

# Traffic and road improvements on Parramatta Road, Granville to Homebush

## Community Consultation Report

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## **Executive summary**

This report provides a summary of Roads and Maritime Services' community and stakeholder consultation on a proposal to improve traffic flow and safety on Parramatta Road at various intersections from Granville to Homebush.

The NSW government is funding this \$1.8 million proposal to improve traffic flow and safety along this road corridor.

Roads and Maritime invited feedback on the proposals in December 2016. We received comments from three people, with one in support of the proposal, one who opposed it as unnecessary and another that did not state a preference. Three comments were outside the scope of the proposal.

Key matters raised included access to local roads, parking and pedestrian facilities.

We thank everyone who provided comments and the community and stakeholders for considering the proposal.

## **The decision**

After reviewing the feedback we have decided to proceed with the proposal without changes.

We will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed as the project progresses.

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Background

Parramatta Road is a key arterial state road connecting the Sydney CBD with Parramatta that will provide a toll-free alternative for light and heavy vehicles, after completion of the WestConnex M4 Widening Project. It is currently a key access point for the M4 Motorway, City West Link and Sydney's western suburbs.

Parramatta Road currently accommodates high levels of travel demand including freight, commuter and leisure travel and the majority of trips experience congestion, delay and occasional traffic incidents; particularly during the busy weekday and weekend peak periods.

Traffic modelling undertaken identified the need for road and traffic improvements at various intersections along Parramatta Road.

## 1.2. The proposal

The NSW Government is funding this \$1.8 million proposal to improve traffic flow and safety. The proposal involves a number of traffic and road improvements across two areas of the Parramatta Road corridor at various intersections from Granville to Homebush.

The proposal includes:

- Changing lane configurations to extend the right turn lane northbound on Church Street into Raymond Street
- Installing signs to implement a left turn only lane southbound on Church Street onto Parramatta Road
- Adjusting line marking and installing signs to remove a through lane and replace with a left turn only lane westbound on Parramatta Road into Berry Street and George Street
- Implementing a new through lane to improve traffic flow southbound on James Ruse Drive
- Extending line marking to improve traffic flow on Duck Street on approach to Parramatta Road
- Extending line marking and changing the existing 'No Parking' signs to 'No Stopping' to improve traffic flow from Rawson Street about 150 metres on approach to Parramatta Road
- Repainting and extending line marking on Hampstead Road on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Extending line marking and removing four parking spaces on the western side of Macquarie Road on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Removing pedestrian crossings across Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow out of Macquarie Road
- Changing lane configurations to allow for a shared left and through lane to improve traffic flow southbound on Silverwater Road at Parramatta Road
- Removing the right turn lane westbound on Parramatta Road into Alban Street to prohibit right turns
- Extending line marking and removing three parking spaces on Alban Street on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Changing lane configurations to extend the right turn lane eastbound on Parramatta Road into Lidcombe Shopping Centre
- Adjusting the existing concrete median to extend the right turn lane westbound on Parramatta Road into Day Street South
- Extending line marking on John Street on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Changing lane configurations to extend the right turn lane westbound on Parramatta Road into Hill Road

- Removing the right turn lane eastbound on Parramatta Road into Platform Street and relocating it to Jellicoe Street
- Extending line marking and removing 12 parking spaces on Birnie Avenue on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Extending line marking and removing three parking spaces on Bridge Road on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Changing lane configurations to remove a through lane and replace with a right turn lane eastbound on Parramatta Road into Bridge Road
- Changing lane configurations to remove a through lane and replace with a right turn lane westbound on Parramatta Road into Underwood Road and Park Road
- Extending line marking and removing five parking spaces on Underwood Road on approach to Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow
- Installing 'No Stopping' signs on Underwood Road between Parramatta Road and Powell Street
- Changing Subway Lane to a one-way street between Parramatta Road and Loftus Crescent with entry only from Parramatta Road.

## **2. Consultation approach**

### **2.1. Consultation objectives**

We consulted with the community and stakeholders to:

- Seek comment, feedback, ideas, and suggestions for us to consider when developing the proposal.
- Build a database of interested and concerned community members with whom we can continue to engage during the proposal's development.

### **2.2. How consultation was done**

The community and stakeholders were encouraged to provide their feedback, leave comments and make submissions via mail, email or phone contact with the project team.

We distributed 4400 letters (Appendix A and Appendix B) to local residents, businesses and key stakeholders, including Strathfield Council, Cumberland Council, State MPs for Auburn, Granville, Strathfield, Federal MPs for Parramatta and Reid and Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA).

## **3 Consultation summary**

### **3.1. Overview**

Roads and Maritime received comments from three people, raising six different matters.

One person was in support of the proposal, one opposed it as unnecessary and another that didn't state a preference. Three comments suggested further improvements or changes that were outside of the scope of the proposal.

Key matters raised included access to local roads, parking and pedestrian facilities.

### **3.2. Feedback and Roads and Maritime's responses**

Roads and Maritime has provided responses to all feedback received on this proposal. The responses are provided directly to the person who commented, as well as in this report, which will be made available to the public.

All comments have been considered to help Roads and Maritime make decisions on this proposal. Matters raised during consultation that are not within Roads and Maritime's area of responsibility have been forwarded to the relevant departments.

Table 1 - Feedback summary and Roads and Maritime's responses

Category	Matters raised	Roads and Maritime's response
<p><b>Access to local roads</b></p> <p>One comment</p>	<p>Do not proceed with improvements on Alban Street as businesses rely on easy access to Parramatta Road.</p>	<p>Movements out of Alban Street will not be affected as part of this proposal. Left turns into Alban Street from Parramatta Rod will still be permitted.</p> <p>The right turn lane on Day Street South will be extended for additional capacity to enable access to Alban Street.</p>
<p><b>Removal of parking</b></p> <p>One comment</p>	<p>The removal of four parking spaces on the western side of Macquarie Road will add to parking congestion along Macquarie Road, particularly during school drop off and pick up.</p>	<p>Roads and Maritime recognise there is often congestion around local schools, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. Removal of the parking spaces is expected to improve traffic flow, thereby reducing congestion on Macquarie Road.</p> <p>Council Road Safety Officers also work with schools to assess and improve safety and access for the school and local community.</p>
<p><b>Pedestrian crossing</b></p> <p>One comment</p>	<p>The removal of pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Parramatta Road and Macquarie Road will speed up traffic follow on Parramatta Road and Macquarie Road.</p> <p>Consider installing a pedestrian crossing across the western side of Macquarie Road near the church.</p>	<p>There is no plan to remove the existing pedestrian crossing across Macquarie Road as part of this proposal. The proposal includes removing the two existing pedestrian crossings across Parramatta Road to improve traffic flow.</p> <p>Pedestrian fencing will be installed to prevent illegal pedestrian movements across Parramatta Road.</p>
<p><b>Out of scope</b></p> <p>Three comments</p>	<p>Extend the existing school zones further south on Macquarie Road on the western and eastern sides.</p>	<p>Macquarie Road is a local road under the care and control of Cumberland Council. The current school zone caters for Auburn North Public School and the main school zone is located on Parramatta Road. Entrance to the school zone is via Macquarie Road and Northumberland Road.</p> <p>As such, Roads and Maritime does not support the extension of the school zone.</p>
	<p>Further develop high rise infrastructure along Carter Street, Dehli Street, Platform Street and Jelicoe Street and set back the roads by 20 metres.</p>	<p>Carter Street, Dehli Street, Platform Street and Jelicoe Street are local roads under the care and control of Strathfield Municipal Council.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime has passed this feedback onto Strathfield Municipal Council for their consideration.</p>
	<p>Raise the level of the road between Silverwater Road and Birnie Avenue to eliminate traffic jams.</p>	<p>This suggestion has been considered and following further investigation has been deemed not feasible.</p>

## **4. Decision**

Roads and Maritime thanks everyone who provided comments and the community and stakeholders for considering the proposal.

After reviewing the feedback, we have decided to proceed with the project, without changes.

## **5. Next steps**

Roads and Maritime will finalise the detailed design for this project and continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed as the project progresses.



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