

Bourke Street Bicycle Route



Artist's Impression of proposed Bourke Street bicycle route

INVITATION TO COMMENT

The City of Sydney is introducing a dedicated separated bicycle route along Bourke Street. You are invited to comment on the proposal.

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The Bourke Street cycleway is an early part of our ambitious Cycling Strategy to increase the cycling route network to almost 200 kilometres. This includes 55 kilometres of separated cycle lanes and approximately 145 kilometres of cycleways, dedicated cycle lanes and shared zones.

A major shift from private vehicle dependency is urgently needed to reduce emissions that lead to global warming, air pollution and traffic congestion. Bicycles take up less road than cars, they are cheap to run and have immense health benefits for cyclists.

The planned Bourke Street cycle route runs 4.3 km from Elizabeth Street in Zetland to Cowper Wharf Road in Woolloomooloo with the initial 1.1 km, south of Phillip Street, Redfern/Waterloo, a shared pedestrian and cycleway.

The project includes landscape and pedestrian improvements, particularly near intersections, and your comments will help to ensure we get the final design right.

The City has provided a dedicated Liaison Officer to take feedback about the plans, and during the construction phase.

I encourage you to comment on this project by 24 April 2008.



Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor

THE CITY OF SYDNEY CYCLING STRATEGY

In April 2007 the Council adopted its landmark Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017.

The strategy identifies separated bicycle paths as the best option for cycling. A separated bicycle path is on the road surface but is exclusively for cyclists.

The strategy's aim is to increase cycling by 500 per cent in the city, by providing the infrastructure to make cycling a more attractive choice.

A comprehensive cycling network will be created to link existing cycling facilities and to fill gaps in current bike routes.

Safety – a major issue - will be improved through better infrastructure and education.

The strategy seeks to connect the City and our villages with a high quality bicycle network where all cyclists including children and the elderly feel safe and comfortable.

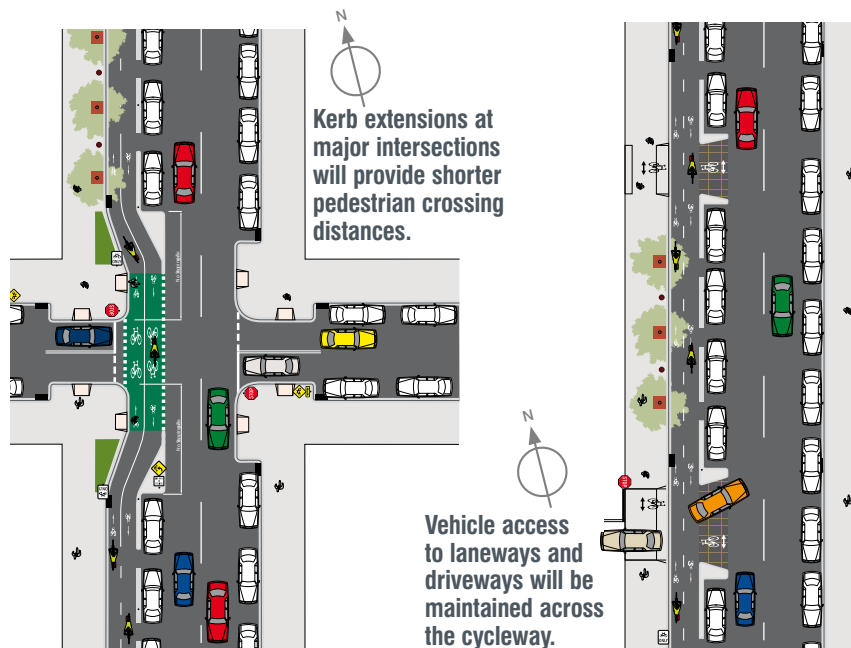
The strategy acknowledges, where possible, that some streets – like Bourke Street – will have a separate bicycle path while others will have more traditional shared paths or shoulder lanes.

BOURKE STREET BICYCLE ROUTE

Along Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Roadway to Phillip Street there will be a two-directional bicycle path. This bicycle path will be located between the footpath and the parked traffic lane on the western side of the street.

The bicycle path will be separated from the parked traffic by a median strip.

From Phillip Street in Redfern/ Waterloo to Elizabeth Street in Zetland there will be a shared bicycle/pedestrian path on the footpath.



Bourke Street Proposed Bicycle Route map

SEPARATED BICYCLE PATH

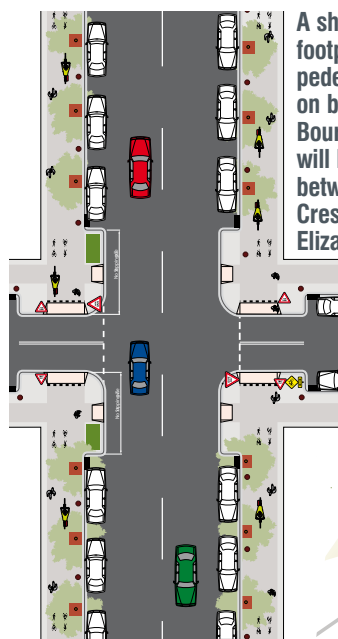
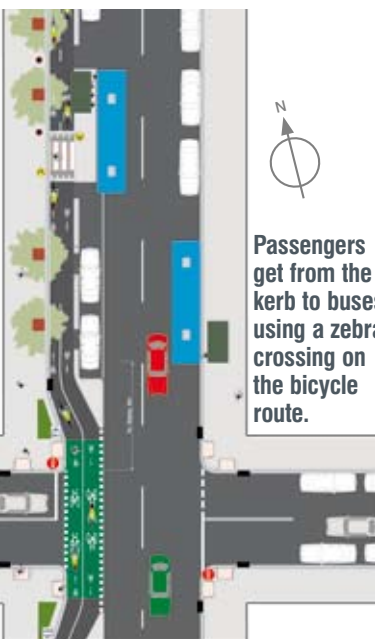
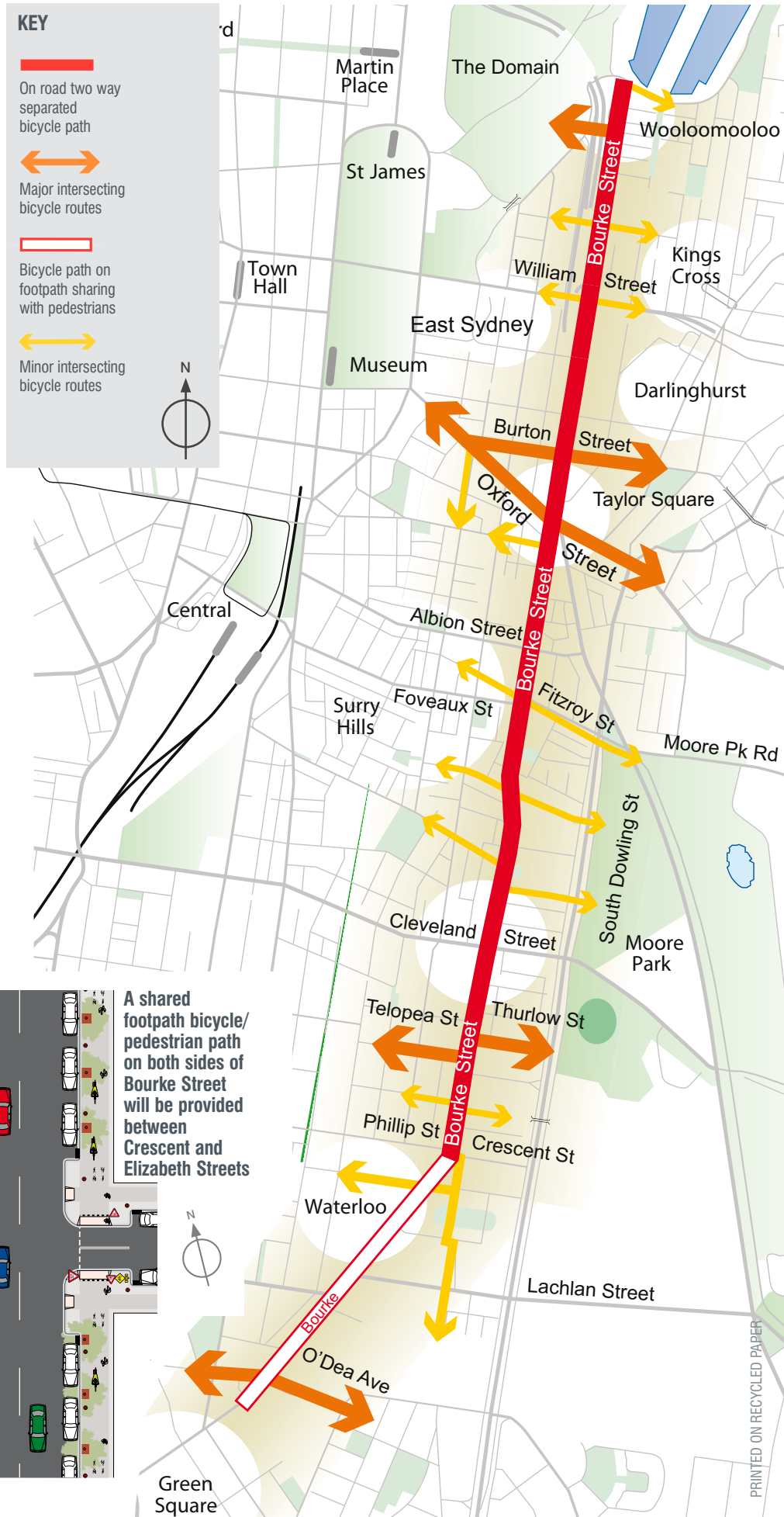
A separated bicycle path is exclusively for cyclists. It will be located on the western side of Bourke Street from Phillip Street in Redfern/Waterloo to Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo.

TREES ALONG BOURKE STREET

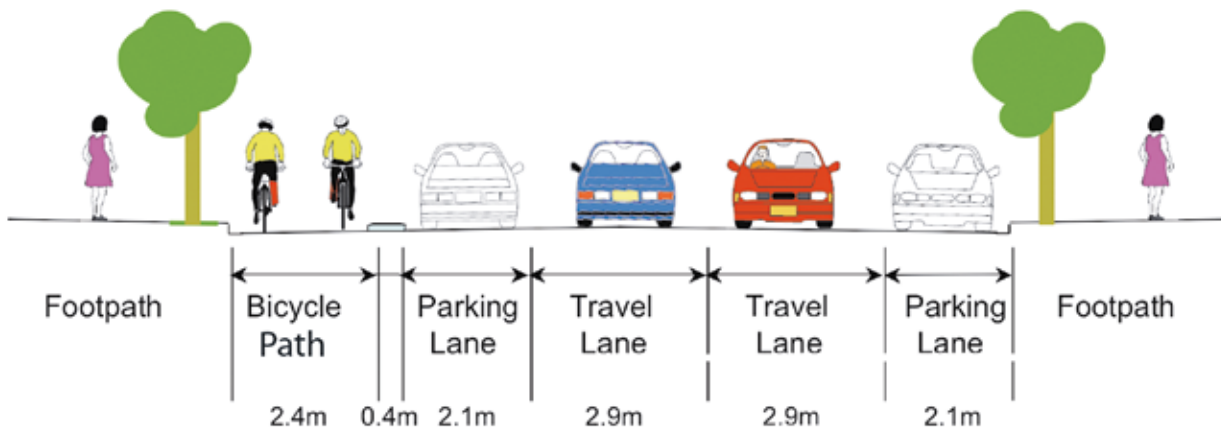
Early investigation of this project has identified a small number of trees along Bourke Street that may protrude across the proposed bicycle route, and need to be assessed for cyclist safety during detailed design.

Everything will be done to retain the trees and to accommodate the new bicycle path. Any removed trees will be replaced.

Regular updates will be provided about any trees that may be identified for replacement, as part of our community consultation.



Cross section diagram of proposed Bourke Street bicycle route



PARKING AND LOADING ZONES

Parking will be available along both sides of Bourke Street, and the relocation of some parking and loading zones will be necessary.

It is anticipated that along the whole of Bourke Street, approximately 13 parking spaces will be relocated into neighbouring streets.

The City will consult with residents and businesses affected by these changes.

CONSTRUCTION

The City hopes to begin construction of the Bourke Street bicycle route in late 2008.

The bicycle route will be implemented in stages and the City will inform you when construction will begin in your local area and what that means for you closer to that time.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO THE FOOTPATH OR KERBS?

The main section of the bicycle lane will fit within the existing road surface. This means the majority of footpaths and kerbs will remain unchanged.

At intersections, the kerb will be extended to improve pedestrian access, provide shorter and safer crossings and control traffic movements.

DRIVEWAYS AND ACCESSING PRIVATE PROPERTY

Vehicle access to any driveway and private property will not change.

NUMBER OF LANES ON BOURKE STREET

The current traffic arrangements along Bourke Street will not change. The current speed limit of 40 km/h for Bourke Street increases safety for all residents and cyclists.

HOW WILL BUS STOPS BE AFFECTED?

Access to buses will not change. Passengers will be able to cross from the footpath to the bus using a zebra crossing that will be placed on the bicycle route.



MORE INFORMATION

The City has provided a dedicated liaison officer to deal with queries and liaise with stakeholders.

Regular updates will be posted on the City's website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/cityimprovements

For information on this project contact

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SUBMISSIONS

Submissions on the draft plans must be received by the City of Sydney by 24 April 2008 and may be sent to:

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