

Fact sheet

Walking and bike riding



Transport for NSW is building new shared walking and bike riding paths, also called active transport links, for the Greater Parramatta region as part of the Parramatta Light Rail program. The Parramatta Light Rail is expected to commence services in 2023.

What is an active transport link?

'Active transport' facilitates and encourages walking and bike riding by providing direct links to key destinations.

As part of the Parramatta Light Rail program, active transport links - or shared walking and bike riding paths - will be built for the community, and connect to the existing network. These paths can be accessed by mobility scooters, wheelchairs, skateboarders, and people with prams.

The largest section of active transport will run parallel to the light rail corridor between Camellia and Carlingford, making it safer and easier to get around these precincts, and providing good connections to local shops, parks, community facilities and public transport. This five-kilometre path will connect with the Parramatta Valley Cycleway at Rydalmere, supporting the City of Parramatta Council's broader pedestrian and cycling network.

A shared walking and bike riding path will also connect the Cumberland Hospital Precinct to The Children's Hospital at Westmead, and a third will run along Tramway Avenue and cross James Ruse Drive on the new light rail and active transport bridge.



Artist's impression of the Parramatta Light Rail active transport link

On a typical weekday in the Central City District, people make about 1.3 million trips shorter than two kilometres... approximately 61 per cent are walking and cycling trips.¹

The largest section of active transport will connect pedestrians and cyclists to new town centres at Camellia and Telopea, the Western Sydney University campus at Rydalmere, as well as the growing areas of Dundas and Carlingford.

¹ Source: *Our Greater Sydney 2056 Central City District Plan* - Greater Sydney Commission - March 2018. Greater Sydney Commission's Central City District is defined as Blacktown, Cumberland, Parramatta and The Hills.

What will happen to the bike network and footpaths during light rail construction?

During construction of the Parramatta Light Rail, existing footpath access and pedestrian crossings will be maintained where possible.

Where the use of temporary footpaths is required, paths will be wide enough to allow for two-way pedestrian traffic, prams and wheelchairs.

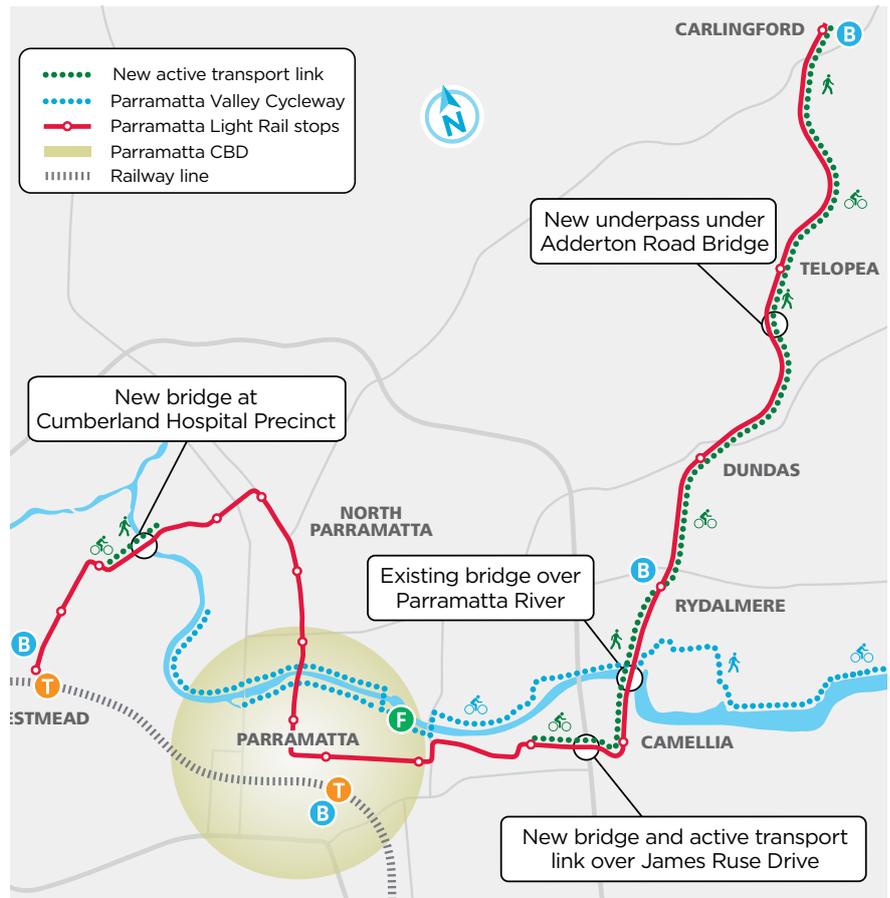
Construction may also have some impact on existing bike riding routes. We will ensure stakeholders and the community are consulted and made aware of alternative routes.

How will the light rail affect the bike network and footpaths in the long term?

Construction and operation of a major infrastructure project, such as the Parramatta Light Rail, will require some changes to the existing networks.

To manage the impacts on walking and bike riding routes, and to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety in the vicinity of the light rail, a Pedestrian and Cyclist Network and Facilities Strategy has been developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders and accepted by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

You can find the Strategy and DPIE's acceptance letter at parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library.



Can I park my bike and ride light rail?

Bike parking will be provided at selected Parramatta Light Rail stops along the active transport link.

Parramatta light rail vehicles will also be equipped with bike racks for up to six bicycles and wheelchair accessible spaces.

Transport for NSW will prioritise a network of high-quality cycling links within 10 kilometres of Greater Parramatta to provide healthy transport choices and improve access to public transport.²

Further information

For questions about the Parramatta Light Rail project or to find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au or call the project information line on **1800 139 389**.

² Source: *Our Greater Sydney 2056 Central City District Plan* – Greater Sydney Commission – March 2018