



Neutral Bay to Mosman route: street, walking and cycling upgrades

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Councils are required under the *Local Government Act 1993* to inform the community of issues that potentially affect their way of life. North Sydney Council is committed both in principle and in practice, to engaging on matters affecting the North Sydney community. Community engagement opportunities will be provided across a range of ‘engagement’ levels.

1. Introduction

This Engagement Strategy shows what Council will do to engage the community on the proposed designs for the **Neutral Bay to Mosman route: street, walking and cycling upgrades**.

The proposed designs include pavement renewal, new street planting, upgraded and new pedestrian crossings, new continuous footpaths across several side streets, new pram ramps and a new separated cycleway along Yeo St, Wycombe Rd, Harrison St, Rangers Rd and Spofforth St between Bent St and Rangers Ave.

1.1. Council’s Community Engagement Protocol

This strategy has been prepared in accordance with Council’s *Community Engagement Protocol*. The Protocol is used to determine the level of ‘level(s) of impact’ applicable to this project/decision (proposal). This proposal has been determined as:

LEVEL OF IMPACT	LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT
High/Local	Inform/Consult

Table 1.1. the projects level of impact informs the extent of community engagement required

Council used the framework shown below in Table 1.1 to select the most appropriate ‘level(s) of engagement’ for this proposal to ensure an appropriate range of engagement ‘levels’ and methods were offered:

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
Inform	Providing balanced and objective information to help the community understand problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions
Consult	Obtain public feedback on alternatives and/or decisions
Involve	Work directly with the community throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered
Collaborate	Partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and identification of the preferred solution

Table 1.2 Derived from the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum

2. Background

Council is committed to improving our streets to provide a safe, active and connected local area. Our community has told us they want greater access to sustainable transport options, including the choice to walk and cycle more.

Streets in the project area (between Bent Street and Spofforth Street) have a posted speed limit of 50km/h, and host many local walking and cycling trips in addition to vehicle traffic. The streets include a diverse mix of uses, ranging

from large single-storey homes to mid-rise apartment buildings, cafes, retail, medical businesses, two schools, three places of worship and a NSW Fire and Rescue fire station.

The project area is a key cycling route as it connects North Sydney's residents to the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney CBD. Despite being predominantly on-road and unsuitable for more vulnerable road users, such as young people and older adults, approximately 150 people a day currently cycle this route.

2.1. Strategic Merit

The Neutral Bay to Mosman route: street, walking and cycling upgrades will improve local conditions, and advance a key connection in Council's cycling network. The project extent is shown in image 1.



Image 1. Context map Neutral Bay to Mosman route: street, walking and cycling upgrades.

This project will help to achieve all four strategic directions in Council's ITS, including:

1. Delivery infrastructure and programs that support healthy and active travel.
2. Promote sustainable transport options and make it easier for people to get around without a private car.
3. Ensure a fair allocation of assets, parking and road space to promote sustainable travel options and prioritise access for those who need it most.
4. Improve road safety by upgrading infrastructure and implementing programs that foster a culture of safe road behaviours.

The project area forms a section of *Route 5. North Sydney to Cremorne*, identified in Council's adopted North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy (ICS), and North Sydney Bike Action Plan 2025 (BAP).

The project route provides a safe and direct connection to Ridge Street Cycleway and Victoria Cross Metro Station, which has secure bicycle parking. More broadly, the route will also provide safe connections to the strategic centre of St Leonards, and the metropolitan centres of North Sydney CBD and Sydney CBD.

Improved walking and cycling facilities will also support vulnerable road users, such as older adults, and Primary and High school students who walk or cycle to school. There are two schools within 200 metres of the project area. Schools Infrastructure NSW estimates 262 students at Neutral Bay Public would directly benefit from a cycleway to school.

The inclusion of new plantings and green borders will enhance local streets, enhance urban biodiversity and help mitigate heat island effects.

The Neutral Bay to Mosman route - street, walking and cycling upgrades will significantly enhance sustainable transport options in North Sydney, and improve streets for local residents.

3. Engagement Strategy

3.1. Who are our stakeholders?

This Engagement Strategy identifies the following groups to engage within the local community:

- Residents
- Workers
- Business owners
- Children / school pupils
- People who travel through the area

Representatives of these groups will include:

- Local State and Federal MPs
- Government agencies – Transport for NSW, NSW Department of Education, NSW Fire Service, Police NSW, and neighbouring Councils, North Shore Local Area Command – North Sydney Police.
- Schools in the project area: Neutral Bay Public School, Redlands Junior Campus, St Johns Child Care Centre.
- Places of worship in the project area: Sydney LIFE Church, Cremorne Synagogue, Neutral Bay Uniting Church, St Joseph's.
- Peak bodies and sports groups: Bicycle NSW, Bicycle Network, Better Streets, Bike North, Walk Sydney, the Pedestrian Council of Australia, Northern Sydney Cycling Club, Cammeray Roadies.
- Business groups: North Sydney Business Chamber

3.2. Key Communication Messages

- North Sydney Council is committed to improving your streets to provide a safe, active and connected local area.
- North Sydney Council is seeking your feedback on proposed upgrades on sections of Yeo Street, Wycombe Street, Harrison Street, Rangers Road and Spofforth Street.
- This project design is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

Why?

Our community has told us they want greater access to sustainable transport options. This project will help to:

- Reduce traffic on local roads from drivers avoiding Military Road,
- Make it safer for local children to walk and cycle to Neutral Bay Public School and Redlands Junior Campus,
- Improve conditions for everyone walking throughout the project corridor, and
- Improve an important connection in North Sydney's cycling network.

Proposed improvements:

- Public domain improvements, including pavement renewal and new tree planting.
- Upgraded and new pedestrian crossing points at Watson St, Bydown St, Spofforth St and Rangers Avenue.

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- Continuous footpaths across Palmer St, Bydown St, Barry St, Rangers Lane, Harrison & Rangers, and outside Sydney Life Church on Yeo Street.
- Pavement and pram ramp upgrades at Ben Boyd Rd, Wycombe Rd and Murdoch St.
- A new 1.5km separated cycleway along Yeo St, Wycombe Rd, Harrison St, Rangers Rd and Spofforth St, between Bent Street and Rangers Avenue.

What's changing?

- 57 parking spaces will be relocated, but there's no net loss of parking in the project area overall.
- 5 trees will be removed, but 10 will be planted - providing a gain of 5 trees.
- Changes to the right hand turn for traffic heading eastbound and southbound on Wycombe St (AM/PM peak, buses excepted) to simplify movements through the intersection and reduce conflicts.
- Consolidation of bus stops on Spofforth Street to accommodate a new pedestrian crossing.
- Conversion of Barry and Harrison Streets to one-way for vehicles, to accommodate cycleway and relocated car parking.

Have Your Say

- You can find out more about the proposal on Council's YourSay website, including maps, plans and artist's impressions.
- You can provide feedback on the proposal via Council's YourSay website, including a quick poll, detailed survey, and interactive map.
- Consultation will be open for 28 days from Monday 2 March 2026 until 9am on Monday 30 March.
- All feedback will be collated, analysed and incorporated into an Engagement Outcomes report for North Sydney Council to review.
- Specific feedback on designs will be considered where appropriate, as part of the detailed design process.
- Stakeholders will be kept up to date with progress. Sign up via the Your Say North Sydney webpage to receive updates on upcoming key dates and milestones.
- If approved by Council, construction is due to start once grant funding is secured from the NSW Government.

3.3. Timetable

Community and stakeholder engagement will occur at various times during the 28-day consultation period. The key project development phases are outlined in the following table:

PHASE	TIMING
1a. Consultation (public exhibition)	Monday 2 March 2026 to Sunday 30 March 2026
2. Consultation outcomes report to North Sydney Council	May
3. North Sydney Traffic Committee and Council review and potential endorsement	June 2026
4. Construction	Dependent on grant funding from NSW Government.

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Framework described on page 1, the 'level of engagement' per engagement method is indicated below.

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3.3.1 Phase 1 - Design Consultation

Council will offer various methods for the community to engage in this process, including in no order of priority:

Method	Target Stakeholders	Engage Level	Purpose
Your Say web page	All	Inform	Provide information about the project and direct people to how they can have a say e.g. consultation opportunities.
Flyer (overview of the project)			
Onsite signage			
Social Media: Council's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn			
eNews			
Letterbox Drop			
Invitation to online briefing	Representative groups	Inform	
Children's flyer	Children / school pupils	Inform / Consult	To capture views of local pupils.
Digital Site Walkthrough (x1)	All	Inform	Video walkthrough of the project site, showing stakeholders key components of the plans – hosted on YourSay.
In person Walkthrough of Similar Project (x1)	All	Inform	In person walkthrough of a street which has undergone similar changes (West St), to show stakeholders what a finished project looks like.
Door Knock (x1)	Businesses	Inform	Provide information about the project and direct businesses to how they can have a say e.g. consultation opportunities.
Pop Up Information stall (x6)	All	Inform	Council staff to host 6 X pop-up stalls across the LGA to promote the project and provide opportunity to ask questions. This will include a stall at the Northside Produce Markets (X2), on the cycling network, and locations around the project area.

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Method	Target Stakeholders	Engage Level	Purpose
School gate pop up (x4)	Children / school pupils.	Inform / consult	Council staff will host 4 x pop-up stalls at the gates of Neutral Bay PS and Redlands Junior Campus to engage with children and pupils about this project.
Precinct System Information Session	Neutral, and Harrison Bennett	Inform/consult	Council staff, if invited, will attend x2 precinct committee meetings to introduce the project and answer questions.
Precinct System Memo	Neutral & Harrison Bennett	Inform / Consult	Encourage Precinct Committees to promote consultation opportunity to their members and/or to make a submission
Submissions	All	Consult	Free form feedback accepted by email or posted letter as well as via online form (Digital map, survey).

1.1.1 Phase 2 - Post Exhibition Report to Traffic Committee/Council

All feedback received will be collated and analysed, and an outcomes report submitted to North Sydney Council for review. Specific feedback on designs will be considered where appropriate, as part of the feedback review process.

The consultation outcome report will be submitted to North Sydney Traffic Committee and Council for review.

1.1.2 Phase 3 - Construction

Assuming Council endorsement, commencement of construction is dependent upon securing grant funding from the NSW State or Federal Government. Once secured, Council officers will prepare procurement documentation for construction of the project.

Stakeholders will be notified of any construction in advance.

4. Opportunity Cost/Rationale

Engaging the community in this proposal may entail financial costs to Council to achieve a high-quality engagement process. If the process is robust, community ownership of the decisions made will ensure efficient outcomes. Insufficient or poor-quality engagement can result in poor long-term decisions requiring further resources to rectify. The aim of a high-quality engagement process is to make sustainable decisions. The engagement process will help Council staff and/or Councillors to understand the related recommendations rationale.

5. Further Information

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