

Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade



Major construction components and benefits

- Removing overhead powerlines to underneath the footpath
- Replacing existing street lights with multi-function poles, that are sympathetic to the heritage significance of Charing Cross
- Levelling-out and repaving the footpaths to create a consistent look and safer pedestrian experience
- Widening footpaths to create ample room for people with strollers, wheelchairs and walkers, as well as providing space for street furniture and outdoor dining
- Constructing two raised pedestrian crossings, including a new mid-block crossing
- Removing the slip lane that turns left from Bronte Road onto Carrington Road, allowing for a larger pedestrian island and reduced crossing times and distances
- Strategically planting trees to create a consistent canopy that will provide shade, whilst not blocking business signage

What about the road?

Traffic lanes will be narrowed, but well within Australian standards and comfortable for vehicles (including buses) to pass parked cars safely. The road will remain open to two-way traffic of vehicles and buses. This section of Bronte Road will be reduced to a 40km/hr speed zone, further improving pedestrian and motorist safety. Adding trees to the footpath creates separation between vehicles and pedestrians.

Impact on parking

The pedestrian safety upgrades will result in six less parking spaces along the strip of Bronte Road where the upgrades are taking place. Council is looking at adding parking spaces in the surrounding streets to make up this shortfall and changing some of the shopfront parking to 1/2 hr parking to allow for greater turnaround of vehicles.

When will construction start and finish?

Phase 1 - Moving the overhead powerlines underground

February - September 2024

Phase 2 - The main civil works of widening the footpaths, repaving, tree-planting and street furniture

June 2024 - January 2025

The overall construction time will be 9-12 months (weather permitting)

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Will the road and businesses remain open during construction?

Yes. At this stage, Council is not anticipating any road closures or vehicle re-routings.

Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction will be done in approximately 50m sections of the road at a time. Therefore, businesses and residents will only be inconvenienced for a few weeks at a time, not months.

Access to all shopfronts and buildings will remain open, however, there will be changes to parking arrangements directly outside the area where works are taking place. This is to accommodate construction vehicles and machinery.

Our electrical and civil contractors will be in touch with businesses and residents directly, to advise when their section of the road is due for works. Contractor employees will be responsible for the safe movement of people and traffic during the works via a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan.

How will Waverley Council assist?

Our contractors will communicate with businesses and residents to advise when construction will begin on each section of road. They will be responsible for access to premises and the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians. The Council project team can be contacted by phone on (02) 9083 8000 or emailed at majorprojects@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Council staff will be on-site regularly, as they already are, to answer questions and liaise with businesses and residents as required.

Council has also made a commitment to place 'Open for Business' signs along Charing Cross, so there is no confusion in the community as to whether shops and businesses are open. This will be supplemented with social media and Council newsletter stories.

Council will also mail notification letters in a three-block radius from the Charing Cross main business strip, advising the public that the shops will remain open during construction and encouraging people to support local businesses.

For more information

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