Beaches Link

Options for temporary construction site: the Wakehurst Parkway

Beaches Link is a major transport infrastructure project that makes it easier, faster and safer to get around Sydney.

As Sydney continues to grow, our transport challenge also increases.

While we actively manage Sydney’s daily traffic demands and major new public transport initiatives are underway, it’s clear that even more must be done.

Beaches Link is a new tunnel from the Northern Beaches, under Middle Harbour to connect with the Warringah and Gore Hill Freeways.

Beaches Link will forever change travel between the Northern Beaches, the North Shore and west and south of the Harbour. It will change the way people move around Sydney.

Beaches Link will deliver a major step change for buses, reducing travel times and improving reliability of express bus services by re-directing them into the new motorway.

The project also creates opportunities for more direct and reliable express buses between strategic centres in the Northern Beaches, North Shore, North Sydney (with direct access to Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains) and the Sydney CBD.

This includes the opportunity to introduce new express buses to strategic employment and education centres including the new Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct. Thanks to this major project, people will spend less time in traffic and have more time for themselves.

You can contact us at any time to learn more about the project or to provide your feedback.

Information on the proposed reference design is now available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/whtbl

A temporary construction site is proposed at Seaforth to support construction of the Beaches Link connection to the Wakehurst Parkway.

Two potential options have been identified, only one of these sites is required:

- The base case in the reference design is a temporary site in an ‘overflow’ car park next to Seaforth Oval
- In consultation with stakeholders, an alternative site has been identified on Sydney Water land beyond Kirkwood Street.

Roads and Maritime will work with Council, the community and stakeholders to determine the preferred location of the temporary construction site.

The NSW Government has now released the proposed project reference design and there will be extensive community and stakeholder engagement over the coming months.

We now want to hear what you think about the proposed reference design including the construction site options for the Wakehurst Parkway.

Your feedback will help us further refine the design before we seek planning approval.

There will be further extensive community engagement once the Environmental Impact Statement is on public display.
Option A: the Wakehurst Parkway – west side

A temporary site is required for tunnelling to the ramps (north) and towards the harbour (south) concurrently.

Option A is proposed at the current ‘overflow’ car park area beside Seaforth Oval, with direct access to the Wakehurst Parkway.

A surface work site is also proposed on the eastern side of the Wakehurst Parkway within Government-owned land to support construction of the ramps further to the north.

Key activities
- Entry point for roadheader machines tunnelling north and south to connect with the Beaches Link main tunnels
- Beaches Link tunnel fit-out
- Tunnel spoil removal
- Support surface works and ramp construction further to the north.

Reducing our impact
- Avoids direct impact to Seaforth Oval
- Avoids need for private property acquisitions
- Less vegetation removal along the Wakehurst Parkway than alternative sites
- Existing number of car parking spaces at Seaforth Oval to be maintained
- Site designed to avoid construction traffic on weekends, when oval will be in peak use

- Acoustic shed for tunnelling works to contain noise and dust
- Signalised intersection provides safe access to and from the Wakehurst Parkway
- Construction traffic to be separated from Seaforth Oval traffic
- Allows tunnelling north and south from the site – reducing construction duration
- Opportunity to re-purpose tunnelling site for community use post-construction (in consultation with local users and Northern Beaches Council).
Option B: the Wakehurst Parkway – east side

A temporary site is required for tunnelling to the ramps (north) and towards the harbour (south) concurrently.

Option B is proposed on Sydney Water land north of Kirkwood Street.

A surface work site is also proposed on the eastern side of the Wakehurst Parkway within NSW Government-owned land to support construction of the ramps further to the north.

Key activities
- Entry point for roadheader machines tunnelling north and south to meet the Beaches Link main tunnels
- Beaches Link tunnel fit-out
- Tunnel spoil removal
- Support surface works and ramp construction further to the north.

Reducing our impact
- Avoids interface with Seaforth Oval precinct
- Uses NSW Government-owned land
- Avoids need for private property acquisitions
- Acoustic shed for tunnelling works to contain noise and dust
- Allows tunnelling north and south from the site – reducing construction duration.
Next steps

You can contact us at any time to learn more about the project or to provide your feedback.

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