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**Engagement Report – Gadigal Avenue,
Crystal Street and Potter Street Cycleway**

Engagement report



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Background

The project will create a safe connection for people walking and riding, between Green Square and south eastern suburbs and the Bourke Street cycleway, Redfern and Surry Hills. It connects with the existing cycleway on Gadigal Avenue between O’Dea Avenue and Lachlan Streets, utilising a new signalised crossing of Lachlan Street.

Improvements include:

- A bidirectional cycleway on the eastern side of Crystal Street
- New garden bed plantings in medians
- Safer crossings for people walking
- Planting of eight new trees (Corymbia Maculata or spotted gum which match the existing trees on the verge).

So that we can provide these improvements, it is proposed to remove 10 parking spaces on Crystal Street. There are no proposed changes to parking on Potter Street.

Engagement summary and activities

From 12 November to 10 December 2020, we asked the community for feedback on improvements on Gadigal Avenue, Crystal and Potter streets.

The purpose of the engagement was to make concept plans available for comments that will inform a detailed design on the improvements that will benefit community including people walking and riding.

The Sydney Your Say page was created and visited 396 times during the consultation period. The plan was downloaded 181 times.

We received a total of 55 submissions (via Survey Monkey) during the public exhibition period.

A notification letter was sent to 2435 properties and the project featured in the Sydney Your Say and Sydney Cycleways e-newsletter.

Snapshot of people who answered the survey



55 people surveyed

98% completed the survey as individuals (not as an organisation or business)



24% live in Waterloo and Zetland

36% live in the City of Sydney Local Government Area

29% live in other Local Government Areas

11% didn't indicate where they live



94% of submissions support the project

3% of submissions were neutral

3% of submissions do not support the project

Idea or issue raised	City of Sydney response
Interested in seeing this project connect to the work currently happening at Lachlan Street.	The works are underway to install traffic signals at the intersection of Gadigal Avenue and Lachlan Street this will connect the existing cycleway on Gadigal Avenue to the proposed new cycleway north of Lachlan Street.
Suggests that the cycleway is at least 3 meters wide.	On Crystal Street and Gadigal Avenue the cycleway is 3m wide. On Potter Street the cycleway is 2.4m wide to accommodate the turning circle of larger vehicles.
Make sure that the crossings are safe, accessible and free from debris.	All crossings are designed to meet relevant standards and technical guidelines. Roads and cycleways are cleaned on a regular basis.
What information is there that supports the need for more cycleways.	<p>Cycleways are important to provide a safe transport option for people wanting to ride. Customer research by Transport for NSW found that 70% of Sydneysiders would ride, or ride more often if it were safe and convenient.</p> <p>A survey of over 1,000 people living within 10kms of city centre in June 2018 found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 percent support separated cycleways • 62 percent agree bikes help to cut congestion on roads and public transport • Most want bike network built faster • Two thirds support bike network even if it means longer car journeys
Where can people riding electric assisted bikes ride?	Electric assisted bikes are treated the same as bicycles in the road rules. They may ride on roads, cycleways and shared paths. If the rider is under 16, or riding with a child, or is a postal worker, or has a medical certificate, they may ride on the footpath.

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The cycleway doesn't connect anywhere.	The works are underway to install traffic signals at the intersection of Gadigal Avenue and Lachlan Street this will connect the existing cycleway on Gadigal Avenue to the proposed new cycleway north of Lachlan Street. At the northern end of Crystal Street, cyclists can use the through site link to connect to the Bourke Street Cycleway.
The separated cycleway should continue all the way to Dyuralya Square instead of pushing people riding on to shared paths.	The works are underway to install traffic signals at the intersection of Gadigal Avenue and Lachlan Street this will connect the existing cycleway on Gadigal Avenue to the proposed new cycleway north of Lachlan Street without the need for Shared Paths at this intersection
Provide adequate wayfinding signage to show the connection from Danks Street to East Village.	This is a good suggestion, thank you. We will do so.
Experienced riders feel that this isn't needed and existing crossing and speed hump make the space comfortable to ride.	We build cycleways for the many people (ie 70% of Sydneysiders) who would ride if there was safe infrastructure, separated from traffic.
Can the speed limit be reduced to 30km/h?	Speed limits are controlled by NSW State Government and the City of Sydney has no jurisdiction over speed limits.
The crossing should also include a green cycle strip as well as the existing one in the middle of Crystal Street near the fountain.	At the mid-block crossing in Crystal Street pedestrians will have right of way over bike riders. Green paint would suggest a bicycle priority.
The existing crossing should be retained.	The crossing across Potter Street will be relocated to the existing pedestrian desire line near Crystal Street.
The area is already oversubscribed with on-street parking, so the removal of the spaces is supported.	Noted

Appendices

Appendix A: Sydney Your Say webpage (including online survey)

Proposed works & maintenance

Proposed improvements on Gadigal Avenue, Crystal and Potter streets, Waterloo

Our proposal will create a safe connection for people walking and riding on Crystal and Potter streets in Waterloo.

Waterloo

Under review

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD
12 November 2020 to 10 December 2020

What we're doing

We invite your feedback on improvements to Crystal and Potter streets, between Gadigal Avenue and Danks Street in Waterloo, including a new bike connection.

Improvements include:

- a bidirectional cycleway on the eastern side of Crystal Street
- new garden beds and plants in medians
- safer crossings for people walking
- 8 new trees.

To make these improvements, we'll remove 10 parking spaces on Crystal Street. There are no proposed changes to parking on Potter Street or Gadigal Avenue.

Why we're doing this

The project will create a safe connection for people walking and riding. It will connect to Green Square and the south eastern suburbs and link into the Bourke Street cycleway and Redfern.

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How you can give feedback

Comment on the proposal by completing an online form.

[Online form](#)

Appendix B: Digital marketing

Sydney Your Say e-News



[Proposed improvements on Gadigal Avenue, Crystal and Potter streets, Waterloo](#)

We're improving these streets and creating safer spaces for people walking and riding. This is the last chance to have your say.

[Read more](#)

Sydney Cycleways e-News



An artist's impression of the new cycleway on Crystal Street.

New bike links between the city centre and Waterloo

We want your feedback on [plans for new cycleways](#) in Waterloo. We're proposing riding and walking improvements on Crystal and Potter streets and Gadigal Avenue.

The new cycleways will link the existing bike lanes in city's south-east to the Bourke Street cycleway. These improvements will make it a safer journey for people riding between the city centre and the Green Square precinct.

As part of the improvements we'll also plant new trees, and add pedestrian crossings, making the street a nicer place people walking.

We'd love to [hear your thoughts](#). Submissions close 10 December.

