

# Improving walking and bike riding

## North Sydney LGA and surrounds

Community Update

Winter 2023



Have your say on walking and bike riding in and around your area by Tuesday 11 July

How can we make walking and bike riding more attractive and accessible to you, your family and broader community? What improvements to public spaces are important to you when moving around your community, on foot, a mobility device, a pushbike, or with children?

### Background

Transport for NSW invites your feedback on ways to improve walking and cycling in North Sydney and the surrounding suburbs. Your feedback will be integrated into a review produced by the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, that will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment in Q3 2023.

We are responding to the growing demand for safe and accessible cycling and walking paths. More people are looking for sustainable and healthier ways to travel which are safe and convenient.

For pedestrians, this means 15-minute neighbourhoods that prioritise walking to local destinations and transport networks. For bike riders, it means continuous and connected cycle paths, to enable more people to safely ride their bikes as part of their everyday travel.

Our area of focus stretches across, and within the busy centres of North Sydney, Milsons Point, Kirribilli, Neutral Bay, Cammeray, Crows Nest and St Leonards.



Pacific Highway, North Sydney

### Share your feedback online or in person

Use our online map to leave a comment about walking and cycling in your areas and what you would like to see improved.

Complete a survey about bike riding and walking to help us plan more paths for the future.

We will be available in person to answer your questions and hear from you. Please see the back page for details of our pop-up locations and times.



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## Here are some ideas to help you think about what could improve walking and cycling in your area:

- Smooth travelling:** Connecting public spaces and destinations via continuous walking and riding paths, clear signage, choices of transport.
- Shade and shelter:** trees and seating areas.
- Sense of safety:** Good lighting, clean and well maintained areas.
- Navigating traffic and roads:** reduced vehicle speeds, crossings in the right places.
- Equitable access:** pathways wide and clear, ramps, access to local services.
- Welcoming places of meaning:** public art, interesting things to see, play streets and shared zones, places to meet and socialise.
- Space for business:** waiting space and outdoor dining.

## Why we are asking for your opinion

We would like to understand how walking and bike riding can be made more attractive, comfortable and safe to you, families, the mobility impaired, the elderly, commuters and visitors in this area.

We have identified some gaps in the walking and bike riding network. We would like to hear what you think about these locations, and any other locations that are important to you, when you consider walking or riding.

## Places that encourage walking and cycling – ideas to shape your feedback

When our public spaces are welcoming, safe and accessible, walking and bike riding become more attractive options to get around our neighbourhoods. Tree canopy cover and shade, well-designed roads and pathways with safe speeds, and a concentration of activities are all features of great public spaces that bring people onto streets.

### Share your feedback online

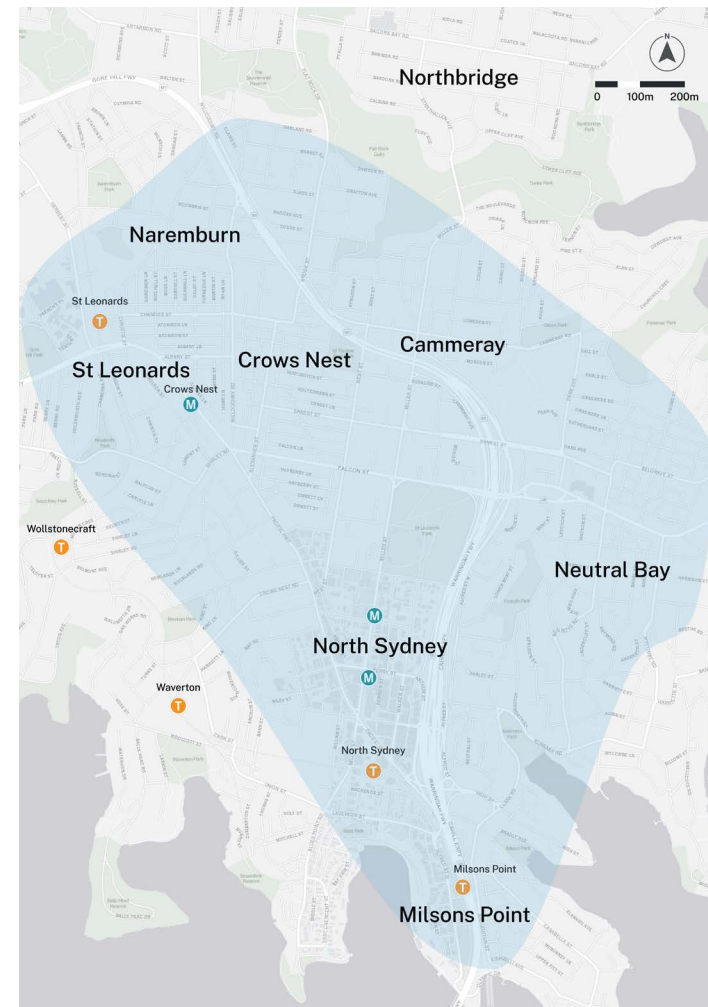
We're also seeking your feedback on the **Place, Design and Landscape Plan** for the Warringah Freeway.



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## Study area covered by the Active Transport Network Review (ATNR)



## Suggested priority walking and cycling locations

Please share your feedback. You can comment on the identified areas and others you are interested in.

### 1 Gore Hill Freeway

There are currently safety issues for bike riders on the Gore Hill Freeway cycleway between Brook Street and West Street, as they are required to cross the busy Brook Street on-ramp to the Warringah Freeway. We are recommending exploration of options for a safer cycling connection here.

### 2 Falcon Street interchange

It is difficult for pedestrians and bike riders to travel between North Sydney and Cammeray / Neutral Bay. We are looking at opportunities to improve cycling and walking at the interchange.

### 3 North Sydney CBD (McLaren Street)

Victoria Cross Metro Station is forecast to have around 15,000 passengers entering and exiting the station in the busiest morning peak hour by 2036. Whilst the precinct here will include 160 bicycle parking spaces, there is no clear and defined cycle route linking with the station that is suitable for all ages and abilities. Walking and cycling connections to the Northern entrance of the station will ensure safe walking and cycling links for all ages and abilities.

### 4 North Sydney CBD (East)

Currently, there is no dedicated cycle route between North Sydney CBD towards St Leonards Park. Developing a cycleway from North Sydney CBD to the new Ridge Street shared user bridge (delivered by the Warringah Freeway Upgrade) will provide safety and create a cycling link to North Sydney CBD.

### 5 North Sydney CBD (West)

Travelling from North Sydney to St Leonards, bike riders are required to ride in traffic lanes with heavy traffic including buses, which is not suited to all ages and abilities. Creating a safe link for riders would strengthen the cycling network towards St Leonards, Cammeray and Crows Nest.

### 6 Lavender Street to Blue Street

When riding between the Harbour Bridge and North Sydney, cyclists face a gap in the route from Lavender Street to the junction of Blue Street and the Pacific Highway. Bike riders either ride on the shared path or on one lane coming off the freeway. The path is narrow and uneven, due to trees and street lighting fixtures. A safe and continuous walking and cycling link here would enable a connected route between the Harbour Bridge and North Sydney.



## Identified gaps in the walking and cycling network that could be prioritised for development.

The areas shown in the map on page 3 have been identified as priorities through our stakeholder workshops. You now have the opportunity to comment on these priorities and comment on walking and bike riding in any other area of interest within the catchment.

## Your feedback will be used in the Active Transport Network Review

Transport for NSW is preparing a review of walking and bike riding networks in the busy areas around the Warringah Freeway Upgrade.

We have been working with local councils and bike user groups to identify the most critical areas for improvement. Now we would like your help to review and comment on the gaps in the walking and riding networks.

Your feedback will inform the final recommendations in the review, and will be shared with local councils so they can apply for funding through Transport's Get NSW Active funding program.

The Review will be provided to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in Q3 2023.

\* We often use the term "active transport" to describe walking, bike riding and other small, mobility device uses that are human powered.



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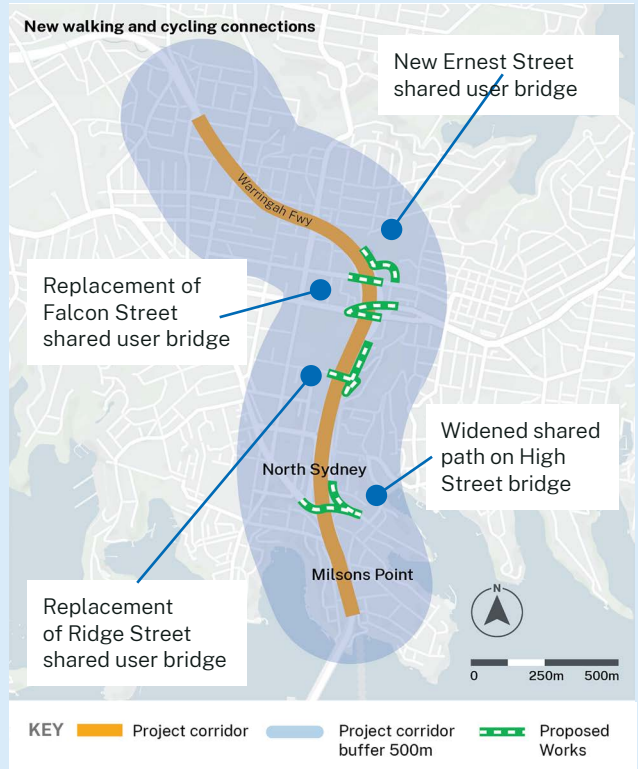
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## Did you know?

Walking and bike riding paths are being upgraded as part of the Warringah Freeway. These upgrades will commence in 2024.



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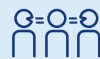
When: Saturday 17 June  
Time: 8am to 12pm  
Location: Northside Markets

### POP-UP SESSION 2

When: Saturday 24 June  
Time: 8.30am to 3pm  
Location: Kirribilli Markets



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