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 cycleways or bike paths. 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
• Allow access to essential services and the other places described above.

**Proposed Pacific Highway pop-up cycleway**

• The project is being delivered by Transport for NSW, working closely with North Sydney Council

• The proposed pop-up cycleway will be installed along the Pacific Highway between Middlemiss Street/ Arthur Street and West Street, North Sydney. It is 1.1 kilometre long

• Transport for NSW is continuing to discuss the details of the project with North Sydney Council including route, impact on any street parking along the route, location of bike lanes along the route, how the bike lanes will operate and what barriers will be used to separate cyclists from traffic

• The proposed route connects the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway to suburbs in Sydney’s north. It also links with North Sydney Council’s planned pedestrian and cycle improvements on West Street

• North Sydney Council identified Sydney Harbour Bridge to Cammeray via West Street in its North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy as Route 1 and identified this route as a high priority. The strategy said “Sydney Harbour Bridge to Cammeray route is the most important bicycle route in North Sydney LGA.” Our proposed pop-up cycle way is the same as the preferred option listed in the strategy for Section 1 of Route 1

• There are also ongoing discussions with Council to extend the pop-up cycleway further along the Pacific Highway to Crows Nest

• Both the proposed pop-up cycleway and the extended route that is being discussed are within the North Sydney Council LGA

• Transport for NSW will manage the construction of the pop-up cycleway

• We are working closely with North Sydney Council to deliver the pop-up cycleway over the coming months.

**Understanding and minimising local impacts**

Many residents in Sydney already live alongside a cycleway. The cycleway won’t prevent access and egress from properties, and barriers and flexible posts will not affect access to driveways.

We are working closely with North Sydney Council and key stakeholders to better understand the impacts of the proposed pop-up cycleway on:

• Buses along the proposed route
• Car parking and delivery and loading zones along the Pacific Highway
• Congestion, especially for motorists wanting to exit the Sydney Harbour Bridge
• Accessing nearby public transport hubs, including the bus interchange at the North Sydney train station.
We are working with key stakeholders to identify mitigation options to minimise these impacts. For example, we are working with North Sydney Council to find offsets for impacted delivery or loading zones in nearby side streets.

We will do everything we can to minimise the impact of these works on road users, local businesses and residents. Our work may cause traffic disruption at times, so we plan on carrying it out mostly at night. It may also be noisy so we will complete the noisier activities by midnight.

Work may involve some temporary lane closures to ensure the work zones are safe and parking may be temporarily impacted as cycleways are implemented. Temporary diversion and rerouting may be required during the night works. Access to bus stops may be temporarily affected. Traffic controllers will be on hand to direct traffic and bus customers.

**Community engagement**

Given the speed the COVID-19 hit, and the ongoing threat it poses to people's health and our economy, we have had to act quickly to give 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 after the first notification before work begins. We will use this time to answer questions, carefully consider feedback and respond to concerns.

We plan to provide information to the local community through notifications, the media, social media and the project webpage. We will include details about how to speak to our team, or to send enquiries via email. Follow-up updates will be issued at least five days before works start.

Communities will get their say on any proposal to make pop-up cycleways permanent and we will encourage people to provide feedback via covidpopup@transport.nsw.gov.au and by phone. We have a dedicated team ready to speak to people who want to know more.

**Next steps**

We are working closely with North Sydney Council to identify the best route and to deliver the pop-up cycleway over the coming months.

We are also continuing discussions with North Sydney Council about extending the proposed pop-up cycleway further along the Pacific Highway to Crows Nest.

**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 progresses.
Map of proposed Pacific Highway pop-up cycleway
Example pop-up cycleway in operation: Henderson Road, Erskineville