

B line Update

The NSW Government is taking action to deliver transport improvements for the Northern Beaches, including an integrated program of service and infrastructure improvements to deliver a new B-Line bus service.

The B-Line service is scheduled to start operating in late 2017. The B-Line will provide more frequent and reliable bus services for customers travelling between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD.

About the program

To deliver a new B-Line bus service, a program of works is proposed along the corridor from Mona Vale to the CBD, which will include roadworks, new bus stops, new commuter car parking facilities and improvements to pedestrian and cycling links.

Easing congestion

A recent online poll asking people what aspects of the B-Line interested them, found that reliable journey times in the peak and frequent services in the off peak, including weekends polled highest, with 48.7% of the 191 votes.

The B-Line Program will provide a better bus network for the Northern Beaches region that is easier to understand and limits bus congestion, as well as delivering a series of modern new B-Line bus stops.

Without measures to improve journey times, adding more buses simply adds to congestion. The B-Line Program has identified a number of solutions to reduce delays to buses during peak periods and improve service reliability, while minimising the impact of these changes to general traffic.



Artist's impression of proposed B-Line Stop at Collaroy. Image is indicative only and subject to detailed design.



Proposed B-Line route, stops and commuter car parks

Improving traffic flow

A number of measures have been identified to reduce general traffic congestion including new turn bays, extended turn bays, closure of some local roads and restrictions to parking. Other initiatives are specifically designed to give buses priority and make journey times faster and more reliable including bus lanes, transit lanes, new sections of tidal flow and indented bus bays.

Bus priority solutions will be particularly relevant in the southern section of the B-Line corridor between Spit Bridge and Neutral Bay, which experiences some of the highest levels of bus congestion, especially in the inbound morning peak.

Reducing bus dwell times at B-Line Stops

The new B-Line bus stops will feature improved safety and weather protection, as well as advanced wayfinding and real time bus information. The higher frequency, reliability and capacity of the service will reduce bus dwell times at B-Line stops.

Simplifying the Northern Beaches bus network

A new Northern Beaches bus network and service plan will integrate with the new 'turn up and go' B-Line service, with the aim of providing a simpler process for users and reducing bus congestion along the north-south corridor. The new service plan is being timed to coincide with the start of the new B-Line service in late 2017 and will result in some changes to existing Northern Beaches bus services.

Commuter car parks

Planning approval update

During March and April 2016, three Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) were placed on public display for commuter car parks and B-Line stops at Warriewood, Narrabeen and Manly Vale. More than 80 submissions were received across the three precincts, and around 200 people attended three community information sessions and eight "meet the team" events in place during the public display periods. The proposals at Narrabeen and Warriewood have been approved following the assessment of the potential impacts identified in the REF and relevant submissions. Determination reports are available on the B-Line website. The reports include the conditions of approval, which will ensure any potential impacts are minimised during construction and operation. The Manly Vale proposal is still being considered, with an outcome expected in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to be involved in the planning approval process for these projects. The program team will continue to liaise with the community and other stakeholders during the detailed design and construction phases of the work. Construction is expected to start in late 2016.

Other car park locations

Three other commuter car parks are proposed as part of the program, at Brookvale, Dee Why and Mona Vale. The Brookvale commuter car park is being constructed within the new Brookvale Community Health Centre facility on Pittwater Road, opposite Warringah Mall. This facility is being constructed by NSW Health Infrastructure and will provide 250 commuter car parking spaces. Major construction commenced in May 2016 and is due to be completed in 2017. Local residents and businesses will receive information from both Transport for NSW and NSW Health Infrastructure as the project progresses. Transport for NSW has obtained 120 car parking spaces within Northern Beaches Council's PCYC development on Kingsway in Dee Why to provide commuter car parking for this area. The PCYC development is expected to be completed this year. At Mona Vale, up to 150 commuter car parking spaces are proposed at Beeby Reserve. A Review of Environmental Factors will be prepared for public display once the concept design in this area has been developed. You can get involved on the Mona Vale page on the B-Line website.

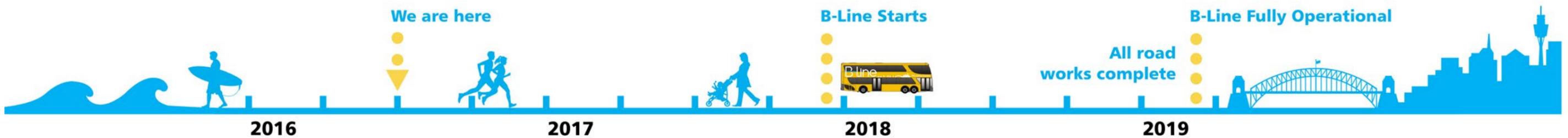
Roadworks

Field Investigations

Field investigations along the B-Line corridor will start in August. This work will locate utilities and help develop designs for some of the roadwork proposals. The program team will provide updates on the B-Line website about the investigation work closer to the start date.

Intersection improvements at Narrabeen

In March, the project team sought feedback from the local community about proposed intersection improvements on Pittwater Road at Mactier, Wetherill and Clarke streets, Narrabeen. We received comments from 34 people and 20 people were supportive of the proposal. Following a review of the comments, the project team decided to proceed with the proposal without change. The work is expected to start in September 2016. A community consultation report has been prepared summarising community feedback and program team responses. The report is available to view on the B-Line website.





Artist's impression of proposed B-Line Stop at Mona Vale. Image is indicative only and subject to detailed design.

B-Line bus service at a glance

- A new bus service between Mona Vale and Sydney CBD, with nine B-Line stops
- Services every five minutes (in the peak direction) during the weekday AM and PM peak periods
- Services at a base frequency of 10 minutes in the off peak and on weekends
- A new double-decker bus fleet for improved capacity and comfort
- Modern B-Line stops with real-time information, seating and weather protection
- Around 900 new commuter car parking spaces as well as bicycle parking
- B-Line services will start operating in late 2017

Electronic Message Sign at Mona Vale

The program team sought feedback on a permanent electronic message sign on Barrenjoey Road, Mona Vale earlier this year. The sign will provide southbound road users with up-to-date information on traffic conditions. The proposed location was chosen as it allows motorists to safely decide to change their journey before reaching the intersection of Barrenjoey Road and Mona Vale Road. After reviewing the feedback, a decision was made to proceed with the proposal, with a slight change to the location. This work has started and is expected to be complete by the end of July 2016.

Stay updated and get involved

The project team will continue to distribute newsletters, advertise in local newspapers and update the project website to keep the community and other interested stakeholders informed of the program's progress and opportunities to be involved. The program website offers opportunities to get involved in discussion forums and ask questions, visit b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au to register.



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