Bus priority and capacity improvements in Macquarie Park

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services are proposing a range of improvements to the road network in Macquarie Park to make the journey to and from work and home easier.

The proposed road works would improve bus services travelling through the area and make getting around Macquarie Park easier for everyone, whether you are walking or driving to the shops or university. The proposal would support Sydney’s Bus Future plan and be delivered as part of the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program.

Roads and Maritime have detailed these changes in a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and we invite you to have your say on the proposal by 5pm on Friday 12 May 2017.
HERRING ROAD AND EPPING ROAD INTERSECTION

Introduction of second lane
Dual right turn lanes
Re-aligned left turn
Staged pedestrian crossing

KEY
- Bus lane
- Bus stop

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Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place intersection

- Dedicated right turn into Windsor Drive
- Dedicated right turn into Morling College
- New signalised intersection
- Kerbside bus lanes
- Dedicated right turn into Ivanhoe Place
- Signalised pedestrian crossing on all sides of intersection

KEY
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
HERRING ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD INTERSECTION

- Dedicated right turn into Macquarie Centre
- Kerbside bus lanes
- Right turn lanes (one for general traffic and one for buses)
- Extension of right turn bay
- Re-aligned left turn

KEY
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
- Macquarie University Train Station

WATERLOO ROAD, BYFIELD STREET AND KHARTOUM ROAD INTERSECTION

- Dedicated right turn
- Signalised intersection
- Re-aligned left turn
- No right turn
- Shared through/ right and dedicated right turn
- Shared through/ right and dedicated right turn

KEY
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road intersection

- Staged pedestrian crossing
- New kerbside bus lane
- Kerbside bus lanes
- Dual right turn
- Staged pedestrian crossing
- Three right turn lanes (one being a dedicated bus lane)
- Re-aligned left turn
- Extended left turn bay
- Re-aligned left turn
- Pedestrian fencing in the median

KEY:
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
- Macquarie University
- Train Station
- Pedestrian fence
BACKGROUND

Macquarie Park is a rapidly growing residential, commercial and shopping district, needing long-term bus and road improvements to support the area’s future growth. We are proposing a range of road and intersection upgrades to improve the reliability and efficiency of bus services, while easing congestion and improving traffic flow for all road users in the area.

We propose to deliver the work in two stages:

STAGE 1

As part of Sydney Metro Northwest, the Epping to Chatswood rail line is scheduled to temporarily close from late 2018 for about seven months. During this period, the Temporary Transport Plan will be implemented to replace railway services with additional buses. The proposed road and intersection upgrades would support the running of buses and improve traffic flow in the area. The proposed work would start around mid-2017.

STAGE 2

Once Sydney Metro Northwest opens, the remainder of the road and intersection upgrades would be carried out. This work would provide long term improvements and ongoing support for two key corridors set out in Sydney’s Bus Future – Parramatta to Macquarie Park via Carlingford and Epping, and Hurstville to Macquarie Park via Burwood. The work would also benefit other bus services operating in the area and provide important upgrades to the road network to reduce congestion and improve access for all road users.

We have included maps to help explain the proposed work.

Roads and Maritime is seeking your feedback by 5pm on Friday 12 May 2017 on the proposed road and intersection upgrades which have been detailed in the REF available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/bpp.

OVERALL PROPOSAL

Key features of the proposal include:

• upgrading the intersection of Herring Road and Epping Road
• upgrading the roundabout intersection of Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place to a signalised intersection
• adjusting the median along Herring Road, between Ivanhoe Place and Waterloo Road to provide continuous bus lanes in both directions
• upgrading the intersection of Herring Road and Waterloo Road
• widening Waterloo Road between Cottonwood Crescent and Lane Cove Road to provide continuous bus lanes in both directions
• upgrading the roundabout intersection of Byfield Street and Waterloo Road to a signalised intersection
• upgrading the roundabout intersection of Khartoum Road and Waterloo Road to a signalised intersection
• upgrading the intersection of Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road
• extending the existing southbound bus lane on Lane Cove Road, between Waterloo Road and Epping Road
• upgrading the intersection of Lane Cove Road and Epping Road
• extending the right turn lane northbound on Lane Cove Road onto Epping Road eastbound, between Allengrove Crescent and Lorna Avenue.

There would be removal of about 150 trees and we would explore opportunities for replacement plantings.

There would also be some loss of parking.

For more information about the proposed upgrades in each stage, please refer to the REF available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/bpp.

KEY BENEFITS

• Providing faster, efficient and more reliable travel times through the Macquarie Park area for buses and all road users
• Improving pedestrian safety and access with new crossing facilities
• Providing short-term support for the additional buses needed for the temporary closure of the Epping to Chatswood rail line
• Providing long-term ongoing benefits for key bus corridors and local bus services through improved and upgraded bus priority infrastructure.
With Sydney’s population predicted to increase by around 1.6 million people in the next 20 years, Sydney faces substantial growth. That’s why it’s vital to ensure our roads support transport connections, move freight, ease congestion, provide more reliable travel times and create a safer road network.

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HAVE YOUR SAY
We welcome your written submissions about the proposed work by 5pm Friday 12 May 2017.

Please send your submissions to:
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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
We will consider all feedback and respond in a submissions report, which will be available later this year.
We will continue to liaise with the community throughout the project.

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