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 $600 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 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.
Petersham to Newtown pop-up cycleway

- The 2.3km pop-up cycleway is planned to start at the intersection of Audrey Street and Trafalgar Street and will run along Crystal Street, York Crescent, Gordon Crescent, Douglas Street, Railway Avenue, Baltic Street and Albermarle Street to connect to Australia Street, Newtown

- The route was chosen to connect Petersham and Sydenham Stations with the Newtown retail precinct and to connect to the newly installed Wilson Street Cycleway to Redfern. The route forms part of the Inner West Council's Regional Bicycle Route 7, which continues to Lewisham Station and provides a connection to the Greenway cycleway

- The pop-up cycleway will offer the local community a safe route for exercise and access to local amenities including cafes, restaurants and places of work

- The Inner West Council supports the project and Transport for NSW is working with the council to finalise the pop-up cycleway design

- Transport for NSW is in discussions with the Inner West Council to decide on the cycleway’s delivery method

- This cycleway will be delivered in stage two of the pop-up cycleway program in response to COVID-19

Understanding and reducing the effect of the work

Many residents in Sydney already live alongside a cycleway. This cycleway will not prevent entry or exit from properties, and 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. The cycleways design may change the existing parking, however the design will consider parking as a priority to reduce the number of spaces lost.

We will do everything we can to reduce the effects of these works on road users, local businesses and residents. We plan to deliver the work mostly during the day, however some night work may take place between 5pm and 11pm. 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 the new use of public space. The planned barrier between parked cars / traffic and the cycleway will also offer cyclists safety.

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 the Inner West 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.