

Frequently Asked Questions

Blaxland Pedestrian Improvements

May 2025



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Gundungurra and Darug people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The NSW Government is investing \$1.6 million in pedestrian safety improvements on the Great Western Highway at Blaxland.

Why are we doing this work?

Following a tragic pedestrian fatality at this location in 2021, in 2022 the current NSW Government made a pre-election commitment to fund a physical barrier to improve pedestrian safety.

This work will improve pedestrian safety by providing a wider and more level footpath, with new pedestrian fencing for better separation between pedestrians and traffic on the Highway, between Blaxland Train Station and Layton Avenue.

What work are we doing?

We will install 300 metres of pedestrian fence and 135 metres of low retaining wall. We will also widen the footpath to 1.5 metres.

What safety benefits will the fencing provide?

The fencing will separate pedestrians from traffic. It will act as a physical buffer and a visual reminder for drivers to slow down and leave space between their vehicle and pedestrians.

When will we work?

We will work for up to **30 nights** between **Monday 12 May and Friday 27 June 2025**, weather permitting.

Standard working hours will be **8pm to 5am, Sunday to Wednesday**, and **9pm to 5am, on Thursday**.

We will not work on Friday and Saturday nights, or public holidays.

Are we removing any vegetation?

We need to remove trees from both the road reserve and rail corridor, including two palm trees, in order to widen the footpath and install the fencing.

We will replant 84 trees on site in accordance with a landscaping plan developed by Blue Mountain City Council.

Can I still use the kiss and drop on the Great Western Highway?

To accommodate these improvements, we need to remove 25 metres of parking within the project footprint on the Great Western Highway. However, we will retain 25 metres of kiss and drop parking along with a 30-metre bus stopping bay. The kiss and drop zone will be closed during night construction hours.



Example of the pedestrian fencing that will be installed at Blaxland

Can I still walk to Blaxland Train Station?

The eastbound footpath will be closed to pedestrians **for the duration of the project**.

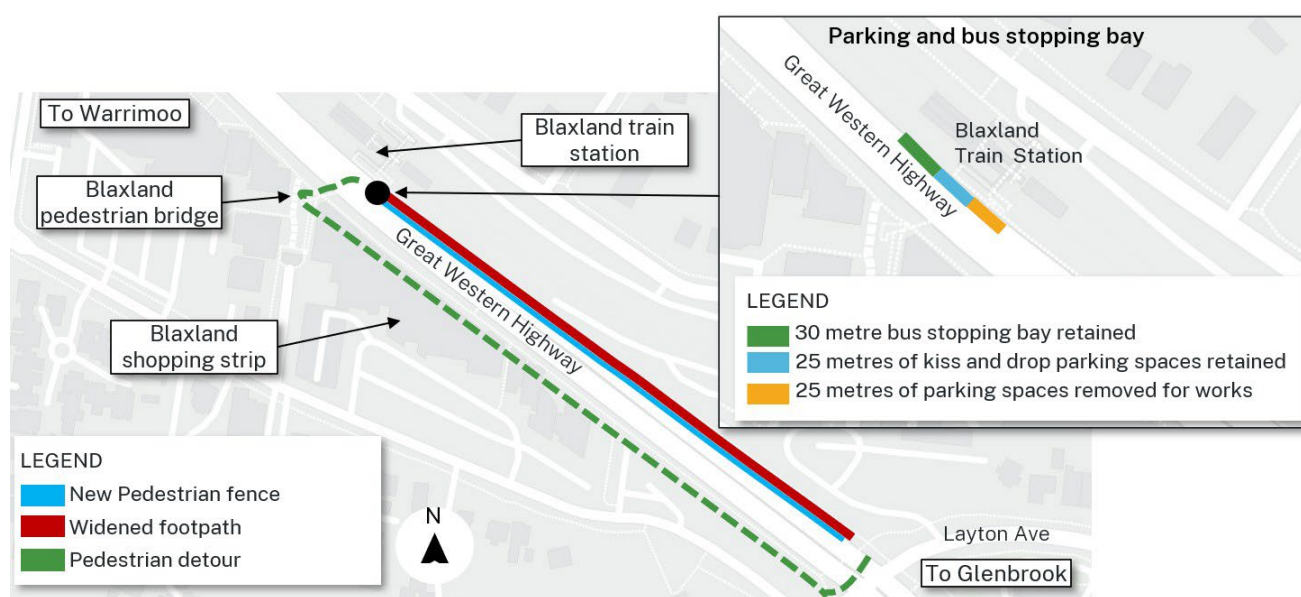
We will divert pedestrians along the footpath on the westbound side of the Highway, via the Layton Avenue traffic signals and the overpass bridge.

What will the traffic impacts be?

The Great Western Highway will remain open while we work however, the eastbound slow lane and left turn lane will be closed during construction hours. The left turn into Layton Avenue will be repositioned to allow continued access.

During daylight hours the highway will operate as normal.

Project location, parking and pedestrian detour



Contact us



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