FAQs

Suggested closure of High Street at Beecroft Road and Epping Road, Epping

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Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Wallumedegal people of the Dharug Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the Epping Bridge Project is being planned and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Why is Transport suggesting a closure of High Street?

Transport went out on public display of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and concept design for the project between Friday 13 September and Monday 7 October 2024.

During the REF display period, a number of community members, as well as several active transport and local community groups, expressed concerns about pedestrian and bike rider safety at High Street and questioned whether the project's proposed crossing improvements would effectively enhance safety at this location.

To further improve safety at High Street it was suggested that Transport consider closing the northern end of High Street to through traffic to create a safer environment for walking and bike riding.

In response to community feedback, it was made a Condition of Approval (5) of the REF Determination Report to undertake a feasibility study during detailed design to investigate the full or partial closure of High Street to improve pedestrian and bike riding safety at this location. Further information on this Condition of Approval can be found on pages 82 and 83 of the REF Determination Report, which is available to view on the project webpage.

Further to Condition of Approval 5 of the Determination Report, Transport is wishing to seek community feedback on the suggestion to close High Street at Beecroft Road and Epping Road to further enhance safety and provide better walking and bike riding connectivity at this location.

Transport is inviting feedback from the community until Sunday 28 September 2025.

Further information on how you can have your say has been provided at the end of this document.

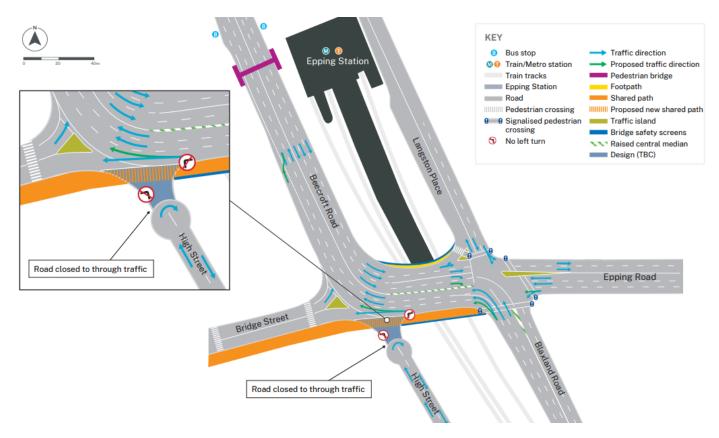
What is currently proposed at High Street?

Currently, the Epping Bridge Project proposes to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossings at High Street and Bridge Street to raised pedestrian (zebra) crossings to provide safer walking environments at these locations.

Would the closure of High Street be permanent?

Transport is seeking community feedback on the suggested permanent closure of High Street at Beecroft Road and Epping Road, as part of the Epping Bridge Project, A permanent closure of High Street would see:

- the removal of the existing left turn into High Street from Epping Road
- the removal of the existing left turn from High Street into Bridge Street.



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Will Transport consult with City of Parramatta Council?

As High Street is a local road under the care and control of City of Parramatta Council, any consideration of closing High Street would be undertaken in consultation with Council.

Community feedback will inform Transport's consultation with Council and decision making.

How will the community benefit from the closure of High Street?

Community benefits of closing High Street at Beecroft Road and Epping Road include:

- safer mobility for High Street and Bridge Street pedestrians and bike riders wanting to access the new shared path over Epping Bridge
- clearer and safer traffic movements for westbound bridge traffic, with vehicles only able to turn left into Bridge Street from the bridge
- improved visibility of left turning westbound traffic for pedestrians crossing Bridge Street
- removal of unauthorised and unsafe vehicle cut-through movements from High Street onto Beecroft Road from the new design
- opportunity for the creation of a placemaking space, with additional landscaping and streetscape functionality
- improved traffic flow and road safety for Epping Road westbound drivers.

Will there be any parking losses on High Street?

As part of the current project design there will be a permanent loss of up to up to three parking spaces at High Street from the project. The exact number of parking spaces to be removed is indicative and subject to detailed design. Any further impacts to parking on High Street from Transport's suggestion to close High Street will be investigated as part of the feasibility study.

How will adjacent and nearby residents and businesses be impacted?

The closure of High Street to through traffic at Beecroft Road and Epping Road is expected to improve safety, ease congestion and improve amenity on High Street. High Street residents and businesses are not expected to be significantly impacted.

- for properties at the southern end of High Street, additional travel time will be around one to two minutes
- for properties at the northern end of High Street, additional travel time of around two to three minutes is expected.

Based on traffic modelling carried out in September 2023 there are low traffic volumes for left turn vehicles exiting High Street into Bridge Street and relatively low traffic volumes levels for left turn vehicles exiting Epping Road into High Street.

Transport will further assess traffic impacts from a closure of High Street as part of the feasibility study.

What would be the alternative traffic routes?

It is expected that the suggested changes will have minimal impacts on adjacent residents and businesses due to the low volume of traffic currently using High Street as a through route.

Removal of the existing left turn into High Street from Epping Road (westbound)

Currently, Epping Road westbound motorists travelling over Epping Bridge can turn left into High Street and Bridge Street or continue westbound onto Beecroft Road. The removal of the left turn into High Street from Epping Road would see:

- properties at the southern end of High Street having very minor additional travel time.
 The alternative route would be via Rawson Street, which would add around one to two minutes of extra travel time and add around 550 metres to each trip
- properties at the northern end of High Street having around two to three minutes of extra travel time. The alternative route would be via Rawson Street and would add around 1.1km to each trip.

These changes are further summarised in the diagram below.

High Street	Current	Alternative route	Additional Travel Time
Southern End	650m, 1-2 minutes	1.2km, 2-3 minutes	550m, 1-2 minutes
Northern End	400m, 1-2 minutes	1.5km, 3-4 minutes	1.1km, 2-3 minutes



Removal of the existing left turn from High Street into Bridge Street

Currently, motorists can turn left from High Street into Bridge Street. The removal of the left turn from High Street into Bridge Street would see:

- properties at the southern end of High Street having very minor additional travel time.
 The alternative routes would be via Rawson and Victoria streets, which would add around one minute of extra travel time and around 300 metres to each trip
- properties at the northern end of High Street having around two to three minutes of additional travel time. The alternative routes would be via Rawson and Victoria streets and around 900 metres to each trip.

These changes are further summarised in the diagram below.

High Street	Current	Alternative Route	Additional Travel Time
Southern End	900m, 2-3 minutes	1.2km, 2-3 minutes (for both Rawson and Victoria streets)	300m, 1 minute
Northern End	600m, 1-2 minutes	1.5km, 3-4 minutes (for both Rawson and Victoria streets)	900m, 2-3 minutes



Does the project support Epping Town Centre development?

Transport is consulting with City of Parramatta Council on their plans for Epping Town Centre, which includes Epping Town Centre masterplan and Epping Town Centre east upgrades

The Epping Bridge Project also complements:

- public transport investment in Epping Town Centre with the upgrade of Epping Station in 2013 and opening of Metro North West Line in 2019
- road and intersection upgrades completed in Epping Town Centre in 2018 to support the Epping Town
 Centre Urban Activation Precinct
- future road and rail plans.



Epping Town Centre – Transport and City of Parramatta Council projects (2013 – current)

What are the next steps with the Epping Bridge Project?

Transport is in the process of engaging a contractor to undertake detailed design and delivery of the project.

Main works construction is expected to begin in 2026.

To enable commencement of main works, additional early works are being carried out within the road and rail corridor. This work commenced in May 2025 and is expected to be completed by mid-2026.

This work is in addition to early works completed in December 2024 on High Street to relocate the Sydney Metro chiller unit.

How can I receive project updates?

Please email <u>parramatta@transport.nsw.gov.au</u> to be added to the Epping Bridge Project email distribution list.

Where can I get more information on the project?

Further information on the Epping Bridge Project can be found on the project webpage and interactive portal.

How can I provide feedback?

Feedback on the suggestion to close High Street at Beecroft Road and Epping Road is invited until **Sunday 28 September 2025, 23:55PM** and can be provided by:

- completing the quick, online community feedback survey
- emailing parramatta@transport.nsw.gov.au
- posting to the Epping Bridge Project team Transport for NSW
 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street Parramatta NSW 2150





Scan the QR code to access the online community feedback survey

What happens after consultation closes?

Transport will carefully consider all feedback received during the community consultation period. A report, that includes responses to issues raised by the community and stakeholders, will be developed and published on the project webpage.

Community feedback will inform Transport's consultation with Council and decision making.

Transport will advise everyone who has provided feedback when the consultation report has been finalised and available to view on the project webpage.

Following community and council consultation and development of the feasibility study, if a closure of High Street is the preferred option, further environmental impact assessment and development of a design would be undertaken during detailed design.

Contact us



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