

Improving Belmont and Fountain Streets, Alexandria

2025



Proposed shared crossing of Fountain Street

Engagement report

From 14 July to 18 August 2025, we asked the community for feedback on our proposal will help people walking and riding, calm traffic and provide a safe way for students to access Alexandria Park Community School.

The project includes features to calm traffic and improve walking and riding, including:

- a raised shared crossing on Fountain Street at Belmont Street
- a separated cycleway on Belmont Street between Fountain Street and the shared path connection to Buckland Street
- new garden beds
- continuous footpath across Belmont Street west of Fountain Street.

9 (net) on-street parking spaces along Belmont and Fountain Streets were identified for removal.

Note: Following feedback from 62-70 Belmont Street (McCulla D S & Son Pty Ltd) an additional 2 spaces were flagged for removal to maintain property access, including heavy vehicle access.

Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- notify stakeholders of the proposal.
- gather feedback from stakeholders and the community.

Submissions received during consultation.

We received a total of 219 responses via an online survey, interactive map, phone calls, and emailed submissions.

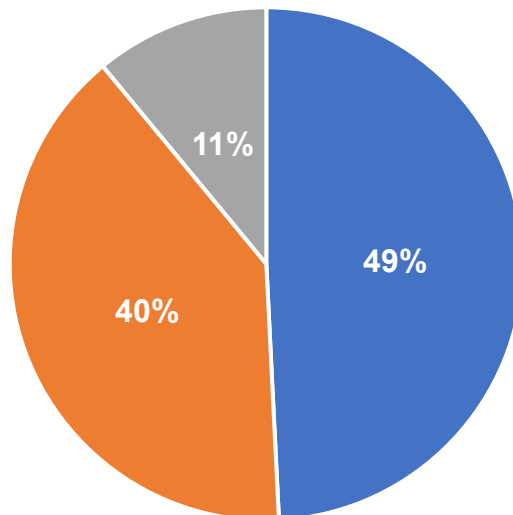
- 73 survey submissions
- 124 comments from 35 stakeholders using the interactive map
- 2 phone calls
- 20 email submissions

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 1,288 times during the consultation period.

Feedback sentiment

The submissions fall into three categories – Support, Support with design feedback and Oppose due to parking loss.

Feedback sentiment



■ Support ■ Support with design feedback ■ Oppose due to parking loss



Proposed raised crossing of Belmont Street

Key findings

Support for cycleways

- Strong support for separated cycleways, especially near schools.
- Requests for wider paths to accommodate cargo bikes and bike trailers.
- Emphasis on connections that avoid dismounting or confusing transitions.

Issues raised:

- Tight turns
- Visibility
- Lack of clear signage

Suggestions:

- Straighten paths
- Add mirrors
- Reconsider alignment for better flow and safety

City response:

The design will incorporate this feedback wherever possible while maintaining a safe crossing, garden beds, and trees.

The City does not support the installation of mirrors however other measures will be considered in detail design to improve sight lines for vehicles exiting Belmont Street.

Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility

- Strong support for the raised pedestrian crossing and shared path.
- Recommendations include:
 - Zebra markings on both crossings
 - Improved lighting
 - Additional Traffic calming measures (e.g., speed cushions, signage)
- Feedback highlights the need to align crossings with desire lines and improve intersection visibility.

City response:

This project aims to slow traffic by building the raised crossing. This is a state road that is under the control of TfNSW, we will continue to advocate for the state government to use further traffic calming to reduce speed limits on their roads.

The crossing of Belmont Street is not proposed to be zebra crossings however reducing the width of the crossing and bringing it to footpath level will clearly show priority for people walking.

Parking Loss

- Opposition to the removal of parking:
 - Impact on residents, visitors, and school staff
 - Accessibility issues for elderly and people with disability
 - Concerns about new developments increasing demand
- Some suggest lower speed limits as a better alternative to bike lanes.
- Some residents suggested timed parking on to encourage more parking turn over

City response:

Cycleways are important infrastructure to support those who can ride to get to their location safely. We know that people are more likely to choose to ride now that the bike network is being connected. The City acknowledges that not everyone can ride a bike but those who can take pressure off already strained traffic and parking.

The City's goal is not to increase parking but instead better balance the use of on street public space.

School access

- Concerns about unsafe driving behaviours during drop-off/pick-up:
 - Illegal U-turns
 - Double parking
- Suggested solutions:
 - Physical barriers or double lines
 - Increased enforcement
 - Redirecting traffic to designated entrance on Park Road
- Concerns about increased bike traffic near school entrances.

City response:

The City will continue working with the school on ways to reduce student drop off on Belmont Street.

The City cannot issue fines for illegal driving. We support the police in enforcing the law and encourage community to contact their local police to report these issues.

Urban Design & Greening

- Positive feedback on narrowing roads and prioritising active transport.
- Requests for:
 - More trees
 - Larger garden beds
 - Native plants to soften the streetscape

City response:

The City will investigate further opportunities for more trees and planter beds.

Safety & Accessibility Concerns

- Raised tactile paving seen as a trip hazard, especially for elderly and disabled.
- Concerns about narrowing streets affecting emergency/service vehicle access.
- Zebra crossings may disrupt traffic flow and worsen congestion.

City response:

Raised tactile ground surface indicators are vital to helping people who are blind or have low vision to detect potential hazards and safely navigate their environment.

All emergency vehicle access is maintained

A zebra crossing is important to give priority to people walking. If there is significant impact on traffic flow, the City can work with TfNSW on options including light phasing at Mitchell Road and McEvoy Street.

Suggestions & Alternatives

- Relocate cycleway to busier streets with higher cyclist volumes.
- Use painted bike symbols instead of physical barriers.

Council response:

Belmont Street has been present on the City's Cycling network map since 2007. Currently, Belmont Street (south of Fountain Street) is a quiet way. The proposed bike path for Belmont Street (north of Fountain Street) is to ensure a safe, separated route for cyclist navigating this high vehicle section of the road which borders the Alexandria Park Community School.

Painted symbols do not provide a physical separation of vehicles and people riding.



Proposed cycleway on Belmont Street accessing the shared path next to Alexandria Park Community School

Stakeholder submissions

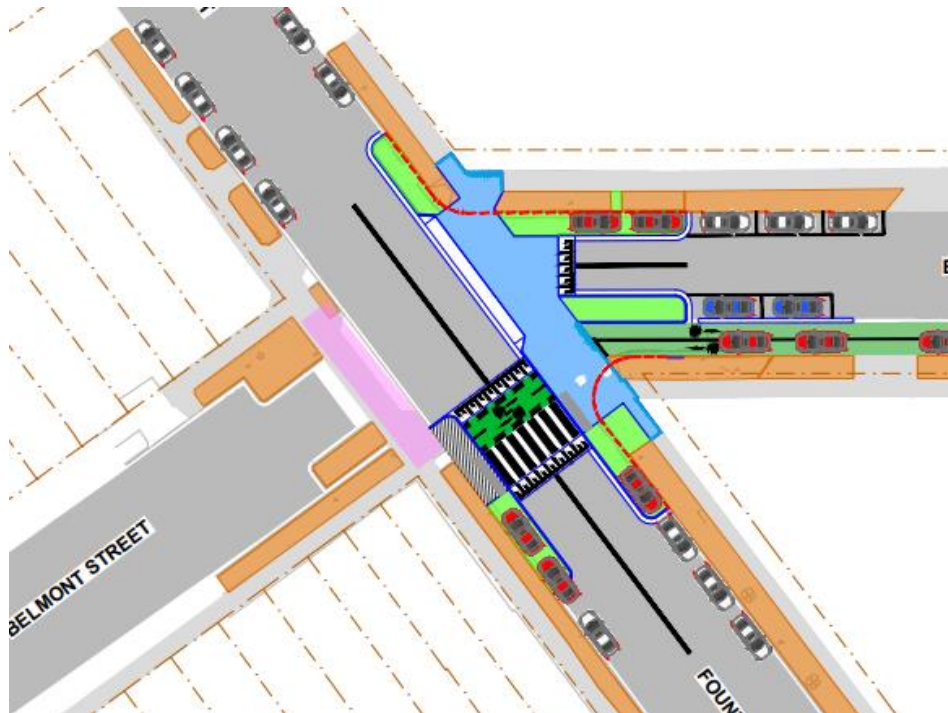
NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure made a submission raising concerns about:

- The crossing on Belmont Street prioritises cyclists over vehicles, indicated by stop lines for vehicles on both approaches. This could pose a road safety risk, especially early on, as drivers may not realise they must give way to cyclists. The City of Sydney should install clear signage and road markings to alert motorists and reduce potential confusion or accidents.
- There is a potential conflict point where north–south cycling movement intersects with east–west student pedestrian flow to the school. Additional **signage warning pedestrians** about cyclists crossing the northern footpath should be considered.

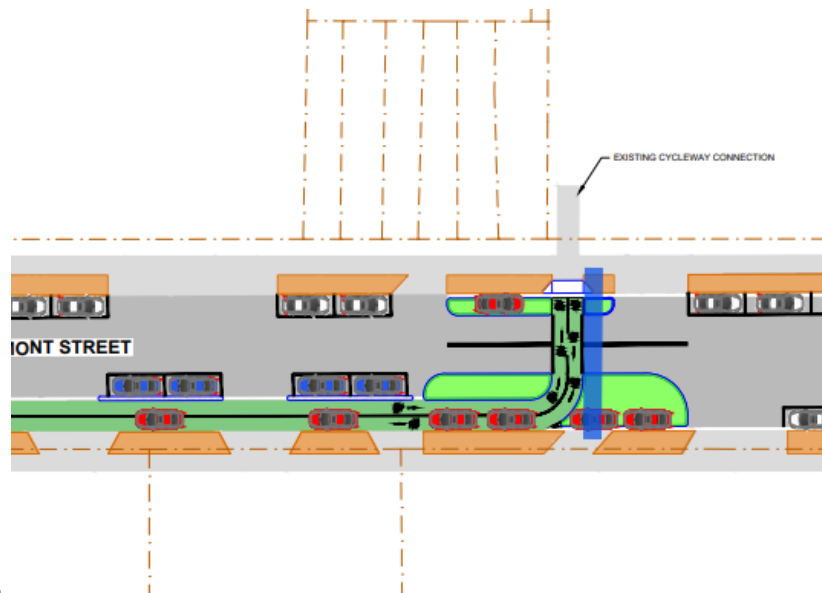
They also asked that the City work with the school to make sure staff, students and parents are aware of the new infrastructure and road arrangements.

Bicycle NSW made the following recommendations:

- The existing continuous footpath across the entrance to Belmont on the western side of Fountain needs to be marked as a shared path, and if necessary widened, to allow bikes of all shapes and sizes to navigate safely and legally to the shared user crossing. This area is shown in pink on the extract below. It is essential that no dismounting is required to cross Fountain Street.



- We note from the City of Sydney's Cycling Strategy Bike Network Map that there will be a local cycling connection east along Fountain Street. It is not clear which side of the road this may be located on. It is important to consider the future connection at this stage and adjust the kerb extensions, landscaped beds and shared paths as required to avoid the need for expensive and disruptive reconstruction in the future.
- The plans do not indicate how people walking up the south side of Belmont can cross the road to the shared path link to Buckland. Consider adjusting the configuration of the landscaping and the kerb ramps to the east of the cycleway crossing (as shown with the blue line in the extract below) to assist with pedestrian movements at this location



Without dimensioned plans and cross sections, it is not possible to assess the details of the project. The next two comments may already be addressed!

- Reduce the width of the vehicle lanes on Fountains Streets to the minimum acceptable for a road that carries buses - usually 3.2m. Unnecessarily wide traffic lanes invite motorists to drive at high speed. In addition to improving safety, a lower design speed will reduce traffic noise exposure for nearby residents.
- Widen the Belmont Streets cycleway as much as possible. The NSW Cycleway Design Toolbox minimum of 2.4m may not be adequate so close to a school where wide cargo bikes will be common.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/have-your-say-improvements-belmont-fountain-streets-alexandria> was created. The page included information about the consultation.

2. Online feedback form via Survey Monkey

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback form was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

3. Interactive map

Community were also invited to have their say by dropping pins on an interactive map. A link to the map was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

4. Sydney Your Say notifications

An EDM was sent to subscribers of the Sydney Your Say Newsletter on 15 July to 5,003 recipients.

5. On site information sessions

City staff met held information sessions on the corner of Fountain and Belmont streets on Thursday 31 July and Saturday 2 August.

6. Key stakeholder meetings

Prior to public community engagement, the project team met representatives from Alexandria Park Community School to discuss current issues as well as the proposal. The school was generally supportive of the project.

During consultation, the project team met with business owners and operators at 60-72 Belmont Street to discuss truck movements and access to their property. The project team will develop the design to accommodate access to the property.

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Have your say on improvements to Belmont and Fountain streets, Alexandria

Our proposal will help people walking and riding, calm traffic and provide a safe way for students to access Alexandra Park Community School.

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Under review

Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD
14 July 2025 to 18 August 2025

Why we're doing this

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What we're doing

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Interactive map
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Survey
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Concept design

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Next steps

After this consultation, we'll consider all feedback and report the results to the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee. If the committee endorses the project, we will start work by the end of the year.

How you can give feedback

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 18 August 2025.

- Have your say on our interactive map**
 View the plans on an interactive map and pin your feedback.
 You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to use the map. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.
- Complete our survey**
 It will take about 5 minutes and help inform the design for the crossings and cycleway.
 You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to complete the survey. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.
- Email or post your feedback**
 You can give your feedback by email to sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or post to:
 City of Sydney
 City Engagement
 GPO Box 1591
 Sydney NSW 2001

Other ways you can give feedback

Talk to us in person	✓
If you are Deaf or have complex communication needs	✓
If you need an interpreter	✓

Survey



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1. Do you have any comments on the improving Belmont and Fountain streets, Alexandria

2. You can also upload a submission.

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Interactive map

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Closed for Comment

