Thank you for your feedback so far on Sydney Gateway. We recognise shared cycle and pedestrian pathways are important connections for travelling across Sydney and we have heard your concerns about the importance of the Alexandra Canal Cycleway. We are committed to working with the community and cyclists to find a suitable alternative.

This fact sheet presents information on the proposed replacement route for the permanent shared cycle and pedestrian pathway, as well as the proposed temporary routes we’ll have in place during construction.

We welcome your feedback on these route options as part of our concept design consultation which will run from 27 May to 21 June 2019. Further details on how to submit feedback are included on the back page of this fact sheet.

**Key considerations for route options:**

- feedback from the community and interest groups
- safety of pedestrians and cyclists
- integration with existing and future pedestrian paths and cycleways
- ability to build and maintain
- gradient - uphill climbs/slopes
- distance to the Alexandra Canal
- impacts to surrounding communities.

**How we’ve responded to your feedback**

We have met with many of you personally and over the past nine months have explored many route options for both permanent and temporary shared cycle and pedestrian pathways. This has included workshops and forums with local councils, bike groups, residents and community groups, to ensure we understand the needs of all users.

To respond to the feedback received, we have been working closely with Sydney Airport to develop a practical option for a northern canal route. We are looking to find the best solution to deliver a cycling and walking route that both commuters and leisure users can enjoy.
We have worked with Sydney Airport on a proposed route option for the permanent shared cycle and pedestrian pathway. All the feedback and comments we have received so far have been instrumental in developing this proposed option. This route is subject to agreement with landowners. We have also considered an alternative route option. We welcome your feedback on the route options presented.

**Existing route**

Alexandra Canal Cycleway will be closed at the start of construction of Sydney Gateway.

- The existing route will be part of several bridge construction worksites and will be unsafe for cyclists or pedestrians
- After completion of Sydney Gateway, Airport Drive is closed and Alexandra Canal Cycleway will not be publicly accessible.

**Proposed permanent replacement route**

The proposed replacement option for the canal-side cycle and pedestrian pathway considers the following:

**Safety**

- A 25 metre long underpass will be required under the Nigel Love Bridge
- The canal will become a traffic free environment once Airport Drive closes. There are safety considerations that we will manage with appropriate lighting and surveillance.

**Access**

- The northern canal route will pass close to some major utilities. When maintenance work needs to be done, we may need to close the shared path temporarily.

**Timing**

- Alexandra Canal Cycleway will be closed late 2020 for construction and a temporary route provided during construction
- A new shared cycle and pedestrian pathway on the northern side of the canal could be delivered within three months of the completion of Sydney Gateway roads
- Our temporary routes will remain in place until the new permanent shared cycle and pedestrian pathway is opened.

**Questions answered**

As a regular user of the Alexandra Canal Cycleway, when can I expect to see these changes?

The Alexandra Canal Cycleway will be in use until Sydney Gateway construction begins at the end of 2020. Temporary connections will be in place from the end of 2020 until early 2024.

More information on the temporary active transport connections can be found overleaf.

Why does the existing cycle and pedestrian pathway need to be replaced?

Airport Drive is a road owned by Sydney Airport and will be closed once Sydney Gateway is complete. The existing shared cycle and pedestrian pathway will be part of a major construction site and will not be publicly accessible. After Sydney Gateway opens, Airport Drive will be used for Sydney Airport operations.

**Alternative route 1**

A park-side connection through Tempe that links with shared cycle and pedestrian pathways towards Coward Street.

- Pleasant user experience passing through open space in Tempe
- Potential increase in bike traffic through the Tempe community
- A longer alternative route which in some places is steep (6% uphill slope).
Temporary shared cycle and pedestrian pathways during construction:

We will provide two temporary routes to allow cyclists and pedestrians to continue to walk, run and ride while we build Sydney Gateway. These temporary routes will replace the existing pathway along Alexandra Canal to keep you safe during construction.

These temporary routes are a bit longer than what was in place before, so we appreciate your patience and understanding as these are the safest temporary route options during construction.

Have your say

Sydney Gateway is a critical project for NSW. We are interested in hearing your feedback on the proposed shared cycle and pedestrian pathway connections. Please visit our website and interactive online portal to find out how you can provide feedback and learn more about Sydney Gateway's key features.

All comments will be considered in the joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Major Development Plan (MDP) which will be on public display in late-2019.

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