Airport East Precinct – WestConnex enabling works

The Australian and NSW governments are planning to upgrade roads in the Airport East precinct and remove the General Holmes Drive rail level crossing by constructing a road underpass. This would provide better rail freight facilities to and from Port Botany, and improve traffic flow and access to the airport, Port Botany and, in the future, the WestConnex motorway. Roads and Maritime Services is inviting the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors by Friday 13 March 2015.

Key features and benefits

The key features of the Airport East proposal include:

- Replacing the General Holmes Drive rail level crossing with a road underpass that links General Holmes Drive, Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue. This would improve road safety and the movement of rail freight and road access to the airport, mascot, the Sydney CBD and the eastern suburbs
- Providing improvements to the Mill Pond Road intersections with General Holmes Drive and Botany Road to support future growth and access to the Airport

Background

Sydney’s Kingsford Smith Airport and Port Botany are two of Australia’s most important international gateways. The roads around the airport and Port Botany are becoming increasingly congested due to more passenger and freight vehicle movements.

Following community consultation, Roads and Maritime has developed a concept design and a Review of Environmental Factors which will be placed on public exhibition for feedback until Friday 13 March. Display dates and venues are listed on the back page.
A new rail bridge built over the extension of Wentworth Avenue. No right turn into Mill Pond Road. Road closed and rail level crossing removed. Shared pedestrian/cycle path. New traffic light pedestrian crossing on Botany Road.

Airport access work in planning by Sydney Airport Corporation Limited will fit with improvements to the Airport East precinct. Left in, left out access only. Three right turn lanes into Mill Pond Road reduced to one. New access to Wentworth Avenue and Botany Road northbound. Existing pedestrian path to be removed and replaced with a shared path along Baxter Road. 

KEY
- Widening to provide six lanes
- Minor road works and linemarking to provide six lanes
- New Wentworth Avenue underpass and associated work
- Mill Pond Road work
- Shared pedestrian/cycle path
- Existing bus lane
- Existing pedestrian path to be removed
A new rail bridge built over the extension of Wentworth Avenue

No right turn into Mill Pond Road

New limited left turn into Botany Road

Changed to provide three right turn and two left turn lanes

New traffic light pedestrian crossing on Botany Road

Shared pedestrian/cycle path

Shared pedestrian path along Baxter Road

Existing pedestrian path to be removed and replaced with a shared path along Baxter Road

Airport access work in planning by Sydney Airport Corporation Limited will fit with improvements to the Airport East precinct

New access to Wentworth Avenue and Botany Road northbound

Existing pedestrian path to be removed and replaced with a shared path along Baxter Road

Key:
- Widening to provide six lanes
- Minor road works and linemarking to provide six lanes
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- Mill Pond Road work
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WestConnex enabling works, airport east precinct

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New right turn to provide access to General Holmes Drive

Rail bridge over Wentworth Avenue extension

Shared pedestrian/cycle path

Reinstate pedestrian crossing

No left turn

Relocate existing bus stop

**Wentworth Avenue underpass longitudinal section**

**KEY**
- New Wentworth Avenue extension and associated works
- Shared pedestrian/cycle path
- Existing bus lane

**Metres**

- Minimum height 4.7 metres
• Widening Joyce Drive and General Holmes Drive between O’Riordan Street and Mill Pond Road to three lanes in each direction to improve traffic flow around the Airport and to Port Botany.

• Creating a new shared path to link to the existing cycle way on Wentworth Avenue to improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists at:
  – Todd Reserve on Wentworth Avenue
  – Botany Road from the Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue intersection to Baxter Road

• Retaining the northbound bus stop on Botany Road close to the existing location to meet community needs.

We have provided a diagram to help better explain the proposal.

Community involvement
Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in the development of this proposal. Feedback received during the consultation period will be considered and addressed in a submissions report which will be available to the public in coming months.

Next steps
All comments received will be considered in finalising the project design. If there are further changes to the design the community will be informed.

Display locations
The Review of Environmental Factors can be viewed at these display locations until **Friday 13 March**.

**Transport Information Centre**
Cnr George and King Streets
388 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Monday – Friday, 9am–5pm

**City of Botany Bay Council**
Administration Centre
141 Coward Street, Mascot NSW 2020
Monday – Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm

**Central Library**
Westfield Shoppingtown
Ground floor, Banks Avenue, Eastgardens NSW 2035
Monday – Friday, 10am–6pm
Saturdays, 9:30am–4pm
Have your say
Roads and Maritime is seeking community and stakeholder feedback on the Airport East concept design and Review of Environmental Factors by **Friday 13 March**.

Visit one of our community information sessions to discuss the proposal with the project team.

- **Thursday 5 March**  
  Drop in any time between 4pm and 6pm  
  Eastlakes Hall  
  Florence Street, Eastlakes

- **Saturday 7 March**  
  Drop in any time between 10am and 12 noon  
  Eastlakes Hall  
  Florence Street, Eastlakes

Please send your written comments to:  
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PO Box 973  
Parramatta CBD NSW 2124  
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