



Construction at Bella Vista Station site

## Improving local pedestrian and cycle access to Bella Vista Station

**The \$8.3 billion Sydney Metro Northwest is the first stage of Sydney Metro – Australia’s biggest public transport project. The project is delivering eight new railway stations, 23 kilometres of new track, 4,000 commuter parking spaces and Sydney’s new generation of safe, reliable and fully automated metro trains.**

Construction works on the future stations is well underway and the first train is being tested at the Sydney Metro Trains Facility at Rouse Hill. About 95 per cent of railway tracks have been laid and activity is now focused on completing the stations and precinct works.

In April Transport for NSW will install a new pedestrian bridge over Old Windsor Road, just north of the Celebration Drive intersection. In coming months you will see the delivery of additional trains and train testing.

### Proposed Glenwood pedestrian and cycle link

Pedestrian access between the Glenwood residential area and the new pedestrian bridge is currently blocked by 1 kilometre of continuous property fences and noise barriers along Old Windsor Road, restricting the number of residents able to walk to the new Bella Vista Station.

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

Community feedback focused on:

- ▶ Where a new pedestrian link could be located
- ▶ Local traffic conditions and how these may be impacted by provision of a pedestrian link
- ▶ Potential for increased on-street parking demand in Glenwood and how this could be managed
- ▶ Desire for a well-lit, safe and attractive pedestrian link
- ▶ How best to minimise potential impacts such as anti-social behaviour, noise and visual impacts

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has used this community feedback to help inform the development of options for a pedestrian link. Considering the location of existing pedestrian links, TfNSW evaluated three options for an additional link:

- ▶ Between Old Windsor Road and Shaun Street, through the Emmanuel Baptist Church/Trades Norwest Anglican Senior College
- ▶ Between Old Windsor Road and Sharrock Avenue
- ▶ Between Old Windsor Road and Vanessa Court/Maley Grove.

Following survey work conducted in mid-2017 and further technical assessment, TfNSW identified a pedestrian link to Sharrock Avenue via Swansea Court as the option providing the most improved access for Glenwood residents.

### Benefits

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 new 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 the new Bella Vista station in less than 15 minutes.

### Seeking your comment on the proposed link: Review of Environmental Factors on exhibition

This pedestrian and cycle link is described in detail and is now on public exhibition via a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). We would like the community to look at the concept design for this option and give us your feedback. The REF is on exhibition for six weeks from 6 April to 18 May 2018.

## Proposal

The proposal aims to provide a dedicated link to improve pedestrian and cyclist access between the Glenwood residential area and the existing Old Windsor Road shared-use path, to improve pedestrian and cycle access for the Glenwood community to the new Bella Vista Station and pedestrian bridge being built as part of the existing Sydney Metro approved project.

A 2.5 metre wide shared-use path would be constructed between the existing Old Windsor Road shared-use path and Swansea Court. A section of the existing shared-use path along the western side of Old Windsor Road would be adjusted to accommodate this connection.

The proposal would include the provision of landscaping and lighting, and would require the acquisition of one residential property in Swansea Court.

New 1.5 metre wide footpaths are also proposed to be installed 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 connect the link to the wider footpath network.











Without proposed pedestrian path



With proposed pedestrian path

Note: These diagrams are indicative only

### Legend

-  Existing pedestrian access
-  Sydney Metro Northwest alignment (tunnel)
-  Lake and drainage channel
-  Schools
-  Sydney Metro Northwest alignment (above ground)
-  Open space
-  New footbridge
-  Proposed pedestrian access

## Key considerations

### **A well-lit, safe and attractive pedestrian link was raised in earlier consultation. This proposal reflects that feedback.**

The proposal adopts the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to help create a safe and pleasant environment for the pedestrian link users.

These include:

- ▶ Ensuring end-to-end visibility through the link
- ▶ Selection of vegetation and landscaping to avoid 'hidden spaces'
- ▶ Building retaining walls/fencing and screening to protect the privacy of neighbouring properties
- ▶ Appropriate use of lighting to provide safe access at all times of the day
- ▶ Consideration of installation of CCTV surveillance.

### **TfNSW proposes to acquire a residential property to build the link. It is not proposing a link through the Emmanuel Church/Trades Norwest Anglican Technical College.**

Building a link in Swansea Court/Sharrock Avenue opens up access to the station for the largest number of Glenwood households. It would mean approximately 700 households plus two more schools would be within a 15 minute walk of Bella Vista Station.

Providing a formal link through the Church grounds would have resulted in the construction of a long, narrow fenced walkway. This would not meet modern design standards for providing safe access for users, particularly after dark. In addition, this option would involve significant service relocations, gradient and easement challenges, and could not be made compliant with accessibility standards under the Disability Discrimination Act and would still require property acquisition.

### **TfNSW welcomes your comments on commuter parking as part of this REF.**

Local parking conditions are implemented and enforced by local councils. Within the REF, TfNSW has proposed a number of potential measures to manage parking in local streets.

TfNSW will continue to work with Blacktown City Council on solutions for parking management in areas potentially impacted by the opening of Sydney Metro Northwest, including the Glenwood area.

Options for traffic and parking management could include:

- ▶ Time restricted parking
- ▶ Resident parking schemes
- ▶ Restricting parking to one side of the road where applicable.

TfNSW welcomes your comments as part of the REF currently on public exhibition.



Artist's impression of the preferred concept design – view from eastern side of the connection from the Old Windsor Road shared path



Artist's impression of the preferred concept design – view from Swansea Court



Artist's impression of Bella Vista Station

The REF can be viewed at the following locations:

<b>Blacktown City Council</b>	62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
<b>Vinegar Hill Memorial Library</b>	29 Main Street, Rouse Hill Town Centre
<b>Baulkham Hills Library</b>	Railway Street, Baulkham Hills
<b>The Hills Shire Council</b>	3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

Three community information sessions will be held in Glenwood in April/May 2018. These will be informal, drop-in style sessions allowing residents to meet members of the Sydney Metro Northwest project team who will be available to discuss the proposed link and new Bella Vista Station.

<b>Wednesday 11 April</b> 4pm - 7pm	60 Glenwood Park Drive Glenwood Village Shopping Centre
<b>Saturday 5 May</b> 10am - 2pm	60 Glenwood Park Drive Glenwood Village Shopping Centre
<b>Thursday 10 May</b> 4pm - 7pm	60 Glenwood Park Drive Glenwood Village Shopping Centre

## Have your say

TfNSW is keen to hear your views on the proposed pedestrian path linking Glenwood residents to the new Sydney Metro station.

The REF can be viewed online at [sydneymetro.info](http://sydneymetro.info)

Community members are invited to submit their feedback on the proposal to TfNSW by emailing [info@metronorthwest.com.au](mailto:info@metronorthwest.com.au) or writing to:  
Sydney Metro -  
Comments on Glenwood Pedestrian Link REF  
PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240

Your feedback should reach TfNSW by close of business on **Friday 18 May, 2018** and include:

- ▶ your name and address
- ▶ a brief statement on whether you support or object to the proposal, comments on the design, and any other feedback.

## Contact us

For more information, enquiries or complaints please contact us at:

- 1800 019 989** 24-hour community information line
- [info@metronorthwest.com.au](mailto:info@metronorthwest.com.au)
- [sydneymetro.info/northwest](http://sydneymetro.info/northwest)
- [facebook.com/SydneyMetro](https://www.facebook.com/SydneyMetro)
- Sydney Metro Northwest**  
PO Box 588, North Ryde, BC NSW 1670
- If you need an interpreter, call TIS National on **131 450** and ask them to call **1800 019 989**

## Next steps

Following this consultation, Transport for NSW will consider community feedback and will continue to engage with Blacktown City Council while the proposal is further refined.

Further information will be provided to the community once the proposal is finalised.

## New and faster services

Bella Vista Station to:	Sydney Metro (indicative travel time)
Macquarie University Station	19 minutes
Chatswood Station	30 minutes
Wynyard Station	50 minutes, incl. Chatswood interchange