

Randwick Town Centre Bus and Road Safety improvements Initial proposed changes (November 2024)

The following content details the initial proposed changes for Belmore Road and Avoca Street as communicated in November 2024.

In response to community feedback these proposed changes have been revised as detailed on the project website and in the Consultation Summary Report available online.

Changes on Belmore Road northbound

Current Arrangements Belmore Road Northbound Arthur Street Short Street 7am-9am Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm Mon-Fri Avoca Street 12.30pm-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat 8.30am-12.30pm Sat 6.30am-6pm Mon-Fri Mears Avenue High Street **KEY** Bus Stop Loading Zone 1/2h Parking Light Rail Stop Bus Zone

Proposed Changes Belmore Road Northbound



Proposed changes:

- Extending the length of the existing bus zone in the morning peak by 12 metres (around 2 parking spaces removed for 4 hours)
- Extending the peak hour bus zone time on weekdays from 7am- 9am to 6am- 10am (around 3.5 parking spaces removed for 2 hours and reducing the northern loading zone by 1 hour on weekday mornings)
- Extending the northern loading zone times to apply on the weekend mornings from 8am to 12.30pm* (around 3.5 parking spaces change to loading zone for 4.5 hours on weekends)
- Extending the ½-hour parking to apply on the weekend during the day.*
 - * Pending discussions with businesses and Council approval

Benefits:

- improve traffic flow, bus performance and travel times for the high frequency of buses (every 2-3 mins during peak)
- extend bus zones to allow buses to safely pull in and to improve traffic flow through the town centre
- improve safety and access for people walking and getting public transport
- ease congestion and improve travel times for all road users during peak periods
- improve accessibility of the bus stop for all bus passengers
- support local businesses and customers by providing additional timed parking and loading zones over the weekend.

Changes on Belmore Road southbound



Proposed changes include:

- Extending the length of the bus zone by 18 meters (around 3 car spaces removed permanently)
- Changing the existing 4pm-6pm no stopping zone, to a timed bus zone during peak hours from 7am-10am and 3pm-7pm (around 5 parking spaces reduced by 6 hours)
- Extending the ½-hour parking to apply on the weekend during the day*
- Approximately 5 ½-hour parking spaces will be retained during off peak times. *Council decision pending discussions with businesses

Benefits include:

- improve traffic flow, bus performance and travel times for the high frequency of buses (every 2-3 mins during peak)
- extend bus zones to allow buses to safely pull in and to improve traffic flow through the town centre
- improve safety and access for people walking and getting public transport
- ease congestion and improve travel times for all road users during peak periods
- improve accessibility of the bus stop for all bus passengers
- support local businesses and customers by providing additional timed parking over the weekends.

Changes on Avoca Street southbound



Avoca Street southbound - issues, proposed changes and benefits

Current issues include:

- Avoca Street is a State Road and is a critical arterial road for the Eastern Suburbs
- Currently the 'no parking' restrictions do not prevent cars from pulling over and stopping.
- This blocks traffic, causes congestion and impacts bus performance and network efficiency
- The timed parking does not reflect the trading hours near the retail shops and businesses

Proposed changes include:

- Changing the 'no parking' to 'no stopping'
- Extending the 'no stopping' hours on weekdays to align with peak hours from
 - o 7am- 9am to 6am-10am and
 - o 4pm-6pm to 3pm-7pm
- This reduces parking for around 6 spaces for 4 hours on weekdays
- Extending the 1-hour parking to apply over the weekend.
 - * Pending discussions with businesses and Council approval

Benefits include:

- Reduced congestion as two lanes of traffic can flow during peak hours
- Improved network efficiency and bus reliability
- support local businesses and customers by providing additional timed parking over the weekends.