WestConnex

M4-M5 Link Design changes and commitments in response to community feedback | 2017

WestConnex is part of the Australian and NSW governments' vision for supporting Sydney's growing population and keeping our economy strong. The M4-M5 Link is the third stage of WestConnex. It will link the New M4 Motorway at Haberfield to the New M5 Motorway at St Peters, with additional connections to the Iron Cove Bridge and Rozelle Interchange.

Sydney Motorway Corporation, on behalf of Roads and Maritime, has used feedback from 12 months of consultation with the community and other stakeholders to influence design of the M4-M5 Link project.

Easton Park



Feedback: The community expressed concerns about the proposed use of Easton Park at Rozelle during construction, emphasising the high value of limited open space in the area.

Response: Design options were developed to avoid any direct impact on Easton Park.

A commitment for the project to develop up to 10 hectares of new open space has also been made.

Blackmore Park



Feedback: The community expressed concerns about the possible use of Blackmore Park at Leichhardt during construction, particularly the potential impacts on the Canal Road Film Centre and arts precinct, which adjoins the oval.

Response: Blackmore Park would not be directly impacted during construction.



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Keeping you informed

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Accommodating bus lanes on Victoria Road



Feedback: Transport for NSW requested that the project design should accommodate bus lanes on Victoria Road.

Response: The Iron Cove Link portals and Victoria Road surface widening have been designed to accommodate kerbside bus lanes on Victoria Road, east of Iron Cove Bridge.

Active transport



- **Feedback:** The community provided significant feedback on pedestrian and cyclist connectivity within the project area. The community is particularly keen to see:
- Options better linking Rozelle, Annandale, Lilyfield and Glebe suburbs currently divided by City West Link, The Crescent, Victoria Road and the Rozelle Rail Yards (currently inaccessible to the public).
- Better access to Bicentennial Park/Jubilee Park (Glebe Foreshore).

Response: An Active Transport Strategy has been developed for the project. It identifies the missing links in the existing pedestrian and cyclist network, particularly in areas where construction work would occur at the surface.

Key active transport links are planned in and around the Rozelle Rail Yards and at Iron Cove Link, to better connect the surrounding communities with existing and future open space.

Camperdown	
	Feedback: The community and other stakeholders expressed concerns about the location of tunnel exit and entry points at Camperdown, in particular:
	• The potential for tunnelling to impact sensitive equipment at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) Hospital and the surrounding medical precinct
	 Construction impacts on residents and items of heritage significance
	 Traffic impacts on Parramatta Road in Camperdown.
Response: The Camperdown interchange was removed from the project design.	

In addition, the mainline tunnels were realigned further west, further reducing the likelihood of any tunnelling impacts on the medical precinct or the RPA Hospital.

Derbyshire Road



Feedback: The community and other stakeholders, including Sydney Secondary College, expressed concern about the location of a potential mid-tunnel construction site at 29 Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt.

Response: The property at Derbyshire Road, Leichhardt would not be used as a mid-tunnel construction site. A mid-tunnel construction site would still be required between Haberfield and Rozelle.

Traffic on Victoria Road



Feedback: Roads and Maritime, Transport for NSW and local community members expressed a desire for WestConnex to address congestion on Victoria Road, Rozelle.

The average daily two-way traffic count on:

- Victoria Road between The Crescent and Robert Street is 73,000 vehicles per day
- Victoria Road between Robert Street and Gordon Street is 55,500 vehicles per day.

Response: The Iron Cove Link was added to the project design in July 2016. This link would provide direct underground access from the eastern abutment of Iron Cove Bridge to and from the Rozelle interchange.

The link simplified the interchange arrangement at Rozelle and would significantly reduce surface traffic on Victoria Road at Rozelle (east of Iron Cove Bridge), easing congestion and increasing opportunities for amenity improvements and the development of active transport and public transport infrastructure.

Connections for future motorways



Feedback: Roads and Maritime highlighted the need to connect WestConnex to the proposed future Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link at Rozelle.

Response: A tunnel connection to the proposed future Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link project would be provided as part of the Rozelle interchange.

Provision of new open space



Feedback: Key stakeholders including UrbanGrowth NSW and Inner West Council, as well as local community members, identified the need for new open space.

Response: The NSW Government has committed to creating up to 10 hectares of new open space at the site of the Rozelle Rail Yards. The project would also generate up to 2.5 hectares of green space at the St Peters interchange site (which was announced as part of the New M5 project).

In addition, the project is exploring opportunities to use remaining project land along Victoria Road, near the eastern abutment of Iron Cove Bridge, for community purposes. The options for using remaining project land would be developed in consultation with the community and stakeholders.

Road closures along Victoria Road



Feedback: Community members raised concerns about the closure of Clubb, Toelle and Callan streets and the impacts this would have on local traffic movements and community safety.

Response: After further assessment, it was determined that the creation of a cul-de-sac at Toelle and Callan streets (south of Victoria Road, at the eastern abutment of Iron Cove Bridge) was not essential for the project. These roads would therefore remain open during construction. Clubb Street would be turned into a cul-de-sac.

Trucks parking on local roads

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Feedback: Community members raised concerns about trucks on other stages of WestConnex parking on local roads while they wait to enter site.

Response: A truck marshalling area (TMA) is being investigated for use during the construction of the M4-M5 Link. The TMA would provide a safe and secure offsite area, complete with amenities, to stage trucks before they are required on site.

Provision of connections for The Bays Precinct and future development at White Bay Power Station



Feedback: Key stakeholders including UrbanGrowth NSW requested that consideration be given to the future connections needed for a revitalised White Bay Power Station and The Bays Precinct.

Response: Access to White Bay has been considered in the design of the surface roads around the Rozelle interchange.

The project would provide new active transport connections both east-west and north-south to The Bays Precinct. These proposals have been developed in consultation with UrbanGrowth NSW.

Utility relocation



Feedback: Community members raised concerns about the lack of coordination of utility works on other stages of WestConnex.

Response: We are working with the Department of Planning and Environment and the Sydney Coordination Office to better coordinate work associated with utility relocation.

The project will also appoint a utility coordinator to assist in mitigating community impacts.

Access to Darley Road Civil and Tunnel site



Feedback: Community members raised concerns about heavy vehicles utilising a busy local road and intersection.

Response: Alternative access to Darley Road for heavy vehicles is currently being investigated. This could include entry and exit points to and from the westbound lanes of City West Link via Canal Road/Charles Street to further reduce local impacts.

Spoil haulage hours at Darley Road have also been reduced.