

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions and answers – M4 to Hill Road off ramp, Lidcombe

The NSW Government is investigating a westbound off ramp from the M4 to Hill Road, Lidcombe. The proposed westbound off ramp will support development growth in the Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct and improve traffic efficiency, accessibility and enhance road safety for all road users. The planned Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct is estimated to generate 5,500 new homes and 5,500 new jobs.

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What is the Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct and where is it?

What is the problem?

Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) has recently rezoned the existing industrial area between Sydney Olympic Park and the M4 Motorway. The rezoning will enable redevelopment of the area as the Carter Street Urban Activation Precinct.

Hill Road divides the Carter Street Urban Activation Precinct into two portions - a larger portion to the east and a smaller portion to the west.

Roads and Maritime has identified that the Sydney Olympic Peninsula has limited access points and key intersections at these access points are at capacity. High growth forecasts for employment and residential land uses

(especially within the Carter Street Urban Activation Precinct) will result in significant trip generation.

The purpose of the M4 to Hill Road westbound off ramp proposal is to improve access from the M4 Motorway westbound to Hill Road and the Carter Street Urban Activation Precinct. Roads and Maritime is investigating options for a westbound off ramp from the M4 Motorway to Hill Road.

What are the objectives of the M4 to Hill Road westbound off ramp?

The objectives of the proposal are to:

- Support development growth in the Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct and the wider Sydney Olympic area
- Improve traffic efficiency and accessibility to the Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct

- Improve access to public transport
- Improve road safety for all road users
- Minimise environmental impact and maximise the quality of the urban and landscape design outcomes
- Minimise traffic disruptions on the surrounding road network during construction.

How much will it cost?

Funding announcements in November 2015 allocated \$140m to the proposal's development and construction.

What improvements are being considered?

- A new single-lane westbound off ramp from the M4 Motorway connection point to Hill Road, between Carter Street and John Ian Wing Parade
- Widening and upgrading Hill Road to its intersection with John Ian Wing Parade to accommodate the off ramp and improve access
- Revising and installing signage and street lighting on Hill Road
- Intelligent transport system infrastructure and tolling equipment on the off ramp consistent with the technology that is being installed on the M4 Motorway

Will the community be involved in the project planning?

Yes. Roads and Maritime is consulting with the community about the strategic design now. Feedback can be submitted via email to hill.road@rms.nsw.gov.au or calling 1800 792 086.

The modification to the Environmental Impact Statement for the M4 Widening Project is planned for public display in late 2017 and will include more details about the design.

Proposed improvements will also be discussed with key government stakeholders from the local area including:

- Cumberland Council
- Parramatta Council
- Parramatta Light Rail
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Sydney Motorway Corporation
- Transport for NSW.

When would the off ramp be completed?

This project is currently in the planning phase. Future community updates will provide more detail on any construction timings.

What is happening now?

An application to the DP&E for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) to DP&E for the M4 to Hill Road off ramp project has recently been submitted. The SEARs application requests a modification to the existing approved Environmental Impact Statement for the M4 Widening Project to include construction of the off ramp.

What are SEARs?

SEARs stands for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements. SEARs are a set of requirements issued by DP&E to various government departments who have submitted project applications to be assessed. The SEARs outline the considerations and requirements of how a proposal will be assessed against regarding environmental issues.

How is Roads and Maritime consulting the community?

Roads and Maritime will host community drop in sessions to support the consultation on the preliminary concept design and public exhibition of the modified Environmental Impact Statement. These sessions are due to occur in mid 2017 and late 2017 respectively. These sessions will be advertised via media releases, press ads and project updates sent out via letterbox drops.

You can also email the project team on hill.road@rms.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive the latest project information.

What are the main changes expected?

While the proposal is still in its planning phase and specific design features are yet to be determined, the main feature is the proposed westbound Hill Roadoff ramp for M4 motorists into the new Carter Street Urban Priority Precinct and the wider Sydney Olympic Park area. There are also proposed changes to the Hill Road/John Ian Wing Parade including a new connection into the Carter Street precinct development area and changes at the Carter Street/Hill Road intersection.

Some trees may be removed to accommodate the ramp structure and during construction there will be increased noise and vibration impacts.

All comments about the proposal and possible impacts, and how these will be managed and mitigated will be considered during the proposal's environmental assessment.

Will you be buying houses or other land for this proposal?

This proposal is still in its planning phase. Roads and Maritime will discuss these confidential matters directly with the property owners.

Will any parking spaces be removed?

There may be some changes to parking on Carter Street.

Will there be changes to how we access local connecting streets?

Yes, following the completion of work, access into Carter Street will be left in and left out only. Information about alternative routes into

Carter Street will be communicated as the project progresses.

What improvements will be made to bus services?

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Transport for NSW to ensure the corridor allows for future bus opportunities.

How do I provide feedback?

Written comments should be sent to:

Email: hill.road@rms.nsw.gov.au

Mail: Roads and Maritime Services
PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD NSW
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You can also register for regular project updates by emailing hill.road@rms.nsw.gov.au and asking to be included on the stakeholder database.

Next steps

The next project update is expected in mid 2017 and will include more detail about the design.

For more information

For more information about the proposal please contact the project team:

Phone: 1800 792 086

Email: hill.road@rms.nsw.gov.au

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www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/index.html