Pennant Hills Road
Pedestrian Bridge, North Parramatta
March 2016

The NSW Government has committed $5 million for a proposed pedestrian bridge on Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta near Masons Drive to provide a safe crossing for local students, parents, carers and other pedestrians and cyclists. Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on this proposal by Friday 22 April 2016.

**Project features**
The features of the proposal include:

- Stairs and lifts so that it is accessible
- Closure of the pedestrian crossing
- Pedestrian fencing at the intersection to encourage the use of the bridge and improve pedestrian safety
- Mechanical gates along the pedestrian fencing so that the crossing is functional if the lifts are out of service.

The proposed pedestrian bridge would be about 9.2 metres high and would allow a clearance for heavy vehicles up to about 5.5 metres.

**Project benefits**
The key benefits to the community include:

- Improving safety, by separating pedestrians from a busy main road and providing a safe crossing of Pennant Hills Road for local students, parents, carers and other pedestrians and cyclists
- Providing a safer accessible crossing for people with limited mobility, prams and bicycles.

**Location**
The bridge would be located on Pennant Hills Road about 15 metres west of Masons Drive. The location was chosen because of existing pedestrian movements and to minimise impacts to private property.
Vegetation management

The concept design for the proposed pedestrian bridge was developed to minimise the impact to mature trees as much as possible. We have identified trees which would need to be removed or trimmed as part of this proposal. This includes:

- Removal of a large fig tree on the south west corner of the intersection. This tree poses a collision risk for motorists. An ecologist inspection suggested the tree was in poor condition and is not a threatened species

- Removal of up to 15 mature trees including planted exotics in or near Redeemer Baptist School and Burnside Shopping Village

- Removal of associated shrubs and street planting

- Some trimming of small trees and shrubs along the adjoining property boundaries.

We are preparing a Review of Environmental Factors to assess the potential environmental and community impacts of the proposal.

We will prepare a landscape plan which would include details of vegetation to be planted following construction.

Bridge design

This proposal is based on Roads and Maritime’s pedestrian bridge design standard for built up areas. The standard design can be customised through the use of colour on the lift shafts, arch and roof structure so it fits with the character of the local area. Roads and Maritime will consult with its Urban Designers and The Hills Shire Council to select the proposed colour scheme for the bridge.

We have provided an artist’s impression to help better explain the design and colour scheme.

Local heritage

The concept design for the proposed pedestrian bridge was developed to minimise the impact to heritage structures in the area. The large pillars and gates at the entrance to the Burnside Gardens will remain in place and protected during the work. Heritage features including the existing boundary fence and stone pillars at the front of Redeemer Baptist School and next to the Burnside Shopping Centre may need to be relocated to enable construction of the proposed bridge but will be put back after the project is finished.
The heritage fence pillar on the boundary of the Burnside shopping village will be removed during construction and relocated to the revised boundary post-construction.

The heritage pillars at the entrance to Redeemer Baptist School may need to be temporarily removed during construction.

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**What happens next?**

Comments received will be considered in decision making to finalise the design.

The next step for the project will be to prepare a community consultation report summarising the matters raised and Roads and Maritime’s response.

The consultation report will be made available to view on Roads and Maritime’s website later this year.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

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**Have your say**

Roads and Maritime will consider community and stakeholder feedback in finalising the design of the bridge and before making any decisions about this proposal. The closing date for feedback is **Friday 22 April 2016**.

Please send your comments to:

**Email:** enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com

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More information is also available at rms.nsw.gov.au by searching ‘Pennant Hills Road Pedestrian Bridge’.

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