

OUTCOMES REPORT

PUBLIC EXHIBITION - STAGE 1 PUBLIC DOMAIN UPGRADES – PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN AMOR STREET, ASQUITH AND YIRRA ROAD, MT COLAH

INTRODUCTION

Major Projects and Design Engineering prepared documentation for proposals to upgrade paths and roadside verges along the Pacific Highway corridor between Asquith and Mt Colah.



The works accord with Councils' adopted Public Domain Guidelines, providing a focus on housing development precincts, to enable upgrades that account for higher levels of use due to population growth and deliver facility, amenity and environmental improvements.

In particular, the works will deliver wider footpaths and shared cycle paths, improved pavement in the commercial centre between Willarong Road and Yirra Road, and provide WSUD drainage solutions, street trees and landscape improvements in the verge along the Pacific Highway corridor.

Stage 1 of the work is proposed to commence in 2024 with upgrades on the western side of the Highway between Amor Street in Asquith and Yirra Road in Mt Colah. A subsequent stage 2 of works is being planned to extend further north to Mt Colah Railway Station and shops.

In some locations, developers will construct footpaths as part of their DA Consent Conditions. The proposals do not include works impacting the roadway, which will require the assistance and approval of Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW).

The project is substantially funded by Section 7.11 and 7.12 Development Contributions in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulation.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

The main tool of engagement with the community was online through the Council *Have Your Say* webpage. The exhibition period was 4.5 weeks between 15 November to 15 December 2023 with a total of 49 submissions received online. Notifications were provided to an extended catchment along the Pacific Highway and supported by messaging through social media:

- LETTERS/ FLYER DISTRIBUTION
- EMAIL TO STAKEHOLDERS
- MEETING AND CONVERSATIONS WITH BUSINESS OWNERS
- ONLINE CONTENT
 - HAVE YOUR SAY – PLANS, ILLUSTRATIONS, FAQs
 - FACEBOOK posting

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

In general, strong support was received for the proposals involving the widening of footpaths and 'greening' works in roadside verges.

In total, forty-nine (49) submissions were received. Of these, thirty (30) submissions were strongly in favour, while fifteen (15) were not opposed but raised other matters, and four (4) submissions were received that are not in favour of proposals.

Fifteen (15) submissions did not express support or opposition to proposals but sought similar improvements being extended to other areas, made comments or raised other concerns.

Three (3) submissions received expressed that the works were unnecessary, including some criticism of the density developments occurring in the area, with other commentary that existing footpaths are adequate and querying the expenditure while other streets do not have paths. One (1) resident stated opposition to the works, assuming that this would occur on part of their property. NB: No works will have physical impact on private land. Further liaison will be undertaken with individual property owners.

The provision of pedestrian crossings and safe on-road cycling arose through several submissions, including ten (10) submissions related to on-road cycling provision being made continuous or raised to a higher safety standard.

As the Pacific Highway is a State Road, Council has informed TfNSW of concerns for the provision of on-road cycle lanes and continues to advocate for remedy, including by approving this through consent conditioning in liaison with Council and/ or by the actioning of works to make cycle lanes continuous along the Pacific Highway in both directions.

ATTACHMENTS

- FLYER NOTIFICATION
- SUMMARY of SUBMISSIONS



HAVE YOUR SAY

Council proposes to upgrade the path and verges along the Pacific Highway between Mittabah Road Reserve and Yirra Road in Mt Colah in 2024.

Paths are proposed to be widened, with planting, street trees and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) solutions incorporated for improving the water quality of downstream environments.

Simply scan the QR code to read the details, see the plans and read FAQs.

Make a submission by:

- Visiting yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/public-domain-upgrades-asquith-mt-colah or
- Emailing hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or
- Writing to the General Manager, Hornsby Shire Council, PO Box 37, Hornsby 1630

Please title your submission 'Asquith to Mt Colah Upgrades – Stage 1'.

Submissions close COB Friday 15 December 2023.



Attachment 1 - FLYER NOTIFICATION

Attachment 2 – SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS - PUBLIC DOMAIN UPGRADES - ASQUITH TO MT COLAH, STAGE 1

EXHIBITION PERIOD: 15 November to 15 December, 2023

Summary of comments received	Support Y or N
Shame Developers can't be required to improve Peats Ferry Road and George Street to assist with the additional vehicular traffic that will result.	-
I really like the proposed upgrade works from Asquith to Mt Colah. It will certainly add more greenery to the shops area. I think it is beautiful! Looking forward to it!	Y
Most improvements look good but need to have a slip-lane for buses to keep traffic flowing and reduce the risk of accidents.	Y
I would like widened protected cycle pathways along the Pacific Hwy continuing from the Coles Asquith towards Mount Colah.	-
Continue the path for one more block up to Bite Me Bakehouse, 2 x childcare centres, church and playground at the intersection of Amaroo Avenue.	Y
Will there be a refuge island or other Highway crossing in the vicinity of Mills Road?	-
Why upgrade existing footpaths when other streets do not even have a footpath! Waste of money.	N
I do not agree with the upgrade - it will affect our property.	N
These works should include a pedestrian traffic light at the intersection of Mills Avenue with the Pacific Highway to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely to the bus stop.	-
Please learn from mistakes and plant trees that won't need trimming to clear overhead powerlines or have roots that lift footpaths and gutters.	Y
What provisions are being made for a cycling lane that at present does not exist between Amor Street and Rupert Street?	-
After viewing the artists impressions, I hope I am correct in that a cycle lane will be included from KFC north? It currently doesn't exist and is dangerous.	-

What about Jersey Street Mount Colah - there are no footpaths.	-
I think these proposed plans look great and will be a big improvement to the area , particularly the commercial area. How will the works impact pedestrians during construction?	Y
I am hoping the footpaths are wide enough for two people to pass each other without having to walk on wet overgrown grass.	Y
Love these plans. Upgrades are much needed given the development of the area and increased population. Thank you Hornsby Council.	Y
Awesome. Keep going.	Y
I would love a separated cycle lane the whole way from Asquith to Mt Ku Ring Gai. The new development at Mills Avenue has wiped out the shoulder/ faux cycle lane.	-
If the council did not allow the destruction of the area with ugly highrise, there would be no need to upgrade the area. Council needs to stop wasting money.	N
Can the pathways from Asquith to Mt Colah be a shared cycle/ path similar to Peats Ferry Road (Asquith to Hornsby) - a safer, wider path to cycle with kids would be great.	-
I am concerned about the traffic speed, road markings and visibility along the Highway. Furniture, landscaping, cycling are all things that need to be encouraged, but with safety coming first.	-
Is it possible to add some sort of bus shelter to the bus stop at the Yirra Road location?	Y
I love the idea to try and make this area of Mt Colah more pleasant. Separate bikes and pedestrians and provide barriers to protect the on-road bike lane from car traffic.	Y
Great work! Please consider planting more trees to help reduce noise from trains and traffic - and provide more parking on the Highway.	Y
This area has needed serious attention for a long time - very encouraging.	Y
Are upgrades planned for kerb and gutter and paths in Jersey Street?	-
Are there plans to make trains/ buses more frequent or better bus transfers?	-
The Pacific Highway is incredibly dangerous - separate car traffic with a barrier and provide a continuous dedicated cycling lane.	Y
I have a major concern about Mittabah Road Reserve being used as an open space area. This land has been used as storage for pipes and drains etc for many years now.	-

Existing footpaths are perfectly adequate - disappointed to see substantial funding being allocated to this project. The works will cause significant disruption, is inconvenient and unnecessary.	N
On-road cycle lane needs to be continuous, particularly for the uphill sections.	Y
This needs to be done as matter of urgency , especially considering the amount of children and teens that use this pathway.	Y
The plant selection is boring and generic.	-
I think the paving is too grey and will get hot, need more trees along the Highway for the benefit of fauna, for beauty and to provide shade to the footpath.	Y
This will definitely improve the look and feel of the area and is long overdue - Stage 2 is also essential.	Y
It's a great plan. Please ensure the walkway is safe from traffic with barriers and lighting. Clear dense vegetation which is too close to paths.	Y
Please ensure that developers are required to build kerb and gutter and planting that is consistent with the overall upgrades as part of the Development Approval.	Y
I really like the concept. Can we please ensure that the trees are friendly to those of us who have hayfever, so no plane trees! I would also prefer native trees and plants.	Y
It will be a great improvement but I hope the verges/ vegetation will be maintained and not teaming with weeds and dead plants as I've seen happen previously.	Y
We would love the sharepath to be extended from Asquith to Mount Colah , to enable the family to ride to the Quarry recreation precinct - a game-changer for the area.	Y
Additional width for passing pedestrians and landscape works in verges is important. Please ensure the dedicated bike lane on the Pacific Highway is continuous - but the shared bike/ pedestrian path is not appropriate as it is too densely populated/ will be too busy.	Y
The upgrade will be a positive change to the area. Suggest the laneway/ Wattle Street should be a low speed sharezone as there is no footpath.	Y
Looks good, will be great to have the upgrades done. More trees along this corridor especially along the trainline between Hornsby and Berowra would be great.	Y
The new work near Asquith Park is terrible - need to provide for the on-road bike lane.	Y
Looks like a great plan! I'd love to see more green and walkable roads.	Y

<p>What about traffic lights for key side streets along the Pacific Highway such as Mills Avenue? It is dangerous to cross the Highway safely to bus stops and Asquith Station. Lighting is also poor.</p>	-
<p>CDC NEW SOUTH WALES: Thank you for your email and notification of Public Domain upgrades. CDC have no objections to your upgrades.</p>	Y
<p>HSC PARKS, TREES AND RECREATION: Ensure sufficient soil volumes for trees, review species and consider sight lines. Seek establishment period of 2 years by contractor.</p>	Y
<p>BIKE NORTH: Signage for sharepath entering the commercial precinct. On-road works by TfNSW require continuing advocacy. Prevent any impediment throughout the works.</p>	Y