Program update

A program of works is currently underway along the corridor from Mona Vale to the Sydney CBD to reduce general traffic congestion to give buses priority and support the new B-Line bus services. These include road works, new bus stops, new commuter parking facilities, footpath and landscaping upgrades, recreational facilities and improvements to pedestrian and cycling links.

Construction of the commuter car parks at Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Brookvale and Warriewood are on schedule to be opened later this year.

The B-Line service will integrate with a new bus service plan for the whole Northern Beaches region to meet demand and reduce congestion. The new service plan will coincide with the commencement of B-Line later this year.

What’s happening at Newport?

The extension of B-Line services to Newport was proposed earlier this year to reduce congestion and provide more frequent and reliable bus services for customers travelling between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD. Transport for NSW has been working with key stakeholders to look at options for B-Line services to Newport. To minimise any impacts on the local community, all B-Line stops would be at existing bus stop locations and there are no changes proposed to parking conditions at the Newport shops on Barrenjoey Road.

The preferred option is to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Neptune and Barrenjoey Roads to turn buses around.

Two B-Line bus stops at the existing northbound and southbound stops on Barrenjoey Road at Newport shops are proposed. There would also be a southbound B-Line stop on Barrenjoey Road near Newport Beach at the existing bus stop site. Buses would stop and wait at this location before starting their next service back toward the city.

The B-Line bus stops would have weather protection and real time service information.

This option would ensure B-Line buses can pick up and drop off close to the town centre, at the existing stops, turn around safely and continue service toward the city. The roundabout would also improve turning traffic conditions from Neptune Road and help reduce traffic speed near the beach.

To see over the page for more details on the proposed roundabout and how you can have your say.

Quick facts

• No ‘bus terminals’ or ‘bus depots’ will be built in Newport
• No multi-deck car park will be built in the Newport Beach car park
• B-Line will not facilitate any changes to land use zoning in Newport
• B-Line buses will not use Coles Parade, Foamcrest Avenue, Seaview Avenue, Ross Street or Bramley Avenue (or any other residential side street)
• Frequent, reliable, turn-up and-go bus service for customers travelling between Newport and the Sydney CBD in 2018
• Improved northbound and southbound bus stops including weather protection, seating and real-time service information
• Road adjustments to accommodate a new roundabout
• The proposed roundabout to be designed to minimise impacts on vegetation, including the Norfolk Island Pines
• Improvements to local pedestrian and cycling links
• Footpath and landscaping upgrades

Stay updated and get involved

Transport for NSW welcomes feedback from the Newport community throughout the life of the B-Line project. The project team will 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 in Newport and opportunities to be involved.

We encourage anyone interested in keeping up to date on what is happening to visit the project website to register for updates: b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au

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Have your say

We want your feedback on the proposal to construct a roundabout on the corner of Neptune and Barrenjoey Roads to turn the buses around. Your feedback will help us understand what is important to the community, and help us prepare a Review of Environmental Factors that will be released for consultation early next year. Visit one of our upcoming drop in sessions to meet with the project team, ask questions and provide your feedback.

- Saturday 21 October 12-2pm at Newport Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
- Thursday 26 October 4-6pm at corner of Barrenjoey Road and Coles Parade (outside Coles)
- Tuesday 31 October 4-7pm at Newport Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

You can also provide your feedback by emailing projects@transport.nsw.gov.au

Or by mail to: B-Line Newport Extension Locked Bag 6501, St Leonards NSW 2065
Feedback should be sent by 5pm Friday 1 December 2017.

Next steps

Feedback on the early design for the roundabout will be used to develop a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF will consider potential impacts associated with the construction of infrastructure and operation of B-Line services to Newport including traffic, flora and fauna, noise and heritage.

Feedback on the REF will be invited when it is placed on public display early next year. There will be further community engagement activities at this time.

Upcoming night work

Early work including surveying and service investigation is required to help us understand where existing water, sewer and electricity are located.

For the safety of our workers and to minimise traffic disruption, service investigation and soil sampling work will take place on Barrenjoey and Neptune Roads over five nights, from 7pm to 5am, between Monday 13 November and Monday 27 November.

Equipment to be used includes:
- concrete saws
- power and hand tools
- generators
- sucker trucks
- lighting equipment

This type of investigative work will be used to help prepare the REF. Noisy work will be completed earlier in the evening to minimise impacts on the community.

When will B-Line services be available in Newport?

Phased introduction of B-Line services is scheduled to start later this year between Mona Vale and Wynyard. We understand how important consultation and planning the proposed extension of services to Newport is to the community. To ensure we get the best outcome for our customers and the broader community, B-Line services to Newport would start in late 2018 after we complete the consultation and planning approval process.

Accessing B-Line services

In the interim, customers north of Mona Vale will be able to use the new 199 service between Palm Beach and Manly to access turn-up-and-go B-Line services at Mona Vale. The 199 service will operate frequently.

Larger ‘bendy’ buses will be used on route 199 to provide additional seating capacity.

Customers will also be able to catch the L90, E88 and E89 to the city.