Frequently Asked Questions

Starkey Street pedestrian bridge, Forestville

As part of the Northern Beaches Hospital Road upgrades, the NSW Government has fully funded this $5 million pedestrian bridge to improve traffic flow and road safety for road users and pedestrians.

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Who is building the bridge?
Following a competitive tender process, the tender was recently awarded to Christie Civil.

How long will construction take and when will it start?
Construction will take around 12 months to complete and will start with the relocation of utilities and set up of the site compound in the first half of 2017.

What are the main impacts of the bridge?
- Changes in visual amenity
- Some partial property acquisition to accommodate the bridge near the vet
- Reducing the number of car parking spaces in the car park for the duration of construction (site compound) and for permanent structures (lift shaft, staircase and paths).

How many car spaces will be removed during construction?
The compound will occupy up to 16 car parking spaces during normal operations.
Additional car parking spaces would be required during certain construction activities, such as concrete pours. These activities will be temporary. For example, concrete pours may last for six to eight hours and happen around every one a half to two weeks, over a period of time.
Following completion of the bridge, all but three car parking spaces will be reinstated. Three car parking spaces will be permanently removed to accommodate the bridge. Two additional car parking spaces will be modified to allow cars to be parked under the stair structure. The two modified car parking spaces will include wheel stops and height restrictions.

What will the site compound be used for?
The compound will be used to store materials, provide a staging area for construction of the bridge access structure on the southern side of the road and provision of site amenities.

What landscaping will be included?
Roads and Maritime Services will landscape all four corners of the intersection and the car park garden bed on the southern side of Warringah Road.
**What other provisions are being made for pedestrians?**

Roads and Maritime will install pedestrian safety fencing:

- on the corner of Warringah Road and Ferguson Street on the western side of the intersection
- along the median on Warringah Road on the eastern side of the intersection.

**Will you keep the pedestrian crossings across Starkey and Ferguson streets?**

Yes. The pedestrian crossings for the intersection will remain across Starkey Street and Ferguson Street during construction of the bridge. When the bridge is complete, the pedestrian crossing leg across Warringah Road on the western side of the intersection will be permanently removed. The pedestrian crossing at Ferguson Street will remain following completion of the bridge.

**What will happen to the existing bus shelter on Warringah Road?**

The eastbound bus stop and shelter on the northern side of Warringah Road would be relocated from the western side of the intersection to the eastern side. A new bus stop and shelter with would be constructed and the existing bus shelter would be demolished.

**Will the proposed pedestrian bridge cater for cyclists?**

Yes. Bicycle parking facilities would be provided on both sides near the bridge landings. The lifts will also accommodate bicycles.

**How much will it cost?**

The project will cost $5 million and is fully funded by the NSW Government as part of the Northern Beaches roadworks currently underway at Frenchs Forest.

**How is Roads and Maritime consulting the community?**

Roads and Maritime will keep the community informed on the progress of construction and changes to traffic arrangements via letterbox drops, web updates, electronic message signs on site and emails to our stakeholder database.

To be added to the stakeholder database email starkeystreetbridge@christiecivil.com.au and ask to be added to the list to keep up to date.

**Will you be buying houses or other land for this project?**

A strip of land was acquired from the veterinary clinic near the intersection. No houses were acquired as part of this project.

**For more information**

Contact the project team on 1300 997 860 or email starkeystreetbridge@christiecivil.com.au

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