

ATTACHMENT B

**CONSULTATION PANELS – DRAFT
CONCEPT DESIGN**

Kent Street Underpass Improvements

Introduction

The Kent Street underpass is a key pedestrian and cycle link connecting the city with Harbour North and Barangaroo. It is a network of underground pathways and spaces under the Western Distributor between Grosvenor and Kent Streets.

The City of Sydney is planning to improve the Kent Street underpass to make it easier to use and more appealing for pedestrians and cyclists. The Kent Street Underpass was identified as a priority project in the Harbour Village North Public Domain Study.

The project timeline (right) provides an overview of how the project will progress. The construction works will be undertaken in two stages. The community will be notified immediately prior to commencement of works on each stage.

Have your say

The concept design will be on exhibition until Thursday 17 July 2014. View plans and have your say online at sydneyyoursay.com.au

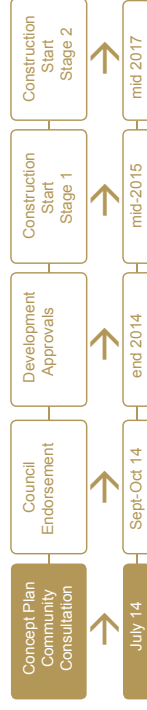
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The Site

The site is located below street level. It includes three main pocket spaces connected by a network of underground pathways. There are several entry spaces leading up to street level.

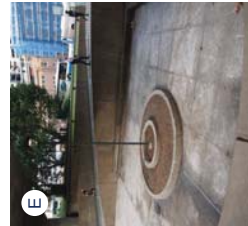
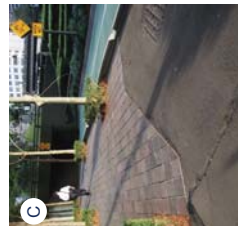
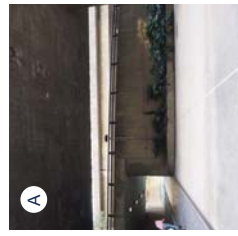
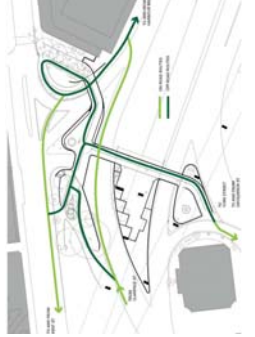
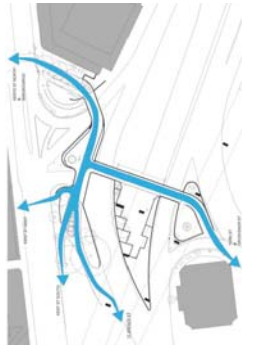
The project will address the following challenges:

- The look and feel of the place**
- Footpaths are in poor condition
 - The lighting is harsh at night, with heavy shading during the day in some areas
 - The courtyards are dominated by concrete (A), and
 - The overall space could be made more visually attractive (B)

- Finding your way around**
- There are no signs or directions in the underpass,
 - Entries to the underpass are hard to see, (C) and
 - There are limited sightlines

- Attracting people and feeling safe**
- The spaces inside the underpass are empty and under-utilised;
 - There is potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists (D)

- Some spaces have only one way in and out (E);
- The underpass is very steep in some parts, and
- There is no safe pedestrian access to the underpass across the Link Road near York Street. (F)



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The Concept Design

The concept addresses the challenges of the site in the following ways:



Improved pedestrian paths
New raised pedestrian paths clearly separated from the cycleways by a kerb. Shared paths in the Kent Street pocket and south entry, where pedestrians are given priority.



Better Lighting
New lighting to brighten the tunnels and make it easier to find your way around



A greener environment
New seating areas and plants throughout the underpass, including vines and climbers on the walls



New playground and fitness area
A new play space and some exercise equipment in the middle pocket of the underpass



Wall treatments and Wayfinding signage
New graphic wall treatments brighten the tunnels and make it easier to find the way through.



New stairs at York St entry
New stairs and garden terraces will activate the space and provide informal seating opportunities



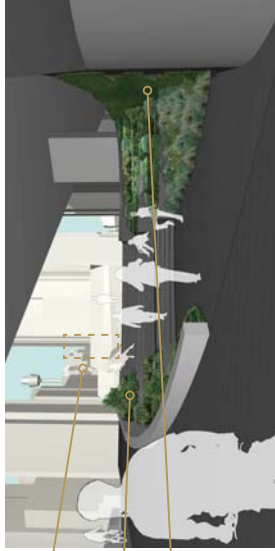
Shared Zone at link road
New shared zone for cars and pedestrians across the Link Road near York Street to provide a safe area for pedestrians to cross to the underpass



York Street Pocket



Existing



- Wayfinding entry marker
- Garden terraces and steps to street level
- Vines growing on wall

Middle Pocket



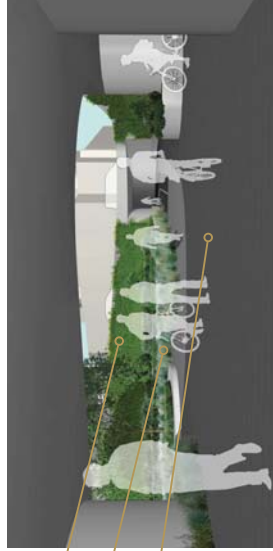
- Climbing wall
- Trike path
- Playground
- Fitness equipment



In late 2013, the project team consulted with children at Fort Street Public School. We asked them what kinds of play experiences they would like to see. They liked climbing, spinning and interactive electronic games. They also wanted quiet places to sit, more plants and places to run around.

These ideas have been used to inform the concept design of the play space in the middle pocket.

Kent Street Pocket

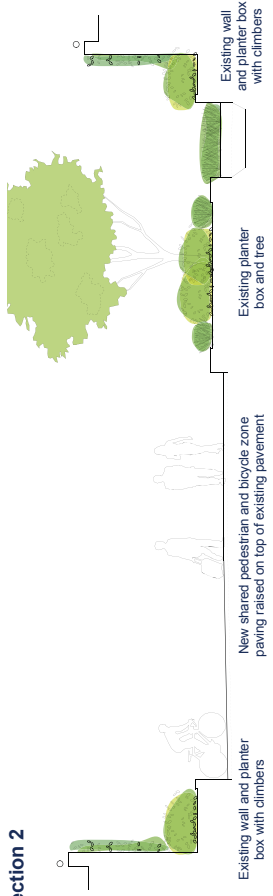


- Vines on wall
- New garden beds
- Shared path



Existing

Section 2



Kent St North Entry



- Decorative treatment to walls
- Garden beds between paths
- Steps and gardens between path and cafe terrace
- New pavement



Existing

Section 3

