



Bella Vista Station.

Improving local pedestrian access to Bella Vista Station

Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project

Metro North West services started in May 2019, with 13 stations and 4000 new commuter car parking spaces.

The fast, safe and reliable driverless metro trains are fully-air conditioned with new customer benefits like multi-purpose spaces for luggage and parents with prams, as well as wheelchair spaces and priority seating in each carriage.

Work to start on Glenwood Pedestrian Link

In October 2015, Transport for NSW consulted Glenwood residents on a proposal to construct a pedestrian link into Glenwood to provide easier and more direct access to the new pedestrian bridge linking to Bella Vista Station.

In April and May 2018, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was exhibited for public comment for a period of six weeks. The REF proposed the construction of a new pedestrian pathway between Swansea Court and the existing shared path along Old Windsor Road.

The proposal also included new footpaths along the eastern side of Sharrock Avenue (between Swansea Court and Nixon Street) and the southern side of Cramer Place (between Swansea Court and Glenwood Park Drive) to provide connections to the existing pedestrian footpath network. The proposal was approved in November 2018, subject to a number of measures to manage any potential impacts.

Some design changes have been made to the exhibited concept design to provide both a ramp and stairs and to avoid impacts to utilities on the existing shared path along Old Windsor Road.

Work on the pedestrian link is set to commence in August 2020. Sydney Metro will undertake initial site investigations over the coming months as part of the design and planning process. The project is estimated for completion by mid-2021.



Pedestrian link concept design image.

Site establishment and construction

Sydney Metro acquired a property in Swansea Court to make way for the new Glenwood Pedestrian Link. Over the coming months, works will be undertaken to demolish the dwelling and finalise design ready for construction.

Work to enable the pedestrian link will include:

- establishing a worksite and installing site fencing;
- environmental investigations and survey work to inform project design;
- dilapidation surveys of surrounding land, roads, and gutters;
- removing the existing dwelling, driveway, and related infrastructure;
- disconnecting some existing services and utilities;
- construction of pedestrian footpath and supporting infrastructure;
- extension of the surrounding existing footpath network along Cramer Place and Sharrock Avenue; and
- landscaping, lighting and various finishing works

Construction hours will be maintained to standard construction hours wherever possible, Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and 8am to 1pm Saturdays. Should any circumstances arise where out of hours work is required a notification will be sent to properties that are directly affected and steps will be taken to minimise the disruption to local residents and workers.

Next steps

Sydney Metro will continue to undertake work across its projects in accordance with current government advice and will continue to implement social distancing and travel and hygiene measures to protect employees and members of the community. Continuing with works is critical to ensuring project continuity, and the project team will continue to review and assess activities in line with any further updates.

The Sydney Metro project team will update the community on design and construction progress through monthly updates and construction notifications.

Benefits of the pedestrian link

Pedestrian access between the Glenwood residential area and the new pedestrian bridge is currently blocked by one kilometre of continuous property fences and noise barriers along Old Windsor Road, restricting the number of residents able to walk to and from Bella Vista Station.

Constructing a new link in conjunction with the pedestrian bridge would result in improved access and reduced walking times for local residents within proximity to the Bella Vista Station. The new link would mean that an estimated 700 Glenwood households – and two local schools, Glenwood High School and Parklea Public School – would be within a 15 minute walk of the station.

An even greater number of households would be within a short cycling distance. Residents who would currently have a 25 -30 minute walk at average pace would be able to walk to Bella Vista Station in less than 15 minutes.

Glenwood parking management

The potential impacts identified in the REF and raised in community submissions have been considered and a range of management and mitigation measures have been proposed. A key concern raised in the community submissions during the exhibition of the REF included traffic and parking impacts associated with the pedestrian link.

To minimise the potential impact to residents some parking restrictions are being proposed. The proposed restrictions have been identified to help manage any potential impacts of commuter parking while still providing the opportunity for residents to park.

Sydney Metro is undertaking public consultation on the proposed parking changes around the Glenwood Pedestrian Link. The outcomes of this consultation will be provided to Blacktown City Council, which is the authority for on-street parking changes on local roads. This consultation will form part of the information considered by Council when assessing any proposed parking changes.

Following the period of public consultation, Sydney Metro will submit the recommended parking changes to Council's local traffic committee for assessment and approval. Should they be approved by Council, Sydney Metro will implement the parking changes prior to completion of the pedestrian link in 2021.

The below map shows the proposed parking changes in your area.

These proposed restrictions include:

- 4-hour parking limits (4P 9am-3pm) on weekdays
- No Parking (9am-3pm) on weekdays
- No Stopping (9am-3pm) on weekdays
- No Stopping.

The community is invited to comment on the proposed parking changes by **COB 7 September 2020**.



Proposed parking restrictions for public comment.

Have your say

Sydney Metro would like to hear your views on the proposed parking management plan. Community members are invited to submit their feedback on the proposed changes to Sydney Metro by emailing info@metronorthwest.com.au or writing to:

Sydney Metro – Proposed Glenwood parking changes
PO Box K659
Haymarket NSW 1240

These proposals are subject to consultation with Blacktown City Council and residents. We will continue to update the community as the parking management plan is determined.

Contact us



1800 019 989 Community information line open 24 hours



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