

# Frequently asked questions

## Parramatta Road

### New T3 transit lanes in Haberfield and Burwood

### New bus lanes in Petersham and Ashfield

April 2024



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

These FAQs have been developed to provide more detail about the proposed changes along Parramatta Road, and to provide answers to frequently asked questions from stakeholders and the community.

#### What changes are being made?

Transport will install new T3 transit lanes and bus lanes on Parramatta Road in Burwood, Haberfield, Ashfield and Petersham.

##### T3 Transit Lanes

Transport will install T3 transit lanes in both directions on Parramatta Road between Burwood Road in Burwood and Bland Street in Haberfield.

Work will include:

- installing painted kerbside T3 transit lanes in both directions
- new T3 transit lane signage.

##### Bus Lanes

Transport will install a westbound kerbside bus lane between Norton Street in Leichhardt and West Street in Petersham, and eastbound and westbound kerbside bus lanes between Orpington Street and Bland Street in Ashfield.

Work includes:

- installing painted kerbside bus lanes
- new bus lane signage.

The T3 transit lanes and bus lanes will be operational between 6am-10am and 3pm-7pm, Monday to Friday.

#### Why are changes needed?

The NSW Government has developed a long-term vision to revitalise Parramatta Road and better connect town centres through safer and more sustainable travel modes. This vision includes better access to, and connectivity between,

rejuvenated and green centres along the corridor.

In the interim, Transport is taking key steps to address traffic congestion at specific intersections on Parramatta Road and prioritise public transport to improve bus service reliability and reduce journey times for those travelling in higher occupancy vehicles, including buses.

#### What are the benefits of this project?

- Transit lanes can be used by vehicles containing three or more people, including buses.
- Encourages mode shift from private vehicles to public transport or higher occupancy private vehicles.
- Improved performance for buses over general traffic and help maintain a level of reliability and accessibility on Parramatta Road and the local road network.
- Support an integrated public transport network by providing bus customers with efficient and reliable connections along Parramatta Road.
- Cater for future growth along Parramatta Road.

#### When will construction start?

Construction is expected to commence by mid 2024 and will take approximately four weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions.

#### What are the working hours?

Work will take place at night to avoid general daytime and weekday traffic.

Our night shift hours will be between **9pm and 5am, Sunday to Friday**. No work will be performed on Saturdays or public holidays.

## Will any lanes be closed?

One or two lanes will be closed during work hours to provide a safe work area.

## Will the construction work impact traffic?

There will be temporary traffic changes while workers are on site.

Lane closures and a work zone speed of 40 km/h will be in place to ensure safety.

Traffic control measures will always be in place. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions.

## Will the work be noisy?

There may be noise from machinery and equipment on site. We appreciate this can be inconvenient and will do everything we can to minimise the impact, including completing noisier tasks by midnight.

## What will this mean for general traffic?

### T3 Transit Lanes

Once the work is complete, vehicles with less than three people will not be permitted to use the transit lanes between 6am-10am and 3pm – 7pm Monday to Friday.

Vehicles containing three or more people, buses, taxis, hire cars, motorcycles, bicycles, emergency and fully electric vehicles will be permitted to use the Transit lanes.

Vehicles with fewer than three people can enter a transit lane for a maximum of 100 metres to avoid an obstruction, and to enter or leave Parramatta Road.

### Bus Lanes

Once the work is complete, general traffic will not be permitted to use the bus lanes between 6am-10am and 3pm–7pm Monday to Friday, except for taxis, hire cars, bicycles, emergency vehicles, motorcycles, and buses.

General traffic is permitted to enter a bus lane for a maximum of 100 metres to avoid an obstruction, and to enter or leave Parramatta Road.

## Which bus routes will be impacted?

### T3 Transit Lanes

Two bus routes along Parramatta Road between Burwood Road, Burwood and Bland Street, Ashfield include: **461N and 461X**.

Two bus routes along Parramatta Road between Burwood Road, Burwood and Harris Road, Five Dock include: **415 and 530**.

One bus route along Parramatta Road between Great North Road, Five Dock and Frederick Street, Ashfield includes the **491**.

### Bus Lanes

Five bus routes along Parramatta Road between Norton Street and West Street include: **413, 461N, 461X, 480, 483**.

Two bus routes along Parramatta Road between Orpington Street and West Street include: **461N and 461X**.

## Will there be any impact to bus stops?

There is no impact to bus stops.

## Will any parking be removed?

No parking will be lost as a result of these modifications.

### Transit Lanes

This section of Parramatta Road currently operates as a clearway between 6am-7pm Monday to Friday.

### Bus Lanes

These sections of Parramatta Road currently operate as clearways between 6am-10am and 3pm-7pm Monday to Friday.

## Why T3 lanes and not bus lanes?

This particular part of Parramatta Road does not have enough space to install a bus lane without land acquisition. Transport has decided to install T3 transit lanes for now and will continue to review ways we can prioritise public transport between Burwood Road in Burwood and Bland Street in Haberfield.

Providing dedicated bus lanes on Parramatta Road between Burwood and Leichardt will be considered as part of a Final Business Case for Parramatta Road.

## Did you know...?

Parramatta Road is one of Australia's oldest and significant roads.

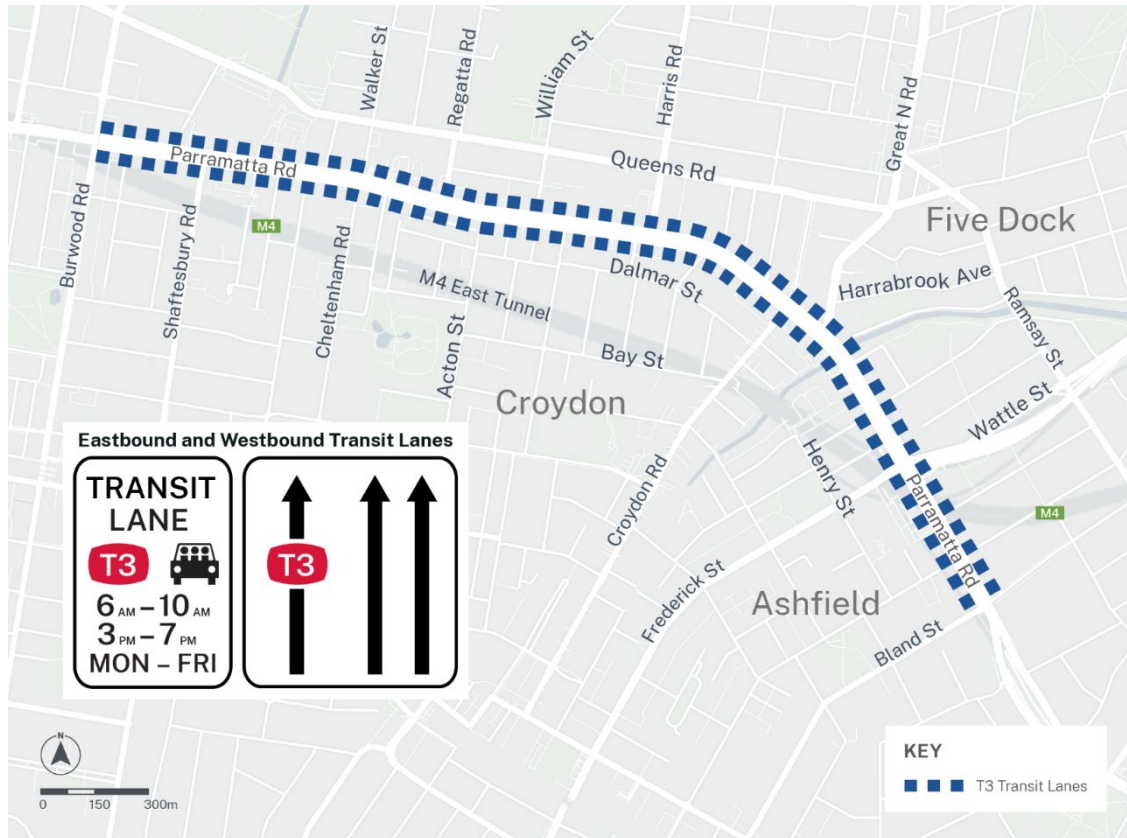
Its history goes back thousands of years as the original land connection for the First Nations people of Eora and Dharug, who continue to walk a path between Sydney's coastline and the fertile lands of Burramattagal or Parramatta as we know it today. This Songline is instrumental in trading

resources and for communication between groups.

Its importance as a land and trade route continued for European settlers, transporting people, produce and livestock between Sydney and Parramatta.

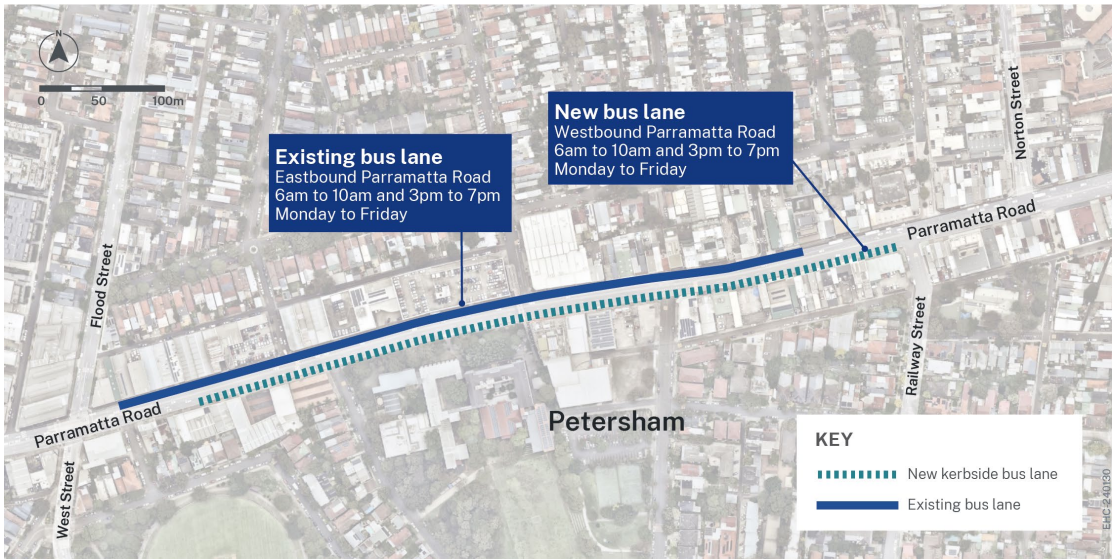
To this day it continues to be an important arterial route connecting thousands of people every day through many town centres of Sydney.

### T3 transit lane installation – Burwood Road, Burwood to Bland Street, Haberfield





## Bus lane installation – Norton Street, Leichhardt to West Street, Petersham



## Bus lane installation – Orpington Street to Bland Street, Ashfield



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