Frequently asked questions

Rozelle Bus Lanes

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Wangal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pay respects to Elders past and present.

This factsheet has been developed to provide more detail about the changes on Victoria Road, and to provide answers to frequently asked questions from stakeholders and the community.

What changes are being made?

Transport has installed a citybound offset bus lane (second lane from the kerb) on Victoria Road between Terry Street and Robert Street in Rozelle. The new bus lane will **replace** the existing kerbside bus lane along this route and will be operational 24 hours a day.

Dedicated left turn only lanes have been introduced on approach to Terry Street, Darling Street, Evans Street and Robert Street.

The kerbside lane is to be used by traffic turning left off Victoria Road or turning onto Victoria Road from a side street. This will improve local access and maintain traffic flow in all lanes.

What is an offset bus lane?

Offset bus lanes operate from the second lane from the kerb.

They improve bus reliability and efficiency by easing interference caused by buses stopping at bus zones and vehicles turning left along the route. They provide continuous bus priority for frequent and express buses allowing them to bypass general traffic congestion.

Offset bus lanes also shift faster moving buses away from the footpath for greater kerbside amenity.

What will this mean for general traffic?

General traffic is not permitted to continuously use the citybound offset bus lane 24 hours a day, and the outbound kerbside bus lane between 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday. Exceptions are for taxis, hire cars, bicycles, emergency vehicles, motorcycles, and buses. However, local traffic entering from the kerbside lane can use the bus lane for up to 100m to merge to the general traffic lane.

How can I get to my local businesses from the general traffic lane?

Traffic can go into and out of the bus lane for up to 100m to access the kerbside, including when needing to access local businesses.

Can the bus stop in the offset lane to pick up passengers?

Buses can only stop at bus stops on kerbside lanes to pick up passengers, and will **not** pick up passengers by stopping in the offset bus lane.

Am I allowed to cross over a bus lane?

You may drive into any bus lane for up to 100m before changing into a general traffic lane, even when there are unbroken lines.

I have a motorcycle, can I drive in a bus lane?

Taxis, hire cars, bicycles, emergency vehicles, motorcycles and buses can use bus lanes and offset bus lanes for any duration.

What are the benefits of this project?

- Improve the reliability of bus services and reduce travel times
- Support an integrated public transport network by providing bus customers with efficient and reliable connections along Victoria Road
- Cater for future growth along Victoria Road

Which bus routes will be impacted?

Twelve bus routes along Victoria Road include: 433, 441, 442, 500N, 500X, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507.

How many passengers use these bus routes per day?

Up to 9,900 passengers use the citybound bus routes daily.

Will any parking be removed?

No parking has been lost as a result of these modifications.

Will there be any impact to bus stops?

There is no impact to bus stops and no bus stops will be removed. Buses will move into the kerbside lane at existing bus stops to pick up and let off passengers.

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