

Fort Street Public School cycleway diversion

Frequently asked questions

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General

Why is the Sydney Harbour Bridge southern cycleway being diverted?

Construction is about to start on a major redevelopment at Fort Street Public School. As the Sydney Harbour Bridge southern cycleway passes through the school site, we need to divert part of the cycleway for the duration of the construction of the project to ensure the safety of cyclists.

The cycleway diversion was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment as part of the State Significant Development Application.

When will the construction of the Fort Street Public School upgrade begin?

We expect construction will start in the first quarter of 2021.

When will cyclists start using the diverted cycleway?

We expect the cycleway diversion will start operating in early 2021. We will update the community once the exact date has been determined.

How long will the diversion be in place?

The diversion will be in place for the duration of the construction works of Fort Street Public School upgrade. The upgrade is expected to take about 18 months. We will continue to keep the community informed about the timeframes as the project progresses.

What role do Transport for NSW have in the diverted cycleway?

School Infrastructure is working closely with Transport for NSW in the design and implementation of the temporary cycleway diversion.

What role do the City of Sydney have in the diverted cycleway?

School Infrastructure NSW have been closely consulting with the City of Sydney in the detailed design and development of the cycleway diversion.

Construction of cycleway diversion

When will construction of the diversion start?

Early 2021. We will update the community once the exact date has been determined.

How long will construction of the diversion take?

Up to eight weeks.

What route will cyclists use while the diversion is being constructed?

Cyclists should continue to use the existing cycleway until construction of the diversion is completed.

What works are involved in the cycleway diversion?

We expect the following works will be involved in the construction of the cycleway:

- Linemarking
- Minor civil works around Gas Lane/Kent Street intersection to put ramp in place
- Temporary removal of parking on Kent Street, Argyle Street and Argyle Place
- Relocation of post boxes on the corner of Kent Street and Argyle Street
- Minor civil works to the Kent Street and Argyle Street intersection.

We will give notice to residents prior to work commencing on their street, including the duration of works and hours of construction.

How will construction impact local parking?

Parking spots will need to be temporarily removed at various points along the cycleway diversion to allow for line marking and civil works for the cycleway. We will give notice to residents prior to work commencing.

Operation of cycleway diversion

Why are changes to traffic and parking required for the cycleway diversion?

We need to make a range of changes to local traffic conditions and parking to accommodate a safe, two-way cycleway on Kent Street that is separated from motorists and pedestrians.

What traffic changes will result from the diversion?

The following traffic changes are anticipated to allow for the operation of the cycleway diversion:

- Kent Street to be northbound-only for motorists between High Street and Argyle Street. Motorists to use High Street to travel south
- potentially shorter turning lane southbound from Kent Street onto the Cahill Expressway
- lane alignment on Argyle Street.

How will parking be impacted by the diversion?

To accommodate the cycleway as well as the bus stop relocation on Argyle Street and line marking realignment, we anticipate a temporary net loss of 15 to 20 parking spaces.

How will pedestrian safety be maintained from high speed cyclists?

A separated cycleway will help ensure the safety of all road users.

How will bike commuter safety be maintained (i.e. from other vehicles)?

The cycleway will be separated from vehicle traffic similar to other cycleways across Sydney. The cycleway will be clearly marked in green at key points (e.g. at the interface with driveways). Protective measures will also be implemented on the corner of Kent Street and Argyle Street.

Will the diversion increase cyclist travel times/distances?

The diversion will add about 300 metres to the bicycle route.

Will local bus services/bus stops be impacted by the diversion?

It is anticipated that the bus stop on Argyle Street between Kent Street and Watson Road will need to be relocated to the east of Watson Road to allow for the two-way separated bike lane connecting Kent Street and Watson Road. We will give notice to residents and transport customers prior to relocating the bus stop.

The cycleway will not impact bus routes.

When will the Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway upgrade begin?

The Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway access projects are a separate project to this cycleway diversion and are managed by Transport for NSW. Please contact Transport for NSW if you have a questions at: 1800 581 595 or sydneyharbourbridgeprojects@rms.nsw.gov.au

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