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Great Western Highway Upgrade Program

Medlow Bath Station and pedestrian bridge fact sheet

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Medlow Bath Station will be upgraded through the NSW Government's Transport Access Program (TAP)
(image credit: Spackman Mossop Michaels)

Together the Australian and NSW Governments are investing more than \$4.5 billion towards upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow. The Great Western Highway Upgrade will reduce congestion, deliver safer, more efficient and reliable journeys for those travelling in, around and through the Blue Mountains, and better connect communities in the Central West.

As part of the upgrade, Transport for NSW (Transport) is improving accessibility at Medlow Bath Station.

This portion of the project is being delivered as part of the Transport Access Program (TAP), a NSW Government initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure.

The proposed Medlow Bath Station upgrade will provide a station precinct that is accessible to people with a disability or limited mobility, parents or carers with prams, and customers with luggage.

We invite the Medlow Bath community and other interested stakeholders to submit your feedback to the proposal during the Medlow Bath Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and Concept Design consultation period from 26 July to 24 August 2021.

Why are we upgrading Medlow Bath station?

The NSW Government is committed to facilitating and encouraging the use of public transport, such as trains, by upgrading stations to make them more accessible, and improving interchanges around stations with other modes of transport such as buses, bikes and cars.

Medlow Bath Station has been identified for an accessibility upgrade as it does not currently meet the key requirements for the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT) or the *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA). The following accessibility issues have been identified and will be addressed in the upgrade:

- the existing paths from the public domain footpaths to the station entries are not currently compliant with DDA standards
- access to platforms is currently via a level crossing and steep ramp or stairs that are not compliant with DDA standards and do not facilitate access for people with reduced mobility, parents/carers with prams or customers with luggage
- existing tactile ground surface indicators on the platform are non-compliant with DDA standards
- there are no existing accessible car parking spaces within the informal commuter car park along Railway Parade.

Objectives of the upgrade

The proposed Medlow Bath Station upgrade will provide safe and equitable access to the platforms and to the pedestrian network surrounding the station. The specific objectives of the upgrade are to:

- provide a station that is accessible to people with a disability or limited mobility, parents or carer with prams, and customers with luggage
- improve customer experience through improved weather protection, interchange facilities and visual appearance
- minimise pedestrian conflict and crowding points
- improve integration with surrounding precinct
- improve customer safety
- improve wayfinding in and around the station
- improve customer amenity
- improve pedestrian access across the rail and road corridor
- improve pedestrian access to Railway Parade and the Great Western Highway.

Benefits



A new pedestrian bridge



Kiss-and-ride parking on Railway Parade



Accessible parking in Railway Parade



Upgraded commuter carpark



Upgraded lighting



Upgraded public announcement system



Closed circuit television (CCTV)



Wayfinding signage

Key features

The key features of the proposed upgrade to the Medlow Bath station precinct are:

- construction of a new pedestrian footbridge including:
 - four new lifts to provide access between the footbridge, bus stops on the Great Western Highway, station platforms and Railway Parade
 - provision of accessible paths between the lifts, stairs and bus stops on the Great Western Highway
- upgrade of the station entrance on Railway Parade including:
 - modifications to the commuter car park along Railway Parade and provision of new accessible parking
 - provision of new accessible kiss-and-ride parking on Railway Parade adjacent to the new station entry
 - provision of accessible paths between the footbridge entry, kiss-and-ride space and accessible parking
- ancillary work including adjustments to lighting, relocation or replacement of existing customer facilities (platform seating, bins, payphone, Opal card readers, fencing) and improvement to station systems including additional closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras, hearing loops and wayfinding signage
- additional work including power and wiring upgrades to ensure reliable supply to the Station.

Why a pedestrian bridge?

The proposed Medlow Bath Station Upgrade removes the railway level crossing and pedestrian refuge in favour of a pedestrian bridge with lifts and stairs. This will improve safety by reducing pedestrians' interactions with vehicles and trains, and provide for accessible public transport.

Transport understands the value the local community places on their walking paths and trails, and recognises the role of the station in growing Medlow Bath's tourism industry.

The pedestrian bridge will help residents and visitors to access the Great Blue Mountains Trail network and allow tourists traveling by train to easily cross the highway to the Hydro Majestic.

We are conscious that the pedestrian bridge will introduce a significant new structure to Medlow Bath. That's why we are proposing a weathered steel truss design with see-through lift shafts that will blend in with, rather than dominate, the existing cultural and aesthetic character of the village.

We will seek your feedback to develop a Cultural Interpretation Strategy to celebrate local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal culture. We would love to hear your ideas of how we can use parts of the pedestrian bridge to help to tell local Medlow Bath stories.



Artist's representation of proposed Medlow Bath Station pedestrian bridge

What is an REF?

Transport has legal obligations to assess and mitigate impacts that may result from a proposed activity. An REF details these legal obligations, and the environmental impacts and mitigation measures of a project. Feedback on this REF will inform the approval of the proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade.

What is a Concept Design?

The Concept Design is a project design that is developed in sufficient detail to allow an assessment of likely environmental, social and economic impacts so that stakeholders can consider the proposed project and provide feedback. The concept design may change based on feedback provided by stakeholders.

View the REF and Concept Design

You can view the Medlow Bath Upgrade REF and Concept Design at our virtual consultation room at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult

Have your say

We will hold online consultation sessions where you can ask our team any questions you have and tell us what you think.

We recommend that you view the REF and Concept Design before you speak with the team or make a submission.

Speak to the project team

Wednesday 28 July **Saturday 31 July**
1.00–2.30pm 12.30–2.00pm

Tuesday 3 August **Thursday 5 August**
6.30–8.00pm 6.30–8.00pm

Register for our Microsoft Teams live-stream consultation sessions at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult

Contact us on **1800 953 777** or gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au to book a personal phone consultation if you prefer.

Face-to-face consultation

As COVID-19 restrictions are once again in place, we regret we are unlikely to be able to offer face-to-face consultation at this time.

Consultation will be held online to ensure your safety and comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

If restrictions ease before consultation ends we will organise face-to-face consultation, in line with existing guidelines at that time.

How to make a formal submission

We welcome all feedback on the Medlow Bath Upgrade REF and Concept Design.

To have your input formally considered, and receive a response in the consultation report, use our online submission form at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult or mail a printed submission to:

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program
Medlow Bath Upgrade REF & Concept
Design PO Box 2332, Orange NSW 2800

Consultation and exhibition is open from 26 July - 24 August. All formal submissions must be received by midnight, 24 August.

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