

Sydney Harbour Bridge

Community update

Northern Toll Plaza Precinct Upgrade

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Credit: Destination NSW

The NSW Government is investing in projects to modernise and improve access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge connects our city from north to south and provides an important link to thousands of commuters and sightseers every day.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to upgrade the northern toll plaza precinct, on the northern approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The proposal includes removing the redundant toll booths and toll office and upgrading the road in the area on the Cahill Expressway. The proposal is part of a package of work to improve and adapt the northern precinct to the needs of a modern city.

Removing the toll booths and toll office at the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge provides an opportunity to simplify traffic flow when travelling southbound between the Warringah Freeway and the northern approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on the proposal.

We have prepared a Review of Environmental Factors to examine the potential impact of the proposal and outline measures to reduce and manage this impact. The Review of Environmental Factors and concept design for the proposal are on display for community and stakeholder feedback until **30 October 2017**.

Subject to funding approval, construction is expected to start in the second half of 2018 and is expected to take about ten to twelve months to complete, weather permitting.

Key Features and Benefits

The key features and benefits of the project include:

- removing the northern toll booths and associated infrastructure
- simplifying traffic movements
- removing road safety hazards improving waterproofing and resurfacing the Cahill Expressway to reduce the need for future maintenance and provide improved road surface for drivers
- an Emergency Response and Incident Management Area from space gained after removing the toll booths
- a uniform 70km/hr speed zone between Warringah Freeway and the Sydney Harbour Bridge with capacity to implement variable speed limits where required across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Traffic impacts, noise and work hours

Removing of the toll booths, toll office and associated concrete, as well as work to resurface the road would be noisy. Traffic would also be impacted with temporary closure of one or more traffic lanes and traffic diversions required during most construction activities. This may result in temporary detours on local roads outside of peak hours.

During parts of the proposed construction, there is potential for noise impact to the local community, particularly for residents and businesses located immediately next to the site, and multi-storey buildings with a clear line of sight to the proposal area. Roads and Maritime would program work where possible during standard day working hours to reduce the impact of the noise. However, we would also need to work outside these hours, including night work, to minimise disruption to road users.

Details of proposed scheduling of work, proposed road closures and work hours are provided in the Review of Environmental Factors.

Heritage

The Sydney Harbour Bridge and its surroundings is a highly significant heritage item, listed on the New South Wales State Heritage Register and the National Heritage List. Roads and Maritime is planning this proposal to minimise any heritage impacts.

The Review of Environmental Factors includes a detailed heritage report (Appendix C), produced independently by expert heritage specialists.

The report concluded that while the toll booth and toll office are of moderate to low heritage significance, their removal, would not negatively impact the national heritage values of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. This is due to the toll plaza being of relatively small scale compared to the bridge as a whole, as well as the location of the proposed work being away from areas of exceptional heritage significance.



Artist's impression of the current northern toll plaza precinct

Across the Bridge

Roads and Maritime Services is committed to ensuring that the Sydney Harbour Bridge caters for the changing needs of all users. In addition to the northern toll plaza precinct upgrade, we are also upgrading the southern toll plaza, completing maintenance work, and delivering a number of initiatives to continue to improve safety and access to the bridge.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to build step-free access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, from street level to the pedestrian footpath on the bridge, by building lifts near the stairs at each end.

A Review of Environmental Factors is currently being prepared for the step-free access proposal and will be on display for community and stakeholder feedback in the coming weeks.

Project boundary

The proposal includes removing the redundant toll booths and toll office and upgrading the road in the area on the Cahill Expressway. The proposal is part of a package of work to improve and adapt the northern precinct to the needs of a modern city.

The project boundary highlighted on the map represents the entire precinct area to be upgraded under the proposal.



Artist's impression of the completed northern toll plaza precinct upgrade

Have your say

The proposal has the potential to impact on the environment within and surrounding the northern toll plaza precinct during the construction period.

The Review of Environmental Factors includes detailed information on potential key impacts of the work. This includes reports on non-Aboriginal heritage, visual, noise and vibration impacts, and impacts on traffic and transport.

Roads and Maritime is seeking community and stakeholder feedback on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed Sydney Harbour Bridge Northern Toll Plaza Upgrade by **30 October 2017**.

Written comments should be sent to:

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Interactive online map

Visit the project web page to submit comments directly onto our interactive map and see what others in the community have to say about the proposal at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/shb-consult

Community information drop in session

We will host a community information session, where you can view the Review of Environmental Factors and speak to members of the project team.

A formal presentation will not be provided, so please feel free to drop in at any time:

6pm – 8pm
18 October 2017
Bradfield Park Community Centre
Alfred St S, Milsons Point NSW 2061

Display locations

The Review of Environmental Factors is available to view in person at:

North Sydney Council
200 Miller Street, North Sydney

Stanton Library
234 Miller Street, North Sydney

You can also view or download it online at rms.nsw.gov.au/sydneyharbourbridge.

What happens next?

All comments received will be considered in finalising the proposal.

A Review of Environmental Factors and report summarising the comments raised during consultation and a response to each comment will be available later this year.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the proposal progresses.

Contact us

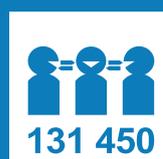
For more information or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

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