



Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade

Design changes

Safe Accessible Transport program

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

This factsheet provides additional information on design changes to the Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade after planning approval.

What has changed?

In response to community and stakeholder feedback, we have refined the design to improve the project. Site investigations including geotechnical and service investigations, and targeted stakeholder engagement are still underway, with outcomes informing the design.

Features of the new design

- A centrally located footbridge with lifts and stairs, closer to the current footbridge (which will be removed when the new entrance is complete), creating a single station entry point for all customers
- A more open and welcoming station entry forecourt, with better visibility and increased canopy coverage
- A design which better responds to the existing environment, and to the local Aboriginal history of the area, including integration of the Lyre Bird motif (further design inclusions are subject to ongoing engagement with local Aboriginal community).

How have the changes been assessed?

Transport has assessed the proposed changes to ensure impacts are consistent with those assessed within the Review of Environmental Factors and approved within the Determination Report.

What are the key changes in impact?

The following summarises the impacts relative to the Approved Project.

Vegetation

The new design requires removing 12 additional trees bringing the total to 18 trees. These include weeds, non-native species and native species. No threatened flora species will be removed.

Impacts will be managed with additional control measures and protection plans.

In accordance with Transport's Tree and Hollow Replacement Guidelines, **78 replacement trees would be planted** for the Proposal, adding 58 trees more than the Approved Project, benefitting biodiversity.

Noise and vibration

Impacts are similar to those for the Approved Project, with minor changes. Some residents may experience higher impacts to certain construction activities and additional vegetation removal, but these are isolated and localised.

Impacts will be minimised through mitigation measures, and nearby residents will be informed via community notifications and doorknocking, as needed.

Traffic and parking

Parking impacts have decreased compared to the Approved Project. There would be a permanent reduction of six parking spaces in the Railway Parade commuter car park, compared to 15

parking spaces in the Approved Project, resulting in a minor positive by retaining nine more spaces.

The longer accessible parking space for community buses has been relocated to the station forecourt, using parallel parking for easier boarding.

The Railway Parade bus stop will remain in its current location, reducing the need for a temporary relocation during construction. While bus services would be maintained, there may be minor temporary impacts on public transport accessibility.

Visual and urban design – construction impacts

Receivers north of the station would have a minor reduction in visual impact, while those south and directly opposite the station will experience a minor increase.

Overall, temporary visual impacts during construction align with the Approved Project and would be managed with approved mitigation measures.

Visual and urban design – operational impacts

The key change of the new design is the position of the pedestrian footbridge and lift shafts. Placing the new footbridge in a similar position to the current one, reduces visual impacts for nearby residents.

To mitigate potential impacts, natural materials and colours will be during detailed design to blend the new station features into the surrounding residential area.

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