



Transport for NSW

# Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection

## Traffic and Transport

The Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection project will provide a new underground motorway bypass of the Spit and Military Road corridor and Warringah Road and Eastern Valley Way corridor. The project will significantly reduce journey times, reduce congestion on surface roads and improve reliability for commuters, service vehicles, freight and public transport users who rely on these critical transport links each day. It will also provide opportunities for new public transport links.

### Assessment

As part of the planning process for the project, we have collected and analysed a significant amount of data to understand how people currently use the road network, and carried out a detailed traffic and transport assessment to help us make predictions about future traffic conditions. Our assessments looked at existing road traffic, local roads and parking, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists, and maritime traffic. In addition to the benefits the project will deliver, we also investigated and assessed the potential impact to the local and wider road network and to vessels on the harbour; both while we are building and when we are open to traffic at project completion.

The assessment process included traffic modelling that considers future population growth, land use, and other major road network and public transport projects to understand how the project will integrate with the broader transport network today and into the future.

### When we are building

#### Transport changes near you

Sydney is expanding and the NSW Government is working hard to deliver an integrated transport system that meets the needs of customers now and in the future. Shaping the future of our city is a significant task and you may notice some temporary changes to the transport network while we are working. We know our work can be disruptive and delays can be frustrating for you and we are committed to reducing our impact where we can.

Where possible, our temporary construction support sites have been located on motorways and main roads to minimise the use of local streets for trucks moving materials to and from the sites. Our priority during construction is to ensure the community, road users and pedestrians all remain safe around our temporary sites and activities.

We will continue to work closely with the Greater Sydney Operations Team in Transport for NSW, Port Authority of NSW, local councils, emergency services, and bus operators to ensure we work together to minimise traffic and transport impacts.



To manage construction traffic impacts we will be:

- managing construction vehicle traffic to minimise impacts during peak traffic times
- minimising heavy vehicle movements on local roads
- managing vehicle access to sites to ensure pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety
- redirecting pedestrians and cyclists to provide safe passage around our sites, where required
- using clear signage, barriers and/or line markings as required to make it easier for you to navigate around our construction sites
- carrying out partial road closures outside peak times or during the night, where possible
- working with other transport projects and other major developments to coordinate our work, where possible.

Communicating with you about our work and any proposed changes is very important. We will be making information available through a variety of means including digital, phone and notifications to keep you informed about our work and help you plan your journey.

### Travel times

We are not expecting substantial changes to your travel times while we are working. Some areas may temporarily experience impacts such as:

- an increase of construction related vehicles sharing the road, particularly around work sites
- localised increases in traffic volumes and traffic delays
- temporary lane and road closures
- minor adjustments and to some bus stops and bus infrastructure
- temporary adjustments to shared user paths, pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure
- temporary reduction of speed limits
- temporary impacts on maritime speeds and travel times in Middle Harbour mostly west of the Spit Bridge.

**Keeping trucks  
off local  
streets** 

Road users and local residents will be notified well in advance of any disruptions or changes, and we will do our best to make any disruptions as short as possible.

Our assessment shows we will have a limited impact on the existing public transport network around our project during construction, but there will need to be some small adjustments in areas.

During the work we will need to make some short-term temporary changes to bus stop locations. This may include temporarily moving bus stops to the closest practical alternative location while work is being carried out or temporarily changing routes to avoid construction work. This may cause some minor increases in bus travel times at certain phases of our work. Bus users and local residents will be notified well in advance of any disruptions or changes.

### Worker parking

We know from our earlier engagement you are concerned about workers parking in local streets and community car parks.

We are providing dedicated worker parking at most of our sites, and actively encouraging workers to avoid parking on the surrounding road network, to reduce the need for worker vehicles to park in local streets.

This will include encouraging our workers to use public transport to access the temporary sites. Worker shuttle buses may also be provided where public transport availability to construction support sites is limited. However due to the nature of their work, some workers will still need to drive to and from the temporary sites to carry the tools they need to work.

### Keeping you informed about transport changes

We will continue to engage with you when we are building. This will include communication before the start of work to keep you informed of what we are doing in your area and on our roads, and any likely impact.

## Maritime movements

You will notice an increase in harbour maritime traffic when we are building the Middle Harbour crossing.

If you spend time on the water you may notice us:

- moving around on barges, tugboats and smaller vessels
- temporarily restricting maritime speeds by providing controlled navigation routes to ensure safe passage through our temporary sites
- temporarily relocating swing moorings off Seaforth Bluff and Spit West Reserve during construction
- establishing and operating a partially floating and fixed temporary site off Spit West Reserve
- establishing two temporary cofferdams - one off Clive Park at Northbridge, and one off Seaforth Bluff at Seaforth (both accessed by water, not by land)
- implementing temporary exclusion zones around the cofferdams off Northbridge and Seaforth Bluff - temporarily reducing navigational width
- seabed dredging (profiling) activities in preparation for the installation of immersed tube tunnel units
- restricting maritime traffic between Northbridge and Seaforth headlands for a period of up to 48 hours at a time (but not on weekends) while we install the six immersed tube tunnel units.



Traffic on the Spit Bridge

## Reducing our impact

We have designed the project and developed our construction methodology to reduce interruptions to the navigation of boats and watercraft within Middle Harbour.

We will work closely with recreational users, community groups, commercial enterprises, and other government agencies while we set up our construction sites, make any changes to the navigation channels and build in the water. We will:

- operate our vessels to minimise wash to the shoreline
- schedule our activities to avoid times and locations where there is high recreational marine traffic, where feasible and reasonable, for example on weekends, Australia Day and New Year's Eve
- implement temporary maritime traffic restrictions in consultation with relevant stakeholders
- temporarily relocate moorings impacted during construction elsewhere in Middle Harbour in consultation with the lease holder(s) and owners
- Consult with surrounding water based users of Middle Harbour including Mosman Rowing Club and Northbridge Sailing Club to minimise construction impacts, where possible.



## When we are open to traffic

### Travel times

Beaches Link will deliver significant transport improvements for a range of road users including; bus users, service vehicles, freight and commuters. Users of the new tunnel and existing surface routes will benefit from reduced congestion and travel times. The project will deliver opportunities for new underground express bus links to North Sydney, Sydney CBD, St Leonards and Macquarie Park, providing you with more options to choose how you move around Greater Sydney. While there will be some changes to traffic in local areas, this will be small and offset by the overall travel time savings across the journey.

We will carry out a review of the operational road network 12 months after the project is open and again at five years after the project is open. This is to confirm the network is operating as we expected and identify any mitigation measures required to manage any additional traffic impacts.

### Travel time savings

 **38** minutes from Balgowlah to Sydney CBD

 **56** minutes from Dee Why to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport

 **32** minutes from Manly to Macquarie Park

\*Scenarios assume vehicles are travelling via Beaches Link and the wider motorway network, including Western Harbour Tunnel, Westconnex and Sydney Gateway

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