Pop-up transport overview
The NSW Government recognises that more people than ever are walking or cycling to work, or for leisure and fitness. The NSW Government continues to encourage people to walk and cycle as part of their everyday commute. We recognise that not only does it help relieve pressure on our roads and public transport system, but walking and cycling are healthy, active ways of travelling. By continuing to invest in the construction of new cycleways and infrastructure, we help keep people safe while encouraging more individuals to take up these modes of travel.

Thanks to the NSW Government’s strong economic management, approximately $710 million will be invested into walking and cycling infrastructure over the next four years. This will bring the NSW Government’s total investment to around $1.1 billion; the largest commitment in the State’s history.

The NSW Government is fast-tracking pop-up transport changes in response to COVID-19. We are working to ensure safe routes for walking, cycling and exercise, as well as access to workplaces, schools and other services.

As a key public health measure, each of the pop-up cycleways has been identified as a strategic priority, which is necessary to facilitate safe cycling to support travel during the COVID-19 recovery, along routes where there are missing cycleway links, where there is demand for cycling infrastructure, where there is a recognised route to key employment areas or where there is a recognised hot spot of congestion requiring more transport choices.

The pop-up cycleways are being delivered in response to physical distancing requirements and the need to free up capacity on public transport and roads for people who cannot currently ride, due to concerns around safety and missing cycling links. It is a crucial part of the NSW Government’s COVID-19 transport planning.

The first stage of work has delivered six pop-up cycleways in the City of Sydney and ten safer speed zones in the City of Sydney, Liverpool and Manly. The second stage includes over 20 kilometres of proposed pop-up cycleways in eight LGAs: Bayside, City of Sydney, Inner West, North Sydney, Parramatta, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra. Over 35 kilometres will be delivered overall, including in Regional and Outer Metro areas.

Pop-up cycleways
The pop-up cycleways are temporary. They are built using easy-to-install infrastructure, such as painted road markings, temporary kerbs, lane dividers and flexible barriers.

All of the projects have been carefully selected, because they:

- Are located on busy cycling routes
- Connect to existing bike riding infrastructure
- Are on locations where public transport is likely to become overcrowded
- Enable access to schools, workplaces and other services.
High Street pop-up cycleway

- The pop-up cycleway will be located on High Street, Randwick and will be placed between the kerb and parking spaces and will have a physical barrier to parked cars for cyclist safety.

- The pop-up cycleway is planned to start on High Street at Anzac Parade and continue to Wansey Road, Randwick (length 850 metres).

- The pop-up cycleway is currently planned to be placed on the southern side of the street to provide access to the University of NSW. It may also have a short section placed on the northern side to connect to an existing shared path on Anzac Parade, Randwick. It will be placed between the kerb and parking lanes. It will be approximately 2.5 metres wide and feature two lanes going in both directions and a barrier to cars for cyclist safety.

- The pop-up cycleways design may reduce a small number of parking spaces on High Street.

- This route was selected to provide access to the University of NSW and the newly installed light rail. It provides a connection point to the existing shared paths on Wansey Road and Anzac Parade, Randwick.

- The cycleway offers other members of the community a safe route for exercise and access to local amenities including cafes, shopping centres and places of work.

- The project aligns with Randwick City Council’s adopted Bicycle Plan which identifies this route as a construction priority. Detailed concept plans are currently being developed.

- Transport for NSW is in discussions with Randwick Council to decide on the cycleway’s best delivery method. The work is planned to be delivered in the coming months.

- This cycleway is being delivered in stage two of the pop-up cycleways project in response to COVID-19.

Understanding and reducing the effect of the work

Many residents in Sydney already live alongside a cycleway. This cycleway won’t prevent access and exit from properties, and its planned barriers will not affect access to driveways.

The planned placement of the cycleway, between the kerb and parking facilities, is designed to reduce a loss of parking space along its route. Some parking spaces may be reduced to ensure cyclists safety.

Transport for NSW will do everything we can to reduce the effect of these works on road users, local businesses and residents. We plan to deliver the work during the night to reduce to the effect of the work on local businesses and the University of NSW, however some work may be required in the day. To lower noise hand tools will be used and on-site equipment will be limited to reduce the loss of parking spaces during the cycleways installation.

The installation may involve some temporary lane closures to ensure the work zone is safe. Temporary diversion and rerouting may be required during the work. Access to bus stops may be temporarily affected. Traffic controllers will be on-hand to direct traffic and bus customers.

Cycleway signage will be placed along the route to inform the community of this new use of public space.
Community engagement
Given the ongoing threat COVID-19 poses to people’s health and our economy, Transport for NSW has acted quickly to provide people safer travel options. These initiatives are key public health measures, delivered on the advice of our health experts. This means we have not been able to consult our communities like we normally do.

However, we will give the community at least four weeks’ notice before work begins. We will use this time to answer questions, carefully consider feedback and respond to concerns. At least five working days’ notice will be provided before the work starts.

On-going community engagement will also take place through work notifications, the media, social media and the project’s webpage nswroads.work/covid-infrastructure.

A dedicated team is ready to speak with people who want to know more. Feedback can be provided via email covidpopup@transport.nsw.gov.au or phone 1800 573 193.

The community will also get to have their say on any plans to make pop-up cycleways permanent.

Next steps
We are working closely with Randwick Council to deliver the cycleway and will share further project details as they become available.

Further information
You can find more information about these changes by visiting nswroads.work/covid-infrastructure

This page includes a map of all the proposed pop-up transport changes throughout Sydney and is updated regularly as the project develops.