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Wilson Street Cycleway Consultation Report

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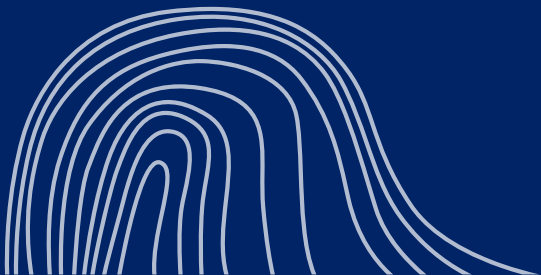


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Introduction

Wilson Street forms part of an important connection for people riding bikes between Newtown, Redfern, and the Eastern Suburbs. Transport for NSW (Transport) proposes to extend the existing separated cycleway from east of Erskineville Road to Eliza Street. Providing this important missing link would improve the connectivity of the bike network, with this section forming part of a strategic cycleway corridor between the City of Sydney and Inner West Council local bike networks. The route was identified as an immediate opportunity for investigation in the Strategic Cycleway Corridors Eastern Harbour City Overview (April 2022).

In order to accommodate the proposed cycleway, there is a need to permanently remove 14 parking spaces on Wilson Street:

- One loading zone
- Six 30-minute parking spots
- Seven untimed parking spots.

Figure 1: Map of Wilson Street Cycleway, Erskineville



What we heard

Transport sought feedback from the community in April 2024. We received 927 comments on the proposal. Of the 927 submissions, 56% were positive, and 44% were negative. Positive feedback noted that the cycleway would provide much needed safety for people riding bikes through this area. Negative feedback noted concerns about the impact to parking including the loading zone for local businesses. Clarity around the design and the interface between cyclists and vehicles on Wilson Street, east of Erskineville Road, was also a common theme noted within the feedback received.

Consultation approach

The community and stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the design from Tuesday 2 April to Tuesday 16 April. Due to the number of comments received and some requests from the community, we extended the consultation period for a further ten days. During this additional period, we carried out further door knocking of surrounding businesses. The purpose of the consultation was to:

- Inform community and stakeholders of the proposal
- Obtain feedback from the community and stakeholders on the proposal
- Build a database of community and stakeholders interested in the project who Transport can continue to engage with and inform as the project progresses
- Consider all feedback and use this feedback in planning and developing the final design of the cycleway.

How consultation was done

During the consultation period we:

- Distributed a community notification to approximately 1904 properties
- Sent out emails to our existing project database
- Provided a project webpage
- Carried out face to face meetings with key stakeholders
- Door knocked surrounding businesses.

Community members and stakeholders were encouraged to ask questions and provided feedback via:

- Phone
- Email
- Online survey
- Door knocking.

Key feedback topics

Key topics raised by the community in their feedback included:

- Connection to existing cycleway on Wilson Street
- Clarification on design elements of the new cycleway
- Parking and loading zone loss
- Traffic light timings.

We have provided responses to some of the frequently asked questions in the section below.

Frequently asked questions

Question	Answer
Why are you removing the parking and loading zone?	We would need to remove the parking and loading spots to make space for the bi-directional (two way) cycleway as well as maintain the existing traffic lanes.
Where will businesses park to load and unload if the loading zone is removed?	There are existing loading zones available as shown in table 1. Transport will investigate options to provide additional loading zone options as part of the continuing development of the project.
How will bike riders cross over from the existing cycleway on Wilson Street to the new cycleway?	There will be a raised crossing that allows cyclists to cross over safely from the existing cycleway onto the new bidirectional cycleway.
How will the cycleway be separated?	The cycleway will be separated with raised concrete medians and line marking. (See Figure 2 for impression)
Currently there is a long wait time for cyclists to cross through intersections, how will you fix this?	Traffic lights in NSW are controlled by the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS), which allocates the length of green time based on real time traffic flows. The traffic light operations will adapt based on new conditions and will be monitored upon implementation of the cycleway.
When will this be delivered? Are there plans to extend it further?	Currently this project is not funded for delivery. We will continue to keep the community updated as we progress with the project. This consultation has allowed us to ensure community views are incorporated into the future design of the proposal, including any alternative additional loading zones. Transport currently has no plans to extend this cycleway further. The cycleways on either side of the proposal are managed by Inner West Council (Eliza Street) and City of Sydney Council (eastern side of Wilson Street). This proposal aims to connect the missing link between the shared zone on Eliza Street to the west and the combined quietway with contraflow bicycle lane on Wilson Street to the east.

Table 1: Alternative Loading Zones that already exist

Loading Zone location	Distance from Wilson Street	Characteristics
Eliza Street	60 metres	One loading space available throughout the day on a Saturday and Wednesday
Brennan Lane	250 metres	One to two loading spaces available during afternoon
Mary Street	170 metres	Two to three loading spaces available throughout the day
King Street	250 metres	One loading space available throughout the loading zone period
King Street (Bank Hotel)	50 meters	Operational only on Wednesdays (9am to 3pm) Bus zone during other times

Figure 2: Impression – View of Wilson Street looking towards the intersection of Wilson Street and Erskinville Road



Thanks to your valuable feedback, we are looking at opportunities for additional loading zones in the area.

Next steps

Transport would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider the proposal and provide feedback.

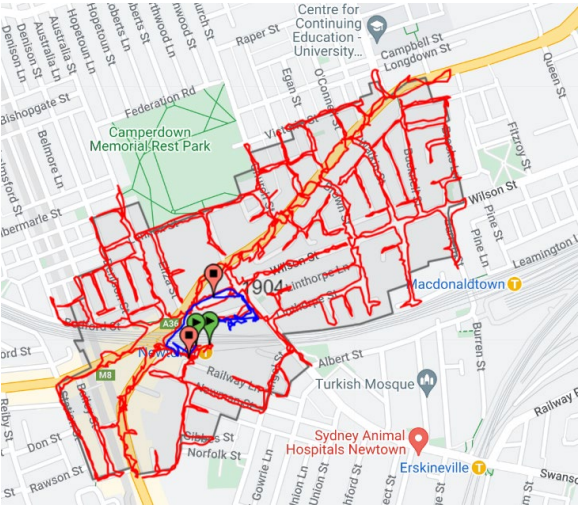
The project is not funded for construction at this stage.

We will continue to develop the design for the proposal including investigating options for additional loading zones in the area for a future potential Review of Environmental Factors (REF), subject to obtaining delivery funding.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Appendix

Distribution zone



Community notification

Transport for NSW

Wilson Street Cycleway – Have Your Say

April 2024

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

The NSW Government is proposing to provide the missing link in the Wilson Street Cycleway.

Wilson Street is an important connection for people riding bikes between Newtown, Redfern, and the Eastern Suburbs. The proposal involves extending the existing separated cycleway from Wilson Street to Eliza Street. Providing this important missing link would improve the connectivity of our bike network.

We are inviting the community to share their views on the proposal by **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

Scan the QR code to Have your say



Artist's impression of proposed Wilson Street Cycleway



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Project Benefits

- Delivers a connected cycleway network
- Encourages more people to ride bikes
- Provides a safe option for bike riders
- Connects bike riders to key public transport hubs
- Relieves pressure off our roads.

Proposed changes

- To make room for the bi-directional cycleway we would need to remove 15 parking spaces on Wilson Street. This includes removal of:
- One loading zone
 - Six thirty-minute parking spots
 - Seven untimed parking spots

Wilson Street Cycleway, Erskineville



What Will Happen Next?

We will consider all feedback from the 'Have your say' process and continue to keep the community up to date as the project progresses.

Contact us

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