

# Sydney Trains

## Woodford Footbridge Renewal

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Project Overview

##### What is the project?

Sydney Trains is replacing the pedestrian-over-rail bridge at Woodford to provide continued connectivity between the Great Western Highway and Railway Parade.

##### When will the work start?

Enabling work and site investigations will start in the second half of 2024. The project will take about six months to complete with the footbridge expected to be open by Anzac Day 2026.

##### Why is this work required?

In 2016 Sydney Trains assessed the condition of the current Woodford Footbridge. The assessment identified defects on the footbridge and noted that the existing footbridge does not meet current standards.

Some immediate remediation work was carried out to allow the footbridge to remain open in its current condition.

The initial recommendation was for the Bridge to be decommissioned. However, following consultation with Blue Mountains City Council and the wider community, Sydney Trains proposed to replace the existing footbridge with a new bridge.

##### Why are you replacing the bridge like for like?

The new footbridge will be a like-for-like replacement providing the same level of service to the community due to several site constraints including complying with current standards, location of overhead live electricity and integration with existing footpath either side of the bridge.

To comply with Transport for NSW requirements and Australian Standards, the replacement bridge will need to have a minimum vertical clearance of 6.5m from the top of the rail. This is approximately 1.5m higher than the existing footbridge.

##### What will the new bridge look like?

The new bridge will be built at the same location as the existing bridge. Sydney Trains has developed two concept design options for the replacement footbridge.

The artist's impressions to the right depict the two different design options for the footbridge with variations in design and roofing. The bridge colour will be Bridge Grey, the same colour as the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Both options A and B are steel truss bridges, however option A has no roof (half-through truss or U-Frame) and option B has a roof (through truss).

##### Option A



##### Option B



## Community Engagement

### What community engagement has there been on the project to date?

In 2016 Sydney Trains assessed the condition of the current Woodford Footbridge. The assessment identified defects on the footbridge and noted that the existing footbridge does not meet current standards. Some immediate remediation work was carried out to allow the footbridge to remain open in its current condition.

A Risk Investigation Report and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared to investigate the feasibility of decommissioning the footbridge and assess the potential environmental impacts.

The REF was publicly displayed for 29 days between Monday 14 September and Tuesday 13 October 2020 via a dedicated project webpage. During the exhibition period, a variety of consultation activities were carried out.

Sydney Trains received 26 submissions from 23 unique respondents on the REF. A total of 25 submissions objected to the project and one submission expressed support.

In response to the submissions and further consultation, Sydney Trains proposed to replace the existing footbridge with a new bridge.

### Are there any specific requirements for the name suggestions for the bridge?

Place names should be recognisable and appropriate for the wider community. Aboriginal names, geographical names or names associated with the heritage of the area are encouraged. When submitting a name proposal, we ask you to please include a short justification for your suggestion. For more guidance on acceptable place names, please visit the Geographical Names Board: [www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place\\_naming](http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming)

### How will the new bridge design be chosen?

Sydney Trains will proceed to construction with the design which receives the most votes from the community during the consultation period. In the event of a tie, Sydney Trains will work with Blue Mountains City Council to determine which design to proceed with, taking into consideration any feedback received to date.

### What community engagement is being carried out in 2024 and how can I have my say?

Sydney Trains invites you to have your say on the preferred design and share your name suggestions for the new Woodford Footbridge. Please complete the online survey or attend one of our upcoming community information sessions. We welcome your feedback from **Monday 29 January to Friday 23 February 2024.**

Scan the QR code below to have your say or visit [yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal](https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal)



Our team will be in your community for 'drop-in' community information sessions in November to answer any questions you may have about the project.

- **Lawson Mechanics Institute** (284 Great Western Highway, Lawson) – Thursday 8 February, 6-8pm.
- **Faulconbridge Community Centre** (9-9A Home Street, Faulconbridge) – Saturday 10 February, 9-11am

### How will the name be chosen?

Sydney Trains and Blue Mountains City Council will consider all name suggestions received during the Have Your Say. A shortlist of names will be created from this and then presented to the community in mid-2024 to vote on. The winning name will then be announced shortly after.

## Construction work

### What will be the work hours during this work?

The installation of the foundations, piers, and stairs of the new footbridge will be carried out during standard work hours between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

The demolition of the existing footbridge and the installation of the replacement footbridge will be completed during scheduled weekend possessions when no trains are running.

### Will there be any road closures or parking changes?

No road closures are required to complete the works. However, parking near the worksite maybe be limited during weekend rail closedowns to facilitate parking of work vehicles.

### How will the new footbridge be constructed?

Following the demolition of the existing footbridge during a possession, the foundations, piers, and stairs of the new footbridge will be installed. The new footbridge will then be installed during a second possession.

### Will access across the rail corridor via the footbridge be maintained during the works?

Access across the rail corridor via the footbridge will be unavailable for around four months from mid-2025. Exact closure dates will be confirmed closer to the start of construction.

Users of the footbridge will need to use the nearest crossings either at Park Road to the north or Station Street to the South while works are being carried out.

The existing footbridge is used in ANZAC day ceremonies, and construction is to be planned to avoid impacting this event.

### Where can I get more information?

Please contact the project team:

Phone: **1800 684 490**

Email: **[projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au)**

Project website: **[transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal)**

Have your say survey:

**[yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal](https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/woodford-footbridge-renewal)**

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