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Consultation and Submissions Report

Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt local network improvements



An update on Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt local network improvement proposals

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has been working on solutions to address both current and future traffic changes and congestion on roads throughout Haberfield, Ashfield, Leichhardt and surrounding suburbs.

A series of local network improvements across Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt were developed as early (concept design) proposals for community consultation.



About the consultation

TfNSW thanks you for your feedback on our Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt proposals released in April 2020. We began community engagement on three proposals, so that the community and other stakeholder's feedback could be considered before any decisions were made.

3,400 submissions were received during the exhibition period from Thursday 23 April to Sunday 24 May 2020 from community organisations, businesses, Canada Bay Council and Inner West Council. Every submission received has been read and analysed to understand the issues raised, with the issues being collated and categorised.

Of the submissions received, 86 per cent expressed some opposition to the proposals or an aspect of the proposals. The remaining submissions were either supportive or did not offer a position about the proposals.

An explanation of the proposals and a summary of the issues raised during and following the exhibition period is included in this report. This report does not provide a detailed list of every submission provided to TfNSW, however all submissions provided by the community and our stakeholders have been reviewed and considered.

Next steps

The submissions received during the exhibition period will help TfNSW develop solutions that deliver the best possible outcome for the community.

TfNSW will continue working closely with key stakeholders to assess, refine and develop the proposed solutions, which may include investigating other options.

Engagement with councils and key stakeholder groups will continue to ensure the best outcomes are developed for the community while ensuring traffic congestion and safety issues are addressed.

The project team will keep the community informed through regular updates on the Haberfield, Ashfield and Leichhardt website, online webinars, community notifications and email updates.

No existing or new proposals will be implemented without further consultation with the community, councils and stakeholders.

Consultation snapshot



Community Meetings
WestConnex Community reference Group meeting held for members prior to announcement of proposals on 22 April.

Pre-arranged phone calls, briefings and face to face meetings with businesses, residents and community groups.

Phone calls and email correspondence throughout the consultation period.



Two live webinars
Moderated Q&A session

127 attendees

240+ questions



NSW Roads Facebook page

Reached **124,000** community members

1,231 clicks to the NI portal

58 comments

64 reactions

26 shares



3,400

submissions received, including

74

phone calls

Frequently raised issues:
Access into and out of suburbs
Loss of parking
Pedestrian/cycling safety
Bridge design
Local traffic
Vegetation removal



School Engagement
Haberfield Public School
St Columba's Catholic School
Dobroyd Point Public School
St Joan of Arc Public School
Invitations sent to:
Orange Grove Public School

Briefing Local Members

Jo Haylen
Jamie Parker
John Sidoti



Business Engagement
Door knocked businesses near the Norton St/CWL intersection



Over **10,000** page views

2,830 animations views

780 webinar views



Council Engagement

6 workshops held with Inner West Council

1 workshop held with Canada Bay Council

More than **24,000** community updates letterbox dropped within Haberfield, Ashfield, Leichhardt, Five Dock, Dobroyd Point and Lilyfield



Bicycle User Groups
Briefings with Canada Bay BUG
Inner West Bicycle Coalition

City West Link, Norton Street and James Street intersections

- There was support and opposition to combine both intersections at James and Norton Street. Submissions received raised concerns about the size of the proposed intersection, and pedestrian safety with increased crossing times.
- Requests for a pedestrian and cyclist bridge to allow for safer pedestrian and cyclist connection.
- Concerns over parking loss for both residents and businesses on William Street, Norton Street and James Street.
- Requests for a direct connection between Norton Street North and Darley Road to minimise traffic using local roads.
- Requests to upgrade the City West Link/Balmain Road intersection to manage congestion and delays.
- Feedback suggesting changes be made to traffic phasing (more green time) at existing intersections. Concerns there is limited green time from local roads to access main roads such as City West Link.
- Submissions received expressed concern about perceived safety impacts around school zones and for vulnerable users of pedestrian crossings.

Norton Street

- Both support and opposition for the 'no right turn' out of Norton Street to City West Link.

Suggestions to:

- retain the northbound left turn movement from Norton Street onto City West Link
- retain the right turn from Norton Street to Lilyfield Road
- change existing parking rules and time limits on Norton Street
- reinstate or avoid removal of trees in the road space along Norton Street
- remove additional trees on Norton Street to increase parking supply

Lilyfield Road

The community raised concerns about:

- additional traffic using Lilyfield Road to access Norton Street if James Street becomes one way
- cyclist safety on Lilyfield Road between James Street and Norton Street
- existing cyclist safety adjacent to parked vehicles on Lilyfield Road between James Street and Norton Street
- safety and congestion on Lilyfield Road between Mary Street and Norton Street

Darley Road

The community raised concerns about:

- increased entry speed of traffic turning left into Darley Road
- the removal of the right turn from Darley Road into Hubert Street
- the removal of parking and therefore traffic moving closer to footpaths.

Suggestions to:

- widen City West Link to provide a dedicated westbound lane on City West Link for left turn movements into Darley Road
- widen the footpath on Darley Road to improve access and safety near the Leichhardt Light Rail station
- provide cycling provisions along Darley Road and James Street to connect with Lilyfield Road

James Street

The community raised concerns about:

- the removal of two way travel on James Street reducing access between Lilyfield and City West Link
- increased congestion on Mary Street as a result of the removal of the through movement onto James Street
- increased difficulty in accessing properties on the one way section of James Street
- loss of parking on James Street. Requests for a resident parking exemption scheme to apply to James Street

Hubert Street

The community raised concerns about:

- the proposed upgrade of the Darley Road/Hubert Street intersection
- the impacts to garbage collection on Hubert Street
- the impacts of increased traffic on Hubert Street

Suggestions to:

- upgrade the Darley Road, Charles Street roundabout

William Street

The community raised concerns about:

- the impacts of increased traffic on William Street
- the removal of the William Street/James Street roundabout

Suggestions to:

- increase the number of pedestrian crossings on William Street
- include traffic calming measures on William Street



Dobroyd Parade and Waratah Street, and Mortley Avenue and Timbrell Drive intersections

Timbrell Drive and Dobroyd Parade

- Concern about the existing safety of pedestrians and cyclists between Timbrell Park and the Bay Run. Requests to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Timbrell Drive by providing a wider pedestrian island or metered crossing.
- Requests to retain the right turn movement from Timbrell Drive onto Dobroyd Parade. Concern that the removal of this movement would cause a range of issues including lengthy detours (to locations such as the New M4 tunnels and Parramatta Road), safety concerns on Timbrell Drive and congestion on Mortley Avenue and Timbrell Drive.
- Suggestions to widen the bridge on Timbrell Drive over Iron Cove Canal to provide improved right turn capacity.
- Suggestions to remove the intersection's pedestrian crossing at City West Link and Timbrell Drive to improve efficiency of the right turn to Dobroyd Parade.
- Concern that extending two lanes on Timbrell Drive northbound would cause safety issues and encourage speeding.
- Request to upgrade the pedestrian and cyclist crossings at the Timbrell Drive, City West Link intersections to provide more space to wait safely and requests to increase the crossing times for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Request for a pedestrian bridge at the City West Link and Timbrell Drive intersection.
- Concern about the removal of parking on Mortley Avenue and requests to retain these spots.
- Concern that the proposal would increase traffic passing Dobroyd Point Public School.

Timbrell Park

- Requests to retain and increase vegetation plantings in Timbrell Park, adjacent to Timbrell Drive.
- Request for a new/upgraded pedestrian and cycling path connecting the proposed new pedestrian bridge at Waratah Street to the bay run.
- Support for a pedestrian bridge over Dobroyd Parade connecting Haberfield, Reg Coody Reserve and Timbrell Park at the intersection of the Waratah Street intersection. Requests for the bridge to have space and gradients suitable for cyclists and people using mobility aids.
- Concern that a new pedestrian bridge would potentially create amenity issues such as overshadowing of nearby residences.

Dobroyd Parade and Waratah Street

- Concern that removing the right turn to and from Waratah Street to Dobroyd Parade would reduce access and increase travel times for Haberfield locals, create congestion on various other locations on the network and contribute to safety issues at Dobroyd Point Public School.
- Support for the removal of the right hand turn from Wattle Street to Waratah Street to reduce rat running in local streets and to improve safety in the vicinity of Dobroyd Point Public School.

Wattle Street and Ramsay Street

- Suggestions to include a right hand turn from Ramsay Street to Wattle Street.



*Original proposal

Widening of Timbrell Dr to extend the second lane towards Henley Marine Dr

Removal of right turn out of Timbrell Dr onto City West Link
An additional left turn lane out of Timbrell Dr onto City West Link

About 8 parking spots to be removed on Mortley Ave
Bus stop relocation to accommodate additional through lane from Mortley Ave to Timbrell Dr

Pedestrian bridge over Dobroyd Parade
Design and access to be determined through consultation

Existing bridge over canal remains

Traffic lights to be removed

Right turn into and out of Waratah Street removed

Legend

- Yellow line: Pedestrian bridge, lift and ramps
- Purple line: Parking removal
- Black line: Median strip
- Red circle with slash: Bus stop removal
- Blue circle with B: Bus stop relocation

Dalhousie Street and Parramatta Road intersection

- Concern about the proposed loss of the no right turn into and out of Dalhousie Street. The community are concerned this will result in lack of connectivity into Haberfield, loss of customers for local businesses and increased travel times for residents.
- Support and opposition for a pedestrian and cycling bridge.
- Residents expressed concern about proposed design and location of the bridge, heritage and visual concerns and accessibility.

- Concerns surrounding safety of the u-turn bay and requests to signalise the proposed u-turn bay.
- The community expressed concern about the significant delays and congestion experienced at the Liverpool Road intersection.
- Concerns around the safety of the left turn out of Dalhousie Street due to the proximity to the New M4 tunnel interchange. Suggestions to signalise the left turn out of Dalhousie Street to improve safety.

- The community expressed concern about the loss of parking on Bland Street, particularly in a location close to Haberfield Public School. Concerns were also raised about the potential for increased traffic on Bland Street and pedestrian safety.

406 Bus Route

The community expressed concern about:

- the impacts to the existing 406 bus route

Suggestions to:

- re-route the 406 service to different parts of Haberfield



Contact our team

Thank you for your interest in these proposals. If you have any questions, our team would be happy to talk to you.



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