage values were a key factor in the selection of the preferred bridge option.

Both HNSW and community feedback criteria received equal, predominant weighting during the multi-criteria assessment process, together consisting of 40 per cent of the total evaluation.

'Option three' was confirmed as the preferred design and progressed through to detailed design.

Transport anticipates that major construction on the pedestrian bridge will begin in September 2023.

Transport for NSW will work closely with the contractor to refine the final design of the bridge in response to stakeholder and community feedback on materiality, landscaping and finishes.

“There may be some commuters who may criticise the extra distance and slopes that they will have to transit. Such travellers will be few and presumably mobile enough to utilise the existing trains and bus services. Option 3 provides a greatly improved reduction in the unwanted overwhelming impact on Medlow Bath.”

Local Medlow Bath resident

4 Appendices

Appendix A –

Bridge banner installed at entrances to the railway station.

Pop in to our Medlow Bath stall



Learn more about the Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge and share what heritage values are important to you in Medlow Bath.

Wednesday – 14 December, 4pm–7pm
Medlow Bath Railway Station

Saturday – 17 December, 8am–11am
Potbelly at Medlow
1 Railway Parade,
Medlow Bath

Come talk to the team



**Appendix B –
Bridge design catalogue.**

Medlow Bath Upgrade

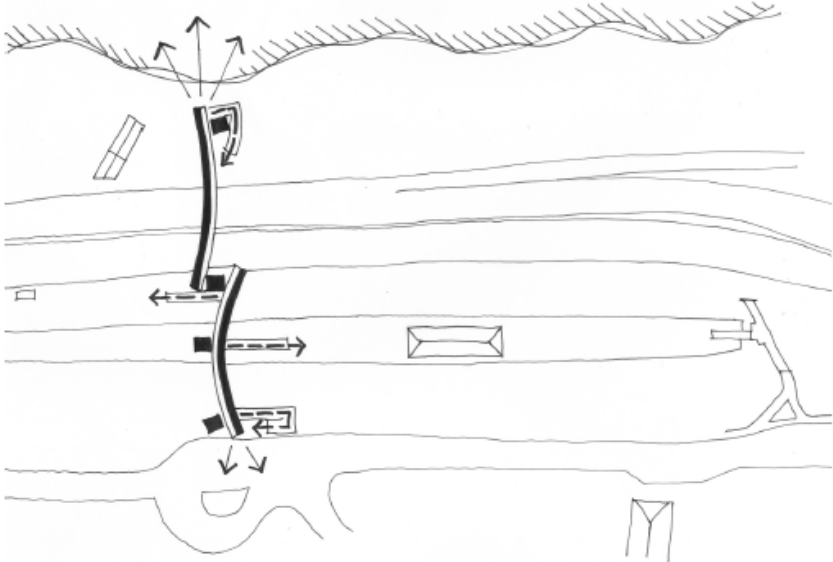
Pedestrian bridge

transport.nsw.gov.au

March 2023

Pedestrian footbridge design options

Option 1: aerial conceptual sketch (Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change)



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Option 1 – view from Great Western Highway looking west (*Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change*)



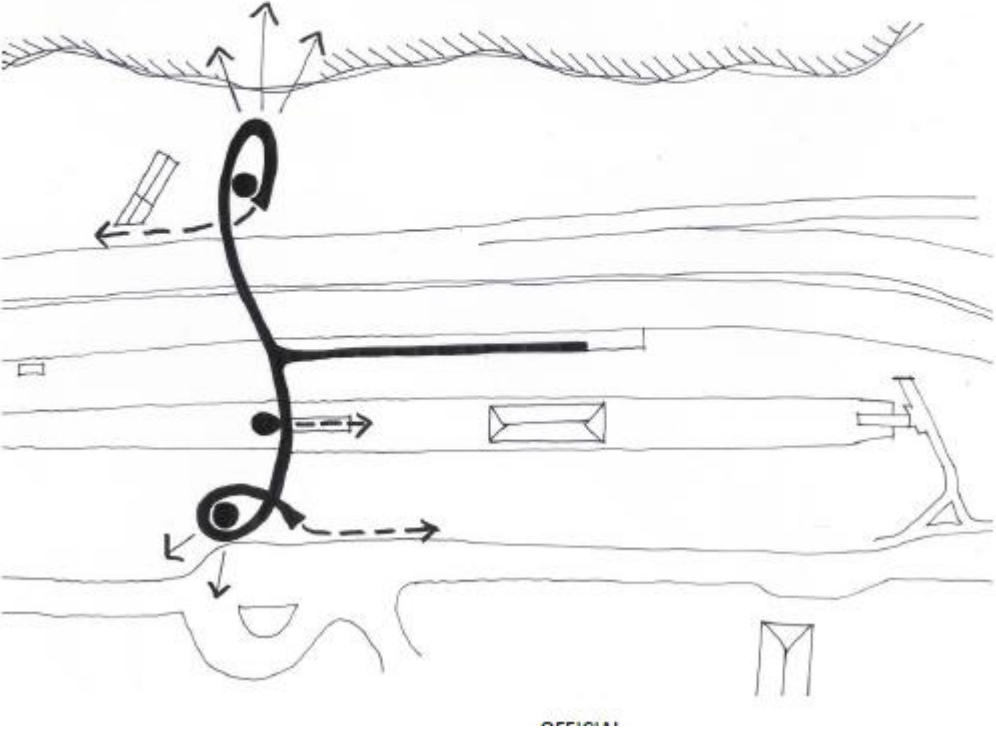
Option 1 – view from Railway Parade looking east (*Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change*)



Option 1 -view from Railway Parade looking west *(Artist interpretation -indicative only, design subject to change)*

Pedestrian footbridge design options

Option 2: aerial conceptual sketch *(Artist interpretation -indicative only, design subject to change)*





Option 2 – view from Great Western Highway looking west (Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change)



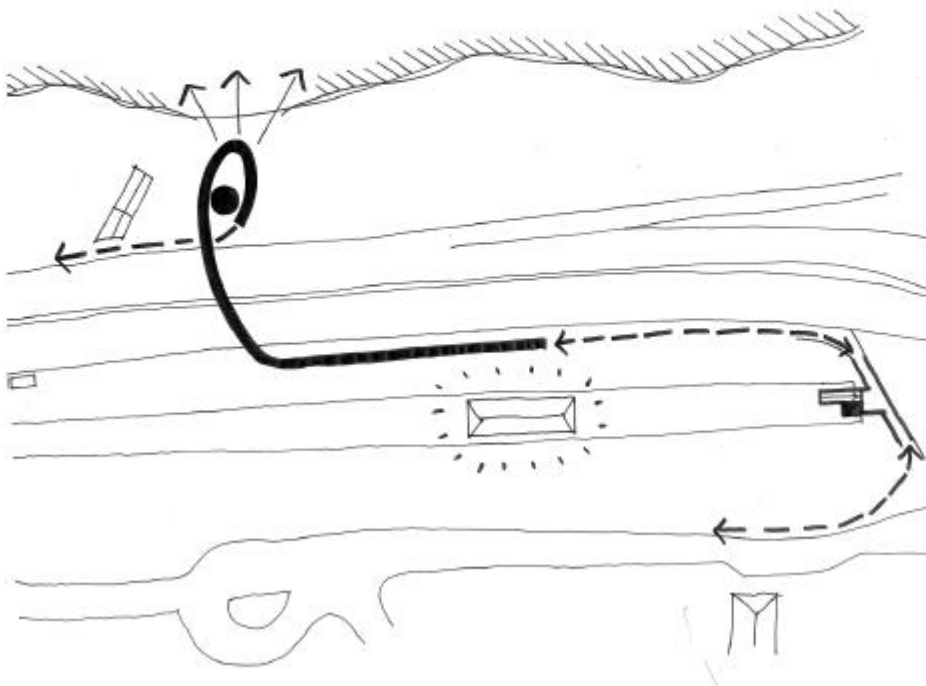
Option 2 – view from Railway Parade looking east (Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change)



Option 2 - view from Railway Parade looking west (*Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change*)

Pedestrian footbridge design options

Option 3: aerial conceptual sketch





Option 3 –view from Great Western Highway looking west (Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change)



Option 3 -view from Railway Parade looking east (Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change)



Option 3 -view from Railway Parade looking west (*Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change*)



Option 3 – corten variation. As Corten requires less maintenance, it can be built to a smaller scale (*Artist interpretation – indicative only, design subject to change*)

Appendix C –

Newspaper advertisement Blue Mountains Gazette 7 Sept 2022



Get Involved Medlow Bath Pedestrian Bridge Briefings

Community representative nominations now open

Want to contribute to your community?

Transport for NSW (Transport) is doing a heritage analysis of the Medlow Bath precinct to inform the development of an accessible pedestrian bridge at the State Heritage listed Medlow Bath Railway Station.

This process will help make sure that Heritage and accessibility requirements are properly addressed. Transport will work with community and other stakeholders to identify heritage values within the precinct and will then develop a design reflecting these values.

Transport is seeking local representatives to provide a community perspective and ensure community concerns are considered on the development of the bridge design.

Representatives will join the briefing sessions and help us focus on local values and the concept design before they are presented to the wider community.

We will hold up to two public meetings: to present the heritage values; and then to present a concept design.

Selection criteria:

Representatives must:

- be a current resident or landowner in Medlow Bath;
- have knowledge and awareness of the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program, particularly in Medlow Bath, and local community concerns;
- be committed to understanding accessibility principles and requirements that apply to public transport
- not be an elected representative in any level of government; and
- be willing to adhere to the code of conduct and declare any pecuniary interests.

Transport for NSW will appoint three community representatives to participate in these briefings.

You will be expected to contribute constructively and attend up to four meetings.

The role is not remunerated.

If you would like to apply, download a copy of the relevant nomination form and terms of reference at nswroads.work/gwhmedlow

Applications must be lodged by Sunday 11 September and sent to gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au or Great Western Highway Upgrade Program, PO Box 334, Parkes, NSW, 2870.

For more information please visit nswroads.work/gwhmedlow
email gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au or call the project team on 1800 953 777.

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Appendix D - Media Releases

#1: 24 August 2022



Sam Faraway
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 24 August 2022

COMMUNITY INVITED TO HAVE ITS SAY ON MEDLOW BATH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE DESIGN

Community members who want to have their say on the design of the Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge are being asked to put their hand up for a consultation group as part of the \$4.5 billion Great Western Highway upgrade from Katoomba to Lithgow.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Faraway said the inclusion of locals would ensure the community's voice helped shape the final bridge design.

"We all want the bridge to complement the heritage-listed train station and one of Australia's most iconic heritage hotels – the Hydro Majestic," Mr Faraway said.

"Consultation group members will have the opportunity to look more closely at how the design of the bridge has been developed and comment on what they like or don't like about the design options being considered.

"The Great Western Highway upgrade will secure a brighter future for NSW families by making the commute to and from school or work quicker and safer, meaning they will spend less time in traffic and more time with loved ones."

Three representatives will be selected to work with Transport for NSW and will take part in briefing sessions to focus on local heritage values and the concept design before it is presented to the wider community.

Representatives selected to work with Transport for NSW should:

- Be a current resident or landowner in Medlow Bath;
- Have knowledge and awareness of the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program, particularly in Medlow Bath, and local community concerns;
- Be committed to understanding accessibility principles and requirements that apply to public transport
- Not be an elected representative in any level of government; and
- Be willing to adhere to the code of conduct and declare any pecuniary interests.

This section of the upgrade includes widening the highway through Medlow Bath to provide two lanes of traffic in both directions, new lights at Bellevue Crescent, a shared pathway and a pedestrian bridge to provide safer access across the highway to Medlow Bath train station.

Transport for NSW will continue to work closely with Heritage NSW and Blue Mountains City Council on the bridge design.

Applications for community representatives are open until Sunday, 4 September 2022.

For more information or to enquire about how to get involved, phone 1800 953 777 or visit nswroads.work/gwhd.

MEDIA: Larissa Mallinson | Minister Farraway | 0422 044 061

#2: 1 May 2023

Design of the times: Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge plans unveiled

A new pedestrian bridge to be built over the Great Western Highway at Medlow Bath will be a simple design that limits the visual impact on the village's unique style.

The final design has been selected from three options following close consultation between Transport for NSW, Heritage NSW, Blue Mountains City Council, as well as selected community and Aboriginal representatives to ensure residents had a say in the process.

The design was analysed against several criteria following these consultations, to assess the relative impact of the options with respect to heritage, customer experience, maintainability, sustainability, the environment and constructability.

Transport for NSW Director West Alistair Lunn said all views were considered during the design selection and the preferred option most successfully addressed the needs of all stakeholders.

It was the least visually intrusive option of the three designs put forward, with reduced vertical elements rising from the ground and two lifts with a mix of stairs and ramps to ground level.

"The new Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge design has been selected to add to, rather than detract from, the wonderful heritage feel of Medlow Bath and the Blue Mountains," Mr Lunn said.

"The selected design offers a low-impact solution that creates a complementary visual and practical link between the heritage-listed railway station on one side of the highway, and the iconic Hydro Majestic hotel on the other."

The new pedestrian bridge will feature a lift and stairs on the western (Hydro Majestic) side of the highway and a ramp that meets the eastern side of the highway.

“A new lift will be installed on the existing footbridge at the station making it easier to access the platform, and a new kiss and ride bay will be built next to the footbridge to reduce the distance some people will have to walk,” Mr Lunn said.

“The new bridge will mean people on foot, in wheelchairs, pushing prams and carrying luggage will no longer have to negotiate their way across a busy four-lane highway, making travelling through the precinct safer for all.

“We appreciate the input from all stakeholders into the pedestrian bridge design and look forward to major construction starting in September 2023.”

The new pedestrian bridge is being built as part of an upgrade of the Great Western Highway near Medlow Bath railway station, with the highway upgrade to provide two lanes of traffic in both directions, new lights at Bellevue Crescent and a shared pathway.

More information on the Great Western Highway upgrade from Katoomba to Lithgow can be found [here](#).

Appendix E - Social Media post

December 2022 – Facebook post promoting the pop-up stalls

Transport for NSW Sponsored

Join us on 14 or 17 December to chat about Medlow Bath's heritage values and the pedestrian bridge.


Heritage Values of Medlow Bath
Wednesday 14 December 4pm - 7pm | Medlow Bath Station Platform
Saturday 17 December 8am - 11 am | Put Belly @Medlow Cafe

nswroads.work/gwhmedlow
Medlow Bath Upgrade
Community sessions [Learn more](#)

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Appendix F – E-newsletters

#1 24 August 2022



Transport for NSW

Medlow Bath Upgrade

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program

Australian Government NSW GOVERNMENT

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#2 - 9 December 2022

Medlow Bath Upgrade

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program



Medlow Bath Pedestrian Bridge - come and say hello at our pop-up stalls

Learn more about the pedestrian bridge and share what heritage values are important to you in Medlow Bath.

Transport for NSW (Transport) is doing a heritage analysis of the Medlow Bath precinct to inform the development of an accessible pedestrian bridge at the State Heritage listed Medlow Bath Railway Station. This process will help make sure that Heritage and accessibility requirements are properly addressed.

Transport met with appointed community members and other stakeholders to discuss the precinct's heritage values which will be reflected in a new bridge design.

To learn more about our discussions, the process and the next steps from here, join us for a chat at one of our upcoming pop-up stalls:

Wednesday 14 December, 4pm to 7pm - Medlow Bath Railway Station

Saturday 17 December, 8am to 11am Pot Belly @ Medlow Cafe , 1 Railway Parade, Medlow Bath

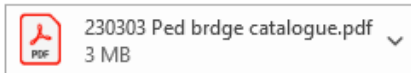
CONTACT US:

W: nswroads.work/gwhmedlow

E: gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au

T: 1800 953 777

#3 - 7 March 2023



Medlow Bath pedestrian bridge design options:

The pedestrian bridge design options are progressing and have been shared with our Medlow Bath community representatives to discuss with the broader Medlow Bath community.

To see the designs, please open the attached PDF.

If you have any feedback for us, please let know by March 13 by replying to this email, or by contacting your Medlow Bath community representative.

Regards

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program | Transport for NSW

T: 1800 953 777

E: gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au

W: nswroads.work/gwhd



Transport
for NSW

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, pay our respects to Elders past and present and recognise continued connection to country.