



Pop-up transport

Fact sheet for The Beach to Bay Connection – Waverley to Woollahra pop-up cycleway



Pop-up transport overview

The NSW Government recognises that more people than ever are walking or bike riding to work, or for leisure and fitness. The NSW Government continues to encourage people to walk and bike ride 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 bike riding 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.

The NSW Government is delivering pop-up transport changes in response to COVID-19. We are working to ensure safe routes for walking, bike riding 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 bike riding to support travel during the COVID-19 recovery, along routes where there are missing cycleway links, where there is demand for bike riding 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 bike riding 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 proposed cycleways in different Local Government Areas: City of Sydney, Inner West, North Sydney, Parramatta, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra, as well as 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 bike riding routes
- Connect to existing bike riding cycleways

- Are on locations where public transport is likely to be overcrowded
- Provide access to schools, workplaces and other services.

Waverley to Woollahra pop-up cycleway

- This project, also known as the 'Beach to the Bay Connection' is being delivered by Transport for NSW, working closely with Waverley and Woollahra Councils.
- The pop-up cycleway is planned to start at Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach (length 840 metres) and it continues along O'Sullivan Road, Rose Bay (length 1630 metres).
- The planned pop-up cycleway on Curlewis Street will be located on the north eastern side until Gould Street, where it changes to the other side of the road using an existing pedestrian crossing and continues to Campbell Parade. It will be approximately 2.4 metres wide and include two lanes going in both directions and have a physical barrier to parked cars for bike rider safety.
- The planned pop-up cycleway on O'Sullivan Road will be located on the north eastern side from Old South Head Road to New South Head Road and will be placed between the kerb and parking spaces. It will be approximately 2.4 metres wide and include two lanes going in both directions and have a physical barrier to parked cars for bike rider safety.
- This design for the pop-up cycleway does not require parking to be removed to operate the cycleway. However some parking space may be temporarily interrupted during construction.
- The route was chosen to connect Bondi Beach to Rose Bay, offering local residents a continuous bike path to both recreational locations. The selected route also connects to an existing share path on adjacent Blair Street and another cycleway on Birriga Road.
- The pop-up cycleway also offers the local community a safe route for exercise and access to local amenities, including Woollahra Golf Club, the Rose Bay ferry terminal, numerous local schools and places of work.
- Waverley Council supports the Curlewis Street project and has a proposed concept design in development.
- Woollahra Council supports the O'Sullivan Road project, which will link with its planned cycleway on New South Head Road, between Double Bay and Rose Bay.
- Transport for NSW is in discussions with Waverley and Woollahra councils to decide on the cycleways' best delivery method. The work is planned to be delivered in the coming months.
- This cycleway will be delivered in stage two of the pop-up cycleway program in response to COVID-19.

Understanding and reducing the effect of the work

Many residents in Sydney already live alongside a cycleway. This cycleway will not prevent entry and exit from properties, and the cycleways barriers will not affect access to driveways.

The planned placement of the pop-up cycleway is between the kerb and parking spaces. This design feature is possible as Curlewis and O'Sullivan Streets are wider than typical suburban streets.

The pop-up cycleway will run through the junction at Old South Head Road. Safety risks for bike riders will be reduced by directing them to use the pedestrian crossing between O'Connell and Blair Streets and by the use of shared paths. Bicycle crossing lights will be installed at this location to further improve safety.

The work will take place mostly during the day, however some night work may take place between 5pm and 11pm. To lower noise, hand tools will be used and on-site equipment will be limited to reduce the changes to parking space.

There will be a temporary need for parked vehicles to be moved elsewhere during the installation of the pop-up cycleway. TfNSW is working with Waverley and Woollahra Councils to develop plans to reduce the time required for temporary parking removal. Further details will be provided when available.

Cycleway signage will be placed along the route to inform the community of the new use of public space. The planned barrier between parked cars / traffic and the cycleway will also increase bike rider safety.

Community engagement

Given the ongoing threat COVID-19 poses to people's health and our economy, Transport for NSW has acted quickly to provide 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' notice before work begins. We will use this time to answer questions, carefully consider feedback and respond to concerns. At least five working days' notice will be provided before the work starts.

Ongoing community engagement will also take place through work notifications, the media, social media and the webpage nswroads.work/covid-infrastructure

A dedicated team is ready to speak to people who want to know more. Feedback can be provided via the webpage nswroads.work/covid-infrastructure, email covidpopup@transport.nsw.gov.au or phone **1800 573 193**.

The community will also get to have its say on plans to make pop-up cycleways permanent.

Next steps

We are working closely with Waverley and Woollahra Councils to deliver the cycleway and will share further project details as they become available.

Further information

You can find more information about these changes by visiting nswroads.work/covid-infrastructure, phoning **1800 573 193** or emailing covidpopup@transport.nsw.gov.au

This webpage includes a map of all the proposed pop-up transport changes throughout Sydney and is updated regularly as the project develops.