Update on CBD cycleways

The NSW Government’s Sydney City Centre Access Strategy provides direction for how different transport modes will work as a fully integrated transport network around the Sydney city centre over the next 20 years. As part of this strategy, a cycleway network will be completed to integrate into the future transport network and support the growing number of cyclists travelling through the city centre.

In July and August 2014, stakeholders and the community provided feedback on concept designs for cycleways in Liverpool, Park and Castlereagh streets. In December 2014, after careful consideration of this feedback and further design development, the NSW Government received approval to start construction of cycleways in Liverpool Street and Castlereagh Street south (Liverpool Street to Hay Street).

Further design and assessment is underway on the cycleways on Park Street and Castlereagh Street north (King Street to Liverpool Street). More information on these cycleways will be available in 2015.

The cycleway program is being funded by the City of Sydney and will be delivered by Roads and Maritime Services. Some answers to frequently asked questions are provided below.

What are the key features of the Liverpool Street cycleway?

The Liverpool Street cycleway will be a primary east-west cycle route through the CBD, connecting to Sussex Street in the west and Castlereagh Street in the east. It will be a dedicated bi-directional (two way) cycleway on the northern side of Liverpool Street and will be separated (by a kerb) from the main roadway at a number of locations.

On-street parking on the northern kerb along this section of Liverpool Street will be removed. Property access will be retained, however there may be some temporary impacts during construction.

The concept design has been amended to provide some part-time on-street parking for the mail, loading and taxi zones west of Pitt Street. Loading capacity will be retained on the southern side of Liverpool Street west of the George Street intersection.

The existing two-lane configuration for vehicles will also remain.

What changes were made to the Castlereagh Street cycleway design?

The Castlereagh Street cycleway will be split into two sections, south (from Liverpool Street to Hay Street) and north (from Liverpool Street to King Street).
The Castlereagh Street south cycleway will be constructed first and will form part of the primary north-south cycle route through the CBD, connecting to Liverpool Street in the north and Hay Street in the south. It will be a dedicated bi-directional cycleway on the western side of Castlereagh Street and will be separated by a kerb from the main roadway at a number of locations. On-street parking on the western kerb along this section will be removed. Property access will be retained, however there may be some temporary impacts during construction.

What’s happening with the Castlereagh Street cycleway north of Liverpool Street?

This section of the cycleway will provide cyclists with a dedicated bike path in peak periods while trialling kerbside loading for businesses at non-peak times when the cycleway volumes are low. This trial will be in place for a period of six months.

Detailed information about this cycleway will be available in 2015.

How will this and other Access Strategy projects impact on loading availability?

The implementation of the Access Strategy will change kerbside allocation in the city centre. This supports the strategy’s focus on improving public transport into and within the city centre.

The City of Sydney and Transport for NSW are working together to prioritise kerbside allocations such as taxi zones, loading zones and mobility parking.

For example, loading zone opportunities are being investigated in locations adjacent to Castlereagh Street.

They include:

- Hay Street, between Pitt Street and Castlereagh Street
- Campbell Street, between Pitt Street and Castlereagh Street
- Goulburn Street, between Pitt Street and Castlereagh Street
- Pitt Street, various locations

When will construction of the new cycleways start?

Construction of the Liverpool Street cycleway and the Castlereagh Street south cycleway is scheduled to start in January 2015.

Local residents and the community will be kept informed as construction progresses.

What’s happening with the College Street cycleway?

The College Street cycleway will be removed as outlined in the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy. To ensure cyclists continue to have access through the CBD, the College Street cycleway will not be removed until the section of Castlereagh Street cycleway between Hay Street and Park Street and the Liverpool Street cycleway are completed.

What’s happening with the Park Street cycleway?

The Park Street cycleway from Castlereagh Street to Elizabeth Street is under assessment.

Where can I get more information?